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"I, the undersigned, do hereby swear, under penalty of perjury, that, to the best of my personal knowledge, information, and belief, I have not knowingly or willfully deprived, or allowed another to deprive, the subject of the investigation of any of the rights contained in ss.112.532 and 112.533, Florida Statutes."

"Furthermore, under penalties of perjury, I declare I have read the attached report and the contents of the report are true and accurate based upon my personal knowledge, information, and belief."

Mark A. Sims

Inspectors Signature

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Date

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Inspector General Case #: 11-2-5285

Facility: Union CI

Classification of Incident: [REDACTED]

Field Office/Region: Gainesville East/Region 2

Incident Date: May 20, 2011

Time: 6:35 AM

Inspector: Kevin W. Snow

Date of Report: September 12, 2011

Case Type: A

- Case of Special Interest
- Confidential [REDACTED]
- Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Number (if applicable)
- Department of Corrections presented to State Attorney Declined Accepted
- Use of Force (UOF) Number (if applicable)
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)
- Addendum
- Wing Video Camera(s) Present in the Area of Incident

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS:

Sergeant Branden Johnson was picking up trays from the feeding of the morning meal when he observed Inmate Alan Hunter lying on the floor [REDACTED]. Inmate Hunter was taken to the [REDACTED] where he was later pronounced deceased by [REDACTED]. This information was placed in the Management Information Notes System on May 20, 2011, and was assigned for investigation to Senior Inspector Kevin Snow on that same date.

SUMMARY OF DISPOSITION/JUSTIFICATION FOR DOWNGRADE/EXONERATION:

As a result of this investigation it has been determined this case be ruled an accident due to the manner of death being listed as an accident in the Medical Examiner's Report. Inmate Hunter had a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] No person is viewed entering or exiting Inmate Hunter's cell for approximately twelve and a half hours. There was no evidence of foul play or a possible suicide attempt discovered in cell searches, interviews of inmate orderlies, or those inmates housed in surrounding cells.



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	Name	Title / DC #	D.O.B.	Employee ID # or Non-Employee Contact Information
Complainant:	Snow, Kevin W.	Senior Inspector	[REDACTED]	20079
Victim:				
Witness(es):	Robinson Sr., Timothy	Lieutenant	[REDACTED]	18211
	Johnson, Branden W.	Sergeant	[REDACTED]	35139
	Sanchez, Josue A.	Correctional Officer	[REDACTED]	62680
	Thompson, Lee E.	Correctional Officer	[REDACTED]	34654
	Barton, Donald R. II	Correctional Officer	[REDACTED]	64840
	McFather, William R.	Correctional Officer	[REDACTED]	39994
	Pilcher, Jeffrey T.	Correctional Officer	[REDACTED]	55343
	Farnell, Yvonne M.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	58575
	Nesbitt, William J.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	27809
	Green, Leonard	Inmate #583100	07/07/1974	
	Doolittle, Raymond	Inmate #C04579	01/07/1959	
	Bowers, Darrell C.	Inmate #T08221	11/08/1953	
	Allen, Ronnie R.	Inmate #K50546	03/04/1959	
Subject(s):	Hunter, Alan	Inmate #B02946	12/21/1959	

Arrest: Employee Inmate Other Addendum Pending

Charges:

Felony Misdemeanor Date of Arrest: Date Reported:

Final Court Action(s):

FINDINGS:

In an incident report submitted on May 20, 2011, Sergeant Branden Johnson indicated the following:

At approximately 6:30 AM on May 20, 2011, while picking up trays from the morning meal in V-Dorm, he approached cell V1-114 which houses Inmate Alan Hunter. He opened the tray flap of Inmate Hunter and noticed that Inmate Hunter had not eaten his tray and was lying on the floor of his cell. Inmate Hunter did not respond with attempts to communicate with him. He summoned additional staff to the dorm, activated the ICS System, and notified Lieutenant Timmy Robinson. When Lieutenant Robinson and additional staff arrived at the cell front, the cell door was breached and Inmate Hunter was restrained. [REDACTED] was notified and responded to the cell where she started [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Inmate Hunter was [REDACTED].



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██████████ It should be noted that at approximately 5:35 AM he observed Inmate Hunter in his bunk underneath the covers while opening the tray flaps during the initial serving of breakfast. (Exhibit A1)

In the Shift Supervisor Comment section of the incident report submitted by Sergeant Branden Johnson on May 20, 2011, Lieutenant Timmy Robinson indicated the following:

Once sufficient staff arrived, the cell door was breached and Inmate Hunter was found lying on the floor on his left side with his feet facing the door. His head was against the wall and there appeared to be ██████████ Inmate Hunter's ██████████ Officer McFather ██████████ in the cell. Inmate Hunter was taken ██████████. Inmate Hunter was pronounced deceased at 7:17 AM by ██████████. All notifications were made. (Exhibit A1)

In an incident report submitted on May 20, 2011, Officer Josue Sanchez indicated the following:

At approximately 6:02 AM (*this appears to be a typographical error in the type written report because according to the fixed wing video and Officer Sanchez's handwritten incident report the time should read approximately 6:35 AM*) while assigned as Housing Officer in V-Dorm he was summoned via radio to respond to the cell of Inmate Hunter due to him being ██████████. After commands by Lieutenant Robinson he breached the cell door, placed the shield over the body of Inmate Hunter, who was lying on the cell floor, and pinned him to the floor. Inmate Hunter remained ██████████. With assistance from Officer Pilcher and ██████████ Inmate Hunter was ██████████ then ██████████ (Exhibit A2)

In an incident report submitted on May 20, 2011, Officer Lee Thompson indicated the following:

At approximately 6:02 AM on May 20, 2011, while assigned as Housing Officer in V-Dorm he fed the morning meal and placed a tray in the cell of Inmate Hunter. He observed what appeared to be the leg of Inmate Hunter out of his bed in an attempt to get up. He exited the quad to take count slips up to the control room upon orders by Sergeant Johnson. When Inmate Hunter's cell was breached he was the second person in the cell and placed hand restraints on Inmate Hunter without force being used. He was then part of the escort that took Inmate Hunter to ██████████ (Exhibit A3)

In an incident report submitted on May 20, 2011, Officer Donald Barton II indicated the following:

At approximately 6:30 AM he was called to assist in responding to an ██████████ inmate in V-Dorm. Officers Sanchez, Thompson, and he were instructed by Lieutenant Robinson to breach the cell door of Inmate Hunter. Officer Sanchez entered first and placed the shield on Inmate Hunter. Officer Thompson and he then placed hand and leg restraints, respectively, on Inmate Hunter. After restraints were applied ██████████ Officers Pilcher and McFather along with ██████████



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[REDACTED]

(Exhibit A4)

In an incident report submitted on May 20, 2011, Officer William McFather indicated the following:

At approximately 6:38 AM on May 20, 2011, while assigned as Internal Security Officer he was summoned to V-Dorm by Lieutenant Timmy Robinson to assist with an [REDACTED] inmate. He arrived in V-Dorm at the cell of Inmate Hunter. He began [REDACTED]

(Exhibit A5)

In an incident report submitted on May 20, 2011, Officer Jeffrey Pilcher indicated the following:

At approximately 6:38 AM on May 20, 2011, while assigned as Internal Security Officer he was summoned to V-Dorm by Lieutenant Timmy Robinson to assist with an [REDACTED]. He arrived at the cell front of Inmate Hunter and assisted in the escort of Inmate Hunter [REDACTED]

He relieved Officer McFather and [REDACTED]

(Exhibit A6)

In an incident report submitted on May 20, 2011, Senior [REDACTED] indicated the following:

At approximately 6:38 AM on May 20, 2011, while assigned as V-Dorm [REDACTED] she was in the [REDACTED] when Sergeant Branden Johnson came in to let he know that Inmate Hunter was [REDACTED] in his cell. When she arrived at Inmate Hunter's cell he was on the cell floor, [REDACTED] Inmate Hunter was [REDACTED] At approximately 6:40 AM [REDACTED] was initiated by Officers McFather, Sanchez, Pilcher, Thompson, and Barton with Sergeant Johnson also assisting. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] pronounced Inmate Hunter deceased at 7:17 AM.

(Exhibit A7)

In an incident report submitted on May 20, 2011, [REDACTED] indicated the following:

At approximately 6:50 AM on May 20, 2011, he was entering the back door of [REDACTED]

(Exhibit A8)



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In a sworn written Affidavit submitted on May 20, 2011, Inmate Leonard Greene indicated the following:

He lived in the cell across from Inmate Hunter and saw Inmate Hunter standing at his door after showers on May 19, 2011. Inmate Hunter was not beating on his door or having any problems that he could see or hear.

[REDACTED] He had no further knowledge. (Exhibit A9)

In a sworn written Affidavit submitted on May 20, 2011, Inmate Raymond Doolittle indicated the following:

He was placing food trays in the food boxes of the inmates on the quad. He did not see anything out of the ordinary at all. (Exhibit A10)

In a sworn written Affidavit submitted on May 20, 2011, Inmate Darrell Bowers indicated the following:

He arrived for work in V-Dorm at 4:15 AM. He came onto Inmate Hunter's quad the first time at 5:45 AM but did not go to Inmate Hunter's cell front because he was passing out diet trays and Inmate Hunter did not get that type of tray. He did not see anything out of the ordinary. (Exhibit A11)

In a sworn written Affidavit submitted on May 20, 2011, Inmate Ronnie Allen indicated the following:

He is an orderly in V-Dorm and arrived for work at 4:30 AM. He was serving the breakfast beverage and did not see or hear anything during the time he was serving breakfast. (Exhibit A12)

Photographs were taken of Inmate Hunter's cell and his deceased body to be entered into evidence.

(Exhibit B1)

A search of Inmate Hunter's cell did not reveal any items of an evidentiary value: [REDACTED]

Fixed wing video was reviewed for the thirteen hours prior to Inmate Hunter coming out of his cell [REDACTED]. Inmate Hunter comes out of his cell for showering at 5:58 PM and is placed back in his cell at 6:07 PM. Staff members are observed making their security checks according to procedure for the next 12 hours. A [REDACTED] is viewed making rounds with staff at 5:58 AM and [REDACTED] security staff escorting her. At 6:07 AM security staff members are viewed passing out trays on the wing with inmate orderlies. They arrive at Inmate Hunter's cell at 6:14 AM, place his tray in the flap, and continue on feeding the other inmates. At 6:32 AM security staff members are viewed picking up trays on the quad with the inmate orderlies. At 6:35 AM the inmate orderlies exit the wing and three staff members go to the cell front of Inmate Hunter. At 6:39 AM Inmate Hunter's cell door is breached and staff members enter the cell. At 6:49 AM Inmate Hunter is [REDACTED] and is escorted off the wing and out of the building.



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No one is viewed entering or exiting Inmate Hunter's cell from the time he entered the cell after showering until the cell door was breached at 6:39 AM. (Exhibit B2)

[REDACTED]

(Exhibit A13-A17)

In a Medical Examiner District 8 Report of Investigation received into the Inspector General's Office on September 2, 2011 from Associate Medical Examiner Martha J. Burt the following was noted:

Autopsy Findings:

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]

Probable cause of Death: [REDACTED]

Manner of Death: Accidental

(Exhibit A18)



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Kevin W. Snow

Kevin W. Snow Senior Inspector

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Date

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Regional Supervisor / Lead Inspector

9/13/11

Date

Z. A. Rault

Law Enforcement Lead Inspector Supervisor

9/15/2011

Date

Deputy Inspector General / Deputy Inspector General
 Chief of Investigations Chief of Special Operations

Date

Inspector General

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EXHIBIT/ATTACHMENTS SECTION

A. EXHIBIT(s) - attached:

1. Incident report submitted by Sergeant Johnson.
2. Incident report submitted by Officer Sanchez.
3. Incident report submitted by Officer Thompson.
4. Incident report submitted by Officer Barton.
5. Incident report submitted by Officer McFather.
6. Incident report submitted by Officer Pilcher.
7. Incident report submitted by [REDACTED]
8. Incident report submitted by [REDACTED]
9. Sworn written Affidavit submitted by Inmate Green.
10. Sworn written Affidavit submitted by Inmate Doolittle.
11. Sworn written Affidavit submitted by Inmate Bowers.
12. Sworn written Affidavit submitted by Inmate Allen.
13. [REDACTED]
14. [REDACTED]
15. Consultation Request/Consultant's Report for Inmate Hunter.
16. [REDACTED]
17. [REDACTED]
18. Medical Examiner District 8 Report of Investigation for Inmate Hunter.

B. EXHIBIT(s) - not attached:

1. Photographs downloaded to Compact Disc.
2. Fixed wing video downloaded to Compact Disc.