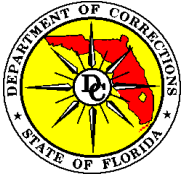


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**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST
CASE # 14-9010**

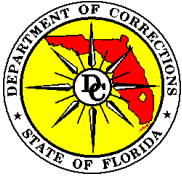


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Case Number: 14-9010

OIG Inspector: Inspector Frank Lewis

Outside Agency: Miami Dade Police Department
Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Outside Agency Investigator: Detective J. Zanconato
Special Agent Edward Principe

Date Assigned or Initiated: 08-27-2014

Complaint Against: NA

Location of Incident – Institution/Facility/Office: South Florida Reception Center

Complainant: Captain Dean Lewis

Outside Agency Case #: PD140712254334
MI-73-2098

Use of Force Number: NA

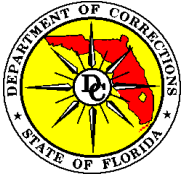
PREA Number: NA

Classification of Incident: Death - Suicide

Confidential Medical Information Included: Yes No

Whistle-Blower Investigation: Yes No

Chief Inspector General Case Number: NA



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I. AUTHORITY

The Florida Department of Corrections, Office of the Inspector General, by designation of the Secretary and § 944.31, Florida Statutes, is authorized to conduct any criminal investigation that occurs on property owned or leased by the department or involves matters over which the department has jurisdiction.

The testimony references included in this report are summations of oral or written statements provided to inspectors. Statements contained herein do not necessarily represent complete or certified transcribed testimony, except as noted. Unless specifically indicated otherwise, all interviews with witnesses, complainants, and subjects were audio or video recorded.

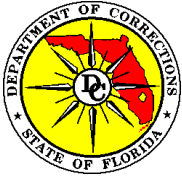
II. METHODOLOGY

The investigation reviewed the derivations of the allegation advanced by the complainant. The scope of this investigation does not seek to specifically address tort(s), but violations of criminal statutes. The criterion used to evaluate each contention or allegation was limited to the following standard of analysis:

1. Did the subject's action or behavior violate Florida criminal statutes?

III. ANALYSIS

The standard and analysis in this investigation is predicated with the burden of proving any violation of law, established by probable cause. The evidence considered for analysis is confined to the facts and allegations stated or reasonably implied. The actions or behavior of the subject are presumed to be lawful and in compliance with the applicable Florida law, unless probable cause indicates the contrary.



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IV. DEFINITIONS

Unfounded:

Refers to a disposition of a criminal case for which probable cause does not exist to suggest the suspect's behavior or action occurred nor is an arrest or formal charge being initiated.

Closed by Arrest:

Refers to a disposition of a criminal case for which probable cause exists that an identified subject committed the offense and one for which an arrest or formal prosecution has been initiated.

Exceptionally Cleared:

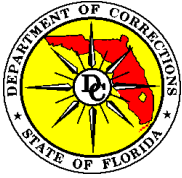
Refers to a disposition of a criminal case for which probable cause exists that an identified suspect committed the offense, but one for which an arrest or formal charge is not initiated, or in the case of a death investigation, one for which no evidence exists that the death was the result of a crime or neglect.

Open-Inactive:

Refers to a disposition of a criminal case for which a criminal investigation commenced, but where evidence is insufficient to close as unfounded, closed by arrest, or exceptionally cleared.

Investigative Assist Closed

Refers to a disposition of an investigative assist, where the conduct being investigated by the outside agency did not concern allegations against a Department employee, contractor, inmate, offender, or other person either employed or under the supervision of the Department.



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V. PREDICATE

On July 12, 2014, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) received information alleging Inmate Marino Pillet DC# B04869 committed suicide by hanging inside his assigned cell J2103 at South Florida Reception Center (SFRC). At approximately 4:12pm, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue pronounced Inmate Pillet deceased. Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) is the lead investigative agency regarding this incident. Based on the information, the OIG initiated an investigative assist and assigned same to Inspector Frank Lewis.

VI. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

Based on the exhibits, witnesses' testimony, subject officer's statements, and the record as a whole, presented or available to the primary inspector, the following findings of facts were determined:

In his Incident Report dated July 12, 2014, Officer Bing Newton indicated at approximately 3:48pm, Inmate Aubrey Hall DC# 560888 informed him that he (Hall) was unable to enter his cell (J2-103). Officer Newton responded to the cell and observed Inmate Pillet standing upright with a partial torn sheet around his neck. He (Newton) exited the cell and informed Sergeant Hardy that Inmate Pillet was hanging. After Sergeant Hardy gave him (Newton) the ligature cutter, he returned to the cell and cut the noose from Inmate Pillet's neck. He received assistance from other inmates and carried Inmate Pillet to the dayroom where they laid Inmate Pillet on a bench. He [REDACTED] and found the inmate [REDACTED]. At that time, he [REDACTED] Inmate Pillet. According to Captain Dean Lewis' officer in charge comments, all required notifications were made.

In her Incident Report dated July 12, 2014, Sergeant Teia Hardy indicated at approximately 3:48pm, Officer Newton informed her that an inmate was hanging inside of cell J2-103. She immediately notified the control room and gave the ligature cutter to Officer Newton cut the noose from the inmate's neck. After removing the noose, Officer Newton placed Inmate Pillet's body in the dayroom and [REDACTED] until other security [REDACTED] arrived on scene.

In his Incident Report dated July 12, 2014, Sergeant Javier Vidal indicated at approximately 3:48pm, he responded to J-dormitory in reference to an inmate hanging. Upon arrival to the scene, he observed Officer Newton [REDACTED] Inmate Pillet. At that time, he (Vidal) assisted by [REDACTED] until [REDACTED] arrived on scene.

According to the J-dormitory and the Emergency logs dated July 12, 2014;

At approximately 4:11pm, [REDACTED] arrived on scene.

At approximately 4:12pm, [REDACTED] pronounced Inmate Pillet deceased and departed at approximately 4:18pm.

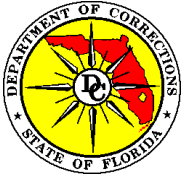
At approximately 4:27pm Miami-Dade Police arrived on scene and departed at approximately 9:50pm.

According to Miami-Dade Medical Examiner Report;

Cause of Death – [REDACTED]

Manner of Death – Suicide

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MDPD case PD140712254334 closed; exceptionally cleared October 14, 2014.

FDLE Case #MI-73-2098 closed effective March 19, 2015.

VII. CHARGES

List alleged violations of Florida Law:

NA

VIII. CONCLUSION

Based on the information gathered during their investigation, it is the recommendation of MDPD Detective Zanonato and FDLE Special Agent Principe the case be termed as follows:

1. Exceptionally Cleared

Inspector Lewis reviewed the investigation completed by MDPD and FDLE, and administrative issues were not identified.