

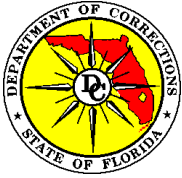
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Office of the Inspector General

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Case # 14-2003

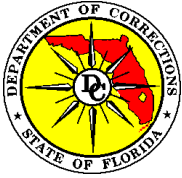


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Case Number: 14-2003

Inspector: Inspector Richard Ryder

Date Assigned or Initiated: 02-17-2014

Complaint Against: N/A

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

Complainant: Captain James Baiardi

Use of Force Number: N/A

PREA Number: N/A

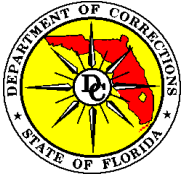
Classification of Incident: Inmate Natural Death

Confidential Medical Information Included: Yes No

Whistle-Blower Investigation: Yes No

Equal Employment Opportunity Investigation: Yes No

Chief Inspector General Case Number: N/A



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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.

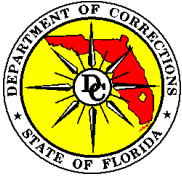
II. METHODOLOGY

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:

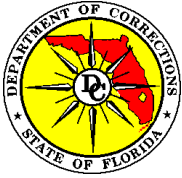
Refers to a disposition of a criminal case for which probable cause exists that an identified subject committed the offense and one for which an arrest or formal prosecution has been initiated.

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.



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V. PREDICATE

On or about February 17, 2014, the Department of Corrections, Office of the Inspector General received information alleging a natural inmate death had occurred at South Florida Reception Center (SFRC). It was reported that on February 14, 2014, Inmate Kenneth Dixon (Inmate Dixon) was pronounced deceased [REDACTED]. Upon initial review of the information, the Office of the Inspector General initiated a criminal investigation into the incident.

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 her incident report dated February 14, 2014, Officer Priscilla Pace (Officer Pace) indicated the following: On February 14, 2014, at approximately 10:36 am, she and Officer Carlos Alzate were assigned [REDACTED] and were advised that Inmate Dixon had expired. Officer Pace said that at 10:40 am, the resident doctor told her that Inmate Dixon was officially pronounced deceased. His death [REDACTED]

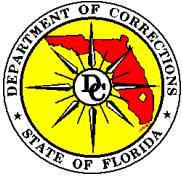
At approximately 10:42 am, Officer Alzate notified Captain James Baiardi of Inmate Dixon's death; and at approximately 11:45 am she notified the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD); MDPD officers subsequently arrived at [REDACTED].

In his incident report dated February 14, 2014, Officer Carlos Alzate (Officer Alzate) indicated the following: On February 14, 2014, at approximately 10:40 am, he was assigned to KRMC. Officer Alzate said that he and Officer Pace were approached [REDACTED], who advised that Inmate Dixon had expired. He said that the Officer-in-Charge was immediately notified.

The Investigations Report and the Verification of Death submitted by the Miami-Dade Medical County Medical Examiner Department, case 2014-00462 indicates the cause of death [REDACTED] (prior to his commitment to prison). The manner of death is Homicide. The date and time of death was February 14, 2014 at 10:40 am.

The decedent was an inmate at SFRC at the time of his death; however, [REDACTED] occurred on December 25, 2004. After spending 2 [REDACTED] The decedent was has spent the last 3 years in prison.

The Autopsy Report submitted by the Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner Department, case 2014-00462, indicates the Cause of Death to be: [REDACTED]



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The victim, Inmate Dixon, [REDACTED] December 25, 2004. Inmate Dixon was sentenced to the Florida Department of Corrections on May 20, 2013.

The Homicide is being investigated by the City of Miami Police Department, case # 36013094.

There are no known administrative violations relative to the inmate's death.

VII. CHARGES

List alleged violations of Florida Law:

N/A

VIII. CONCLUSION

Based on the information gathered during this investigation, it is the recommendation of Inspector Richard Ryder the case be termed as follows:

Exceptionally Cleared