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**ORIGINAL**

Inspector General Case #: 11-2-7905

Facility: (209) Reception Medical Center

Classification of Incident: [REDACTED]

Field Office/Region: Gainesville / 2 - West

Incident Date: July 31, 2011

Time: 10:37pm

Inspector: Raleigh Sistrunk

Date of Report: December 20, 2011

Case Type: A

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- Case of Special Interest
- Confidential Medical Information
- 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:**

On July 31, 2011, at 10:37pm, Inmate Jordan was observed in his cell alone with one end of a sheet tied around his neck and the other end tied to the fire suppression sprinkler. Staff entered the cell removed the sheet from Jordan's neck [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Jordan was [REDACTED] he later passed away on August 1, 2011, at 2:56pm. This was reported in MINS on August 1, 2011 and assigned for investigation on August 1, 2011.

**SUMMARY OF DISPOSITION/JUSTIFICATION FOR DOWNGRADE/EXONERATION:**

As a result of this investigation, it is determined that Inmate Demetrius Jordan died on August 1, 2011, as a result of [REDACTED] on July 31, 2011, [REDACTED]. There were [REDACTED]. The medical examiners report reflects that Inmate Jordan's cause of death [REDACTED] manner of death is suicide.

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	Name	Title / DC #	D.O.B.	Employee ID # or Non-Employee Contact Information
<b>Complainant:</b>	Miles Carter	Sergeant	[REDACTED]	54932
<b>Victim:</b>	None			
<b>Witness(es):</b>	Miles Carter	Sergeant	[REDACTED]	54932
	Raymond Greek	Lieutenant	[REDACTED]	8133
	Tammy Barton	Captain	[REDACTED]	1155
	Aaron Lewis	Officer	[REDACTED]	64995
	Joshua Brown	Officer	[REDACTED]	65382
	Ethan Dunaway	Officer	[REDACTED]	62696
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	Allen Nipper	Sergeant	[REDACTED]	15524
	Jeffery Smith	Officer	[REDACTED]	20002
	Jonathan Rodgers	Officer	[REDACTED]	47754
	Christopher Nichols	Officer	[REDACTED]	60073
	Charles Gartman	Inspector	[REDACTED]	7442
	Roy Simpson	DC# 660732	06/14/65	
	Carl Parks	DC# 895498	07/07/74	
	Henry Lange	DC# 133976	09/11/86	
	Edward Ostrowski	DC# 127164	09/04/77	
	John Adams	DC# J38702	10/12/86	
	Jessie Buttram	DC# X10465	10/15/82	
	Gabriel Rodriguez	DC# J44672	12/15/87	
	Travis Sadler	DC# I09274	11/15/89	
	Christopher Glaspy	DC#132282	01/16/76	
	David Goodman	DC# U32000	08/31/84	
	Michael Patton	DC# U24751	08/22/80	
	Antraveius Baker	DC# V19634	2/26/82	
	Jessie Lumpkin	DC# 064127	01/07/62	
<b>Subject(s):</b>	Demetrius Jordan	DC# E35662	08/19/93	



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Arrest:  Employee  Inmate  Other  Addendum Pending

Charges:

Felony  Misdemeanor Date of Arrest: Date Reported:

Final Court Action(s):

Background Summary:

*Inmate Demetrius Jordan was initially received on September 1, 2009, at Central Florida Reception Center as a Youthful Offender with a four year sentence for Attempted 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Murder, Dangerous act. He was housed at Indian River CI from September 25, 2009 through June 21, 2011. During this time, Jordan made several [REDACTED] Also during this time, Inmate Jordan received six disciplinary reports including disobeying orders, disorderly conduct, possession of a weapon, battery and aggravated battery on an inmate. On June 21, 2011, while in confinement at Indian River CI, Inmate Jordan began refusing to eat his meals and [REDACTED] refusing all orders to submit the restraints. Jordan was transferred to Martin CI for [REDACTED]*

*On July 1, 2011, Inmate Jordan was received at Reception and Medical Center [REDACTED] where on July 6, 2011; he received a disciplinary report for destruction of State Property when he ripped the cover off of the mattress in his cell. Jordan [REDACTED] until July 18, 2011 when he was housed Administrative Confinement. On July 19, 2011, Jordan was observed with a sheet fashioned into a noose and the other end tied to the top bunk. Jordan ignored all orders and began placing the noose around his neck. Chemical agents were disbursed and Jordan ceased his [REDACTED] attempt (see Use of Force #2011-209-0136).*

*On July 25, 2011, Inmate Jordan began creating a disturbance on the wing repeatedly slamming his locker lid and yelling obscenities toward staff. Chemical agents were disbursed and Jordan ceased his disruptive behavior. On July 27, 2011, Jordan was [REDACTED] for refusing to eat and subsequently housed in [REDACTED] On July 31, 2011, at 10:37pm, Inmate Jordan was observed in his cell alone with one end of a sheet tied around his neck and the other end tied to the fire suppression sprinkler. Staff entered the cell removed the sheet from Jordan's neck [REDACTED] and Jordan was [REDACTED] Jordan was then [REDACTED] passed away on August 1, 2011, at 2:56pm.*

*Results of the Autopsy show that Inmate Demetrius Jordan died [REDACTED] hanging. Further review shows that Jordan [REDACTED]*



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**FINDINGS:**

In his incident report dated July 31, 2011, Sergeant Miles Carter reported the following:

At approximately 10:37pm, on July 31, 2011, while assigned as K-Dormitory Housing Supervisor and conducting a security check on Wing Two, he observed Inmate Demetrius Jordan in K2122S with a bed sheet tied around his neck and the other end of the sheet tied to the fire sprinkler head, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Jordan v [REDACTED] Carter related that he immediately [REDACTED]

At approximately 10:38pm with adequate staff at cell front, he breached the cell and entered. Carter related that he untied the bed sheet from Jordan's neck and he and Officer A. Lewis [REDACTED]

At 10:43pm [REDACTED] and Officer A. Guion arrived [REDACTED] Jordan was [REDACTED]

Captain Tammy Barton noted in her comments that Officer Lewis [REDACTED] Inmate Jordan [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Duty Warden Hardouin was contacted at 11:55pm. Duty Officer Arnold was contacted at 11:57pm. Photographs were taken of the cell and the cell was secured. Photographs and [REDACTED] attached. (EXHIBIT # A-1)

A review of pictures taken inside of the cell show one end of a sheet tied to the fire suppression sprinkler head located above the toilet in Inmate Jordan's assigned cell K2-122S and a loosely tied noose on the other end of the sheet. (EXHIBIT # A-2)

In his incident report dated July 31, 2011, Registered Nurse Wesley Barnes indicated the following:

He and [REDACTED] responded to [REDACTED] K-Dorm. Inmate Demetrius Jordan was found by security hanging by a sheet and was cut down and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Inmate Jordan [REDACTED] (EXHIBIT # A-3)

A review of [REDACTED] on Inmate Demetrius Jordan on July 31, 2011, shows the following:

[REDACTED] (EXHIBIT # A-4)

A review of [REDACTED] shows Inmate Jordan [REDACTED] (EXHIBIT # A-5)



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A review of the [REDACTED] shows the following:

[REDACTED] (EXHIBIT # A-6)

*A search was conducted of Inmate Jordan's property that was stored at RMC. The property was stored after Jordan's arrival at RMC and he did not have possession of his property. No items of evidentiary value were discovered during the search.*

*It should be noted that the cell was inadvertently released and the ligature was sent to laundry and not processed as evidence.*

In his affidavit, Inspector Charles Gartman indicated that on August 1, 2011, at approximately 10:22am, he entered cell K-2122S that had been secured after [REDACTED] Inmate Demetrius Jordan. He entered the cell to search for [REDACTED] but none was discovered. The cell was in a generally clean condition. He further observed the following:

- A bed sheet tied to the fire sprinkler head.
- A folded bed sheet lying on the floor, under the bunk.
- A pillow case lying on the floor, by the bunk.
- An empty food tray between the mattress and bed frame.
- [REDACTED] lying on the floor, by the bunk.
- A small piece of paper [REDACTED] lying on the floor, between the locker and the wall.
- Two small pieces of paper with [REDACTED] taped to the inside of the cell door.

At approximately 10:33am, Gartman released the cell to security. (EXHIBIT # A-10)

In his Incident Report, Officer Orey Swilley related that on August 1, 2011 at 10:30am, while assigned as K-Dormitory Housing Officer on Wing 2, he instructed Inmate Jessie Lumpkin to clean cell K-2122S, as instructed by Lieutenant Leroy Norris. Norris noted that the cell was cleared by Inspector Gartman. He instructed Swilley to have the cell cleaned. The ligature was sent to the laundry. (EXHIBIT # A-11)

A review of the Housing Unit Log for July 31, 2011, on the Third Shift in K-Dormitory Wing 2 shows no mention of the incident. (EXHIBIT # A-12)

A review [REDACTED] Shows that Inmate Jordan was pronounced deceased on August 1, 2011. (EXHIBIT # A-13)

On August 2, 2011, an autopsy was performed on Inmate Jordan at the Alachua County Medical Examiner's Office. Dr. Martha Burt gave a preliminary verbal indication that Jordan died [REDACTED] Jordan had s [REDACTED]



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A review of the daily Roster for the Third Shift on July 31, 2011, shows the following post assignments:

K-Dormitory Supervisor: Sergeant Miles Carter  
 K-Dormitory Officer: Officer Joshua Brown  
 K-Dormitory Officer: Officer Ethan Dunaway  
 K-Dormitory Officer: Officer Aaron Lewis

(EXHIBIT # A-7)

In his sworn, recorded interview on August 8, 2011, Sergeant Miles Carter indicated the following:

He was assigned as the Housing Sergeant in K-Dormitory on July 31, 2011. Sergeant Carter related that he spoke to Inmate Jordan on a routine basis; usually regarding if he had eaten his meals. Carter related that Jordan routinely refused to eat his meal, but had not refused nine consecutive meals. Carter explained that policy dictates that inmates refusing to eat nine consecutive meals are considered to be on a hunger strike. Carter related that Inmate Jordan had not refused to eat nine consecutive meals but had refused just short of that. He reviewed Jordan's Daily Record of Segregation and noticed that he had refused several meals but had not met the threshold of refusing nine consecutive meals. He attempted to counsel Jordan about his eating habits and on Wednesday, July 27, 2011, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Carter related that when he returned on Sunday (July 31, 2011) from his days off, Jordan was back in K-Dormitory.

Sergeant Carter related that on July 31, 2011, at 2114hrs he recalls sending the officer to check on Jordan and to see if he had eaten his meal. He also responded to Jordan's cell and asked if he had eaten his meal. Jordan advised that he had eaten his meal. Carter related that he could not hear what Jordan was saying so he opened the flap so he could hear. After Jordan acknowledged that he had eaten, he closed the flap and departed. Carter denied seeing Jordan standing on his sink and he denied hearing any of his staff tell Jordan to get off of his sink or having any discipline problems with Jordan (*Inmates Parks and Jordan indicated that security staff had seen Jordan standing on his sink and ordered Jordan to get off of the sink*).

Sergeant Carter related that on the night of the incident he began to make a security check and started with Inmate Jordan's cell. When he approached, he observed Jordan hanging from the sprinkler head. Jordan was completely suspended with only his toes touching. Carter related that the sprinkler head is next to the toilet and hand rails. When he entered the cell, he lifted Jordan up while Lt. Greek assisted by taking the sheet off of Jordan's neck. He and Officer Lewis [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Carter denied witnessing or hearing anyone threaten, antagonize or abuse Jordan in anyway. Carter was shown Jordan's Daily Record of Segregation; specifically a notation on July 31, 2011 that had been scribbled out. Carter explained that he began making the entry that Jordan had [REDACTED] and realized that he had started on the wrong line. He scribbled the entry and began making the entry on the appropriate line.

(EXHIBIT # B-1)



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In his sworn, recorded interview on August 8, 2011, Lieutenant Ray Greek indicated the following:

He was assisting Captain Barton with a security check of K-Dormitory Wing 2. When they entered, Sergeant Carter advised that he had an inmate hanging himself in his cell. Lieutenant Greek related that Carter called for the door to be opened and he, Carter and Officer Lewis entered the cell. Greek related that upon entering the cell he observed Inmate Jordan hanging from the sprinkler head by a sheet. The ligature was untied and Jordan was [REDACTED]

Greek indicated that staff conducted themselves in a proper manner and responded appropriately. Greek explained that the daily roster was incorrect and shows him as being off on July 31, 2011, but explained that he was an acting lieutenant that night. (EXHIBIT # B-1)

In his sworn, recorded interview on August 8, 2011, Officer Aaron Lewis indicated the following:

He was assigned as the Housing Officer in K-Dormitory on July 31, 2011. Officer Lewis related that he has had daily contact with Inmate Jordan while assigned to K-Dormitory but seldom had conversations with him. Most of contact he had with Jordan was questioning him regarding eating his meals. Most of the time, Jordan refused his tray and did not eat. He has questioned Jordan as to why he was not eating, but Jordan would not respond. He notified Sergeant Carter that Jordan was not eating on a regular basis. Lewis related that Jordan never gave him any problems and usually stayed to himself. Lewis related that he noted on Jordan's Daily Record of Segregation that he (*Jordan*) had [REDACTED] that day. Lewis related that at 2113hrs on July 31, 2011, he was instructed by Carter to check on Jordan and question him if he had eaten his meal. Lewis related that he looked into Jordan's cell and observed him standing to the left of door. He questioned Jordan if he had eaten his meal. Jordan indicated that he had eaten. During this time, he received a call on his radio and stepped away from the cell door. When he returned to the cell, Carter had also arrived and opened the food flap to talk to Jordan because Jordan talked very softly and they could not hear.

Officer Lewis related that at the time of the incident he was on another wing. He heard a call on the radio and immediately responded and entered the cell. Upon entering the cell he observed Inmate Jordan hanging from his neck. Sergeant Carter and Lieutenant Greek had [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Lewis indicated that when the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Lewis denied seeing Jordan standing on the sink and denied giving him an order to get off the sink and denied knowledge of any other officer instructing Jordan to get off the sink. Lewis denied witnessing or hearing anyone threaten, antagonize or abuse Jordan in anyway. (EXHIBIT # B-1)



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In his sworn, recorded interview on August 10, 2011, Officer Ethan Dunaway indicated the following:

He was assigned as a Housing Officer in K-Dormitory on July 31, 2011. Officer Dunaway reviewed portions of the fixed wing video from that day and identified himself as the officer who stopped at Inmate Jordan's cell at 2139 and at count time at 2204hrs. Dunaway related that at 2139hrs he believes that Jordan asked him a question, but could not recall what the question was. Dunaway related that Jordan seldom spoke to anyone other than at count time. Dunaway related that on July 31, 2011, he gave Jordan his evening meal at 1731hrs on a regular tray. Jordan initially refused his tray, but then later requested the meal. Jordan refused his drink. He did not watch Jordan eat his tray but the tray was returned empty. Dunaway denied seeing Jordan on the sink or ordering him to get off the sink. Dunaway related that during the incident, he observed Sergeant Carter and Lieutenant Greek placing [REDACTED] The last time he saw Jordan alive was at 2204hrs. Dunaway denied witnessing anyone threaten, antagonize, or abuse Inmate Jordan in anyway. (EXHIBIT # B-1)

In his sworn, recorded interview on August 8, 2011, CO Joshua Brown indicated the following:

He was assigned as the Housing Officer in the K-Dormitory control room on July 31, 2011. Officer Brown related he was in the Officer's Station and could not see into the cell. Brown denied hearing any other officer instructing Jordan to get off the sink. He has had limited contact with Jordan. He could not recall feeding Jordan or Jordan refusing a meal. He denied witnessing or hearing anyone threaten, antagonize or abuse Jordan in anyway. Brown related that he did not make any notations on the log in regards to the incident. (EXHIBIT # B-1)

In her sworn, recorded interview on August 10, 2011, Captain Tammy Barton indicated the following:

She was assigned as the Shift Supervisor on July 31, 2011. She had just entered K-Dormitory to conduct OIC inspection when the incident with Inmate Jordan occurred. She was advised by Sergeant Carter that he had one hanging. Barton indicated that during the incident, she [REDACTED] and then maintained control of the inmates in the other cells. She witnessed Carter and Officer Lewis [REDACTED] In her opinion, staff acted and responded to the incident appropriately. Barton denied anyone advised her that Jordan had been observed on the sink prior to the incident. (EXHIBIT # B-1)

A review of the fixed wing video from K-Dormitory, Wing 2 on July 31, 2011, shows the following:

1705hrs Staff and inmate orderlies passing out food trays. The inmate orderly approached Inmate Jordan's cell with a food tray. It appears that Jordan refused his and no tray was given to him.

1722hrs Officer and orderly appear to be passing out drinks. The officer looks into the cell, then departs.





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1730hrs Staff and inmate are picking up trays and approach Jordan's cell and appear to talk with him. An orderly delivers a food tray to Jordan. Staff secured the food flap then depart.  
[REDACTED] Officer conducts security check and looks into Jordan's cell.  
[REDACTED] Staff on wing [REDACTED]  
1852hrs Officer open food flap to Jordan's cell.  
1853hrs Inmate Jordan pushes a food tray out of the food flap. The officer picks it up and hands it back to Jordan who takes it back into the cell.  
1855hrs Sergeant Carter approaches Jordan's cell and talks to him. It appears that Jordan refused [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Officer conducts security check and looks into Jordan's cell.  
2018hrs Officer walks on wing and opens the shower door and then looks into Jordan's cell.  
2022hrs Officer on wing. Inmate orderly cleaning showers.  
[REDACTED] Officer makes security check and looks into Jordan's cell.  
[REDACTED] Officer makes security check and looks into Jordan's cell.  
[REDACTED] Officer approaches Jordan's cell looking to the left of the door where the toilet is located.  
2113.17hrs Officer turns away and then calls on the radio.  
2113.31hrs Officer returns to cell front looking to the left of the door.  
2114.42hrs Sergeant Carter arrives at cell front and looks to the left.  
2115.24hrs Sergeant Carter opens food flap. Unable to see anything handed in or out of flap.  
2115.32hrs Food flap is closed by Carter and Officer is talking to Jordan. Officers departs at 2116.06  
2118.25hrs Sergeant approaches and looks into cell.  
[REDACTED] Officer conducts security check. Stops and looks into Jordan's cell.  
2204.35hrs Officer stands at Jordan's cell for master count. Departs at 2205.14.  
2209.31hrs Orderly at Jordan's cell.  
2210.27hrs An image believed to be Jordan intermittently appears in cell door window until 2216.11.  
2236.58hrs Sergeant Carter approaches Jordan's cell. Carter makes a radio call.  
22.37.22hrs Captain Barton enters wing.  
22.38.27hrs Sergeant Carter and Lieutenant Greek enter cell.  
2238.35hrs Officer Lewis and Officer Dunaway arrive at cell. Lewis enters. Dunaway stands at doorway.  
2239.32hrs Captain Barton at cell front.  
2239.45hrs Dunaway exits area. Returns at 2240.53  
2243.06hrs [REDACTED]  
2245.31hrs [REDACTED]  
2246.30hrs [REDACTED] Carter secures cell door.  
[REDACTED] Officer Dunaway makes security check.  
[REDACTED] End of video.

(EXHIBIT # B-2)



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A review of the Daily Record of Segregation (DC6-229) while at Reception and Medical Center (RMC) shows the following significant events were noted:

- 07/01/11: Inmate Jordan received [REDACTED] His weight [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
- 07/03/11: Jordan [REDACTED]
- 07/10/11: Jordan refused all three meals.
- 07/11/11: Jordan weighed [REDACTED]
- 07/12/11: Jordan refused evening meal.
- 07/13/11: Jordan refused evening meal.
- 07/15/11: Jordan was [REDACTED] banging on door at 1:15am and 7:30am. He refused his noon meal.
- 07/16/11: Jordan was [REDACTED] banging on door at 1:15am and 8:00am. He refused his noon and evening meals.
- 07/17/11: Jordan ate all of his evening meal and sandwich.
- 07/18/11: Jordan refused morning meal. He refused a shower and [REDACTED] Jordan [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] He was then moved to K-Dormitory.
- 07/18/11: Inmate Jordan received in K-Dormitory Code 85 (*pending discipline*). He weighed [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
- 07/19/11: Spontaneous force was used (UF #2011-209-0136). Jordan's attitude [REDACTED] and he was moved to cell k3102L. Refused noon and evening meals.
- 07/21/11: Refused evening meal.
- 07/22/11: Refused morning meal. Jordan's [REDACTED] and he was moved to cell [REDACTED]
- 07/24/11: Refused morning meal.
- 07/25/11: Jordan's attitude [REDACTED] and he was counseled twice with about not being dressed and yelling on wing. He also refused his evening meal.
- 07/26/11: Jordan refused his noon and evening meals.
- 07/27/11: Jordan refused his evening meal. He was [REDACTED] for evaluation per Sergeant Carter. He was then moved [REDACTED]
- 07/29/11: Jordan gained [REDACTED] He weighed [REDACTED] and was housed alone in K2122s.
- 07/31/11: Jordan refused his morning meal. He refused [REDACTED] Jordan [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

(EXHIBIT # A-8)

*Inmates David Goodman, Michael Patton and Antraveius Baker were identified as orderlies working in K-Dormitory on the evening of July 31, 2011.*

In his sworn, recorded interview on August 8, 2011, Inmate David Goodman indicated the following:

He was assigned as an orderly in K-Dormitory on July 31, 2011. Inmate Goodman related that he served Inmate Jordan his evening meal tray and he accepted it. He could not recall if Jordan ate the meal or not. He recalls that Jordan seldom accepted a tray. Most of the time, Jordan would shake his head refusing his tray. Goodman related that Jordan was very quiet and seldom talked. Goodman related that the first time he saw Jordan he was walking around in his cell naked. Goodman denied



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seeing Jordan standing on the sink or toilet and denied hearing any officer order Jordan to get off the sink. Goodman denied hearing anyone threaten, antagonize or abuse Jordan in anyway and related that he and the other orderlies were released prior to the incident and he did not witness the incident. On the night of the incident, he and Inmates Patton and Baker were working. **(EXHIBIT # B-1)**

In his sworn, recorded interview on August 8, 2011, Inmate Michael Patton indicated the following:

He was assigned as an orderly in K-Dormitory on July 31, 2011. Patton denied witnessing Inmate Jordan [REDACTED] because he was escorted out prior to the incident. Patton related that Jordan seldom accepted his food tray. Almost every time he fed chow, Jordan would either refuse his tray or just totally ignore him. Patton denied ever having any problems with Jordan or witnessing any staff members having problems with him. He denied witnessing Jordan standing on the sink or toilet. Patton denied hearing anyone threaten, antagonize or abuse Jordan in anyway. Jordan seemed to be [REDACTED] **(EXHIBIT # B-1)**

In his sworn, recorded interview on August 8, 2011, Inmate Antraveius Baker indicated the following:

He was assigned as an orderly in K-Dormitory on July 31, 2011. Inmate Baker indicated that Inmate Jordan seldom accepted his food tray and related that when he asked him why he was not eating, Jordan just ignored his question or would begin talking about something totally unrelated. Baker related that it was obvious to him [REDACTED] He only recalls Jordan eating his evening meal twice during the last week or so. Baker related that he has seen Jordan [REDACTED] in his cell. He told staff but does not recall who he told. Baker denied hearing anyone threaten, antagonize or abuse Jordan in anyway. Staff checked on Jordan every [REDACTED] and orderlies checked on him routinely. Baker related that he has not witnessed Jordan standing on the sink. **(EXHIBIT # B-1)**

A review of the housing assignments for July 31, 2011, shows the following inmates were housed in cells across from and adjoining Inmate Jordan's cell:

Roy Simpson	K2121S	Jessie Buttram	K2103L
Carl Parks	K2101L	Gabriel Rodriquez	K2103U
Henry Lange	K2101U	Travis Sadler	K2201L
Edward Ostrowski	K2102L	Christopher Glaspy	K2201U
John Adams	K2102U		

**(EXHIBIT # A-9)**

In his sworn, recorded interview on August 3, 2011, Inmate Roy Simpson indicated the following:

He was housed next to Inmate Jordan in K2121S on July 31, 2011. Inmate Simpson denied talking to Inmate Jordan. The last time he heard Jordan say anything was just after 3:30pm [REDACTED] He routinely heard Jordan mumbling and talking to himself. He heard staff talking to Jordan several times during the evening when they made checks. He heard staff talking to Jordan about his food tray and if he wanted his juice, but Jordan did not respond. Simpson related that around 10pm he heard an



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officer (*could not recall who*) tell Jordan, "If you want to play these games, you might get what you're asking for." Jordan did not respond and the officer walked away. Simpson denied witnessing or hearing anyone enter Jordan's cell prior to the incident. He knows the officers pretty well and they treat inmates with respect. He did not consider the statement a threat and believes that the officer was referring to Jordan ignoring him and that he (*Jordan*) might receive disciplinary action. (EXHIBIT # B-1)

In his sworn, recorded interview on August 4, 2011, Inmate Carl Parks indicated the following:

He was housed K2101L on July 31, 2011, (*this cell is across the hall and at angle to Jordan's cell*). Inmate Parks denied hearing Inmate Jordan make any statements or proclamations prior to the incident. Jordan has on several occasions began screaming and beating his cell door in the middle of the night. On the night of the incident, he witnessed a red headed officer tell Jordan to get off of the sink. Jordan complied and the officer departed. After ten or fifteen minutes, Jordan then got back on the sink. Parks related that while Jordan was on the sink, he observed that he had a sheet and witnessed Jordan pulling the sheet. He assumed that Jordan had tied the sheet to the sprinkler head. Later, he observed staff enter the cell, untie the sheet [REDACTED]. The officers [REDACTED] Jordan [REDACTED]. Parks denied witnessing anyone abuse or mess with Jordan in any way. It appeared to him that staff did everything they could to save Jordan. Parks related that he noticed that over a four day period that he was housed across from Jordan he witnessed Jordan refuse three food trays. (EXHIBIT # B-1)

In his sworn, recorded interview on August 3, 2011, Inmate Henry Lange indicated the following:

He was housed in K2101U on July 31, 2011, (*this cell is across the hall and at angle to Jordan's cell*). Inmate Lange denied hearing Inmate Jordan make any statements prior to [REDACTED]. Lange related that between 5pm-8pm that evening, he heard an officer tell Jordan several times to "get off of the sink or I'm going to gas you." He did not hear Jordan make any statements. After a while he saw the officers rush over and enter the cell. Lange related that he looked out the window and saw staff with their hands in the air appearing to untie the sheet from Jordan's neck. (EXHIBIT # B-1)

In his sworn, recorded interview on August 4, 2011, Inmate Edward Ostrowski indicated the following:

He was housed in Cell K2102L on July 31, 2011, (*this cell is across the hall and at angle to Jordan's cell*). Inmate Ostrowski related for the last day or so, Inmate Jordan had refused at least two meals. He denied hearing Jordan make any statements prior to the incident. Ostrowski related that earlier in the evening, he heard an officer tell Jordan several times to get off the sink. Later that evening, the officers breached the cell [REDACTED]. He denied observing anyone abuse Jordan or enter Jordan's cell prior to the incident. (EXHIBIT # B-1)



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In his sworn, recorded interview on August 3, 2011, Inmate John Adams indicated the following:

He was housed in K2102U on July 31, 2011, (*this cell is across the hall and at angle to Jordan's cell*). Inmate Adams denied hearing Inmate Jordan make any statements prior to the incident. He knows that Jordan [REDACTED] because he saw him in a [REDACTED] a few days earlier. Adams indicated that Jordan had refused about four food trays over about four days. The officers questioned Jordan about not eating his tray. Adams related that sometime between 6pm and 8pm he heard the officer tell Jordan to get off the sink. He denied hearing the officer threaten Jordan. Adams related that he observed Jordan standing at his door window between 9pm and 10pm. (EXHIBIT # B-1)

In his sworn, recorded interview on August 3, 2011, Inmate Jessie Buttram indicated the following:

He was housed in K2103 on July 31, 2011, (*this cell is directly across the hall from Jordan's cell*). Inmate Buttram denied hearing Jordan make any statements prior to the incident. He knew Jordan [REDACTED]. He has routinely witnessed Jordan slam his food tray against the wall and loudly scream [REDACTED] for no reason while he paced back and forth. Buttram related that about two hours before the incident, he heard the officer order Jordan to get off of the toilet or he would gas him. Buttram related that when the officer stepped away from the cell to call the sergeant, he observed Inmate Jordan stepping down from the toilet. Jordan had a sheet around his neck. Buttram related that he only got a glance of the sheet and could not tell if the sheet was tied around Jordan's neck or if it was just draped over his shoulders. He could not see if Jordan was doing anything with the sheet while he was on the toilet. When the sergeant arrived at the cell, he heard him ask Jordan what was wrong, come hear let me talk to you, etc. Jordan just ignored them. The officers then walked away. He did not see the officers check on Jordan again until the incident. Buttram denied hearing Jordan make any statements prior to the incident. (EXHIBIT # B-1)

In his sworn, recorded interview on August 3, 2011, Inmate Gabriel Rodriguez indicated the following:

He was housed in K2103 on July 31, 2011, (*this cell is directly across the hall from Jordan's cell*). Inmate Rodriguez related that he heard the officer tell Inmate Jordan to get off of the toilet or they would gas him. When the staff entered the cell, [REDACTED]. He observed Sergeant Carter [REDACTED]. (EXHIBIT # B-1)

In his sworn, recorded interview on August 11, 2011, Inmate Travis Sadler indicated the following:

On July 31, 2011, he was housed in K2-201L, (*this cell is upstairs across the hall and at an angle to Jordan's cell*). Inmate Sadler related that throughout that day he observed Inmate Jordan standing on the sink. The officers on the 8am to 4pm Shift would tell Jordan to get off the sink and he complied. Jordan did not have a sheet with him anytime an officer saw him. This occurred approximately three times during the day. At one point he observed Jordan tie the sheet to the sprinkler and around his neck and tested to see if it would hold his weight. Sadler related that he mentioned to his roommate Inmate Glaspy that Jordan was attempting to hang himself. Glaspy kicked on the door. By the time the officer



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came in, Jordan had already taken the sheet down and removed it from his neck. Sadler related that he knew Jordan had been refusing his meals, but thought that he was playing, doing like a lot of other inmates do when it is hot; they want [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sadler admitted that neither he nor Glaspy alerted staff that Jordan was attempting to hang himself. Sadler related that he actually witnessed Jordan hang himself.

Inmate Sadler related that after master roster count he observed Inmate Jordan standing at the door looking back at him. Jordan shook his head to indicate "no" and then walked away. About ten minutes later, he saw Jordan standing on the sink. He then stepped off of the sink onto the toilet and began tying the sheet to the sprinkler head. Jordan then stepped off the toilet, approached the door and looked up at him again. Jordan then stepped away. Sadler related that after about two to three minutes, Jordan got back up onto the toilet and tied the sheet around his neck, stood there a moment and then stepped off the toilet. He alerted Inmate Glaspy that Jordan had hung himself. Sadler related that he began kicking on his cell door until Sergeant Carter entered. Carter walked straight toward Jordan's cell where he found Jordan hanging. Sadler related that he does not have a watch and can only estimate time. He estimated that from master count until Jordan hung himself was about ten minutes. From the time Jordan hung himself until Sergeant Carter found Jordan was approximately 2-3 minutes.

Inmate Sadler indicated that when Sergeant Carter and Lieutenant Greek entered the cell, they lifted Jordan up to relieve the pressure and then removed the sheet from his neck. He was unsure how they removed it. [REDACTED] Sadler related that in his opinion, staff [REDACTED] He denied witnessing anyone threaten, antagonize, or abuse Jordan in anyway. (EXHIBIT # B-1)

In his sworn, recorded interview on August 11, 2011, Inmate Christopher Glaspy indicated the following:

On July 31, 2011, he was housed in K2-201U with Inmate Travis Sadler, (*this cell is upstairs across the hall and at an angle to Jordan's cell*). Inmate Glaspy related that throughout the day of the incident, he and Inmate Sadler witnessed Inmate Jordan test the strength of the sheet and the sprinkler. Around 1:00pm-2:00pm, they observed Jordan tie a sheet to the sprinkler and then around his neck and apply pressure as though he was testing it. Glaspy related that he does not know if Jordan was doing this in an [REDACTED] He saw Jordan routinely look out the door to see if anyone was approaching. On a couple of occasions, officers on the Day Shift (8:00am to 4:00pm) came by and observed Jordan sitting on the sink. The officers would tell Jordan to get off of the sink and he would comply. As soon as the officer departed, Jordan got back on the sink. None of the officers saw Jordan with a sheet. He denied hearing anyone on the third shift (4:00pm to 12:00am) tell Jordan to get off the sink. Glaspy related that he attempted to tell staff that Jordan was [REDACTED] but no one would stop to listen. Glaspy then stated that he didn't tell staff about Jordan's actions because he fell asleep.

Glaspy related that on the evening of the incident, Inmate Sadler woke him up and stated to him that he "believed" that Jordan had hung himself. He looked and observed staff [REDACTED]. Staff then



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[REDACTED] Glaspy indicated that Inmate Sadler only witnessed the incident after the cell door was opened, and that he did not witness anything prior to the door being opened. Sadler is presuming that Jordan hung himself because they saw him testing the sheet earlier that day. Glaspy denied Sadler told him that he had actually witnessed Jordan hang himself. He denied ever hearing Jordan talk [REDACTED]. Glaspy denied witnessing anyone threaten, antagonize, or abuse Inmate Jordan in anyway. Glaspy related that in his opinion, staff [REDACTED] and staff routinely checked [REDACTED] (EXHIBIT # B-1)

A review of the Daily Roster for July 31, 2011 shows the following post assignments on the 8am to 4pm shift:

- K-Dormitory Sergeant: Allen Nipper
  - K-Dormitory Officer: Jeffery Smith
  - K-Dormitory Officer: Jonathan Rodgers
  - K-Dormitory Officer: Christopher Nichols
- (EXHIBIT # A-10)

In his sworn, recorded interview on August 12, 2011, Sergeant Allen Nipper indicated the following:

He was assigned as a Housing Sergeant in K-Dormitory on July 31, 2011, on the Second Shift and is usually assigned there on the weekends. Sergeant Nipper related that he has not had any issues with Inmate Jordan and denied hearing anyone indicate that they observed Jordan standing on his sink or ordered him to get off his sink. (EXHIBIT # B-1)

In his sworn, recorded interview on August 15, 2011, Officer Jeffrey Smith indicated the following:

He does not recall if he was assigned as a Housing Officer in K-Dormitory on July 31, 2011, on the Second Shift. He does not recall telling Inmate Jordan or any other inmate to get off the sink. He denied knowing Inmate Jordan. (EXHIBIT # B-1)

In his sworn, recorded interview on August 12, 2011, Officer Jonathan Rodgers indicated the following:

He was assigned as a Housing Officer in K-Dormitory on July 31, 2011, on the Second Shift. Officer Rodgers related that he recalls Inmate Jordan. He has observed Inmate Jordan [REDACTED] but denied having any disciplinary issues with him. Rodgers related that he has in the past placed Jordan's tray on the food flap and called his name. Jordan would stand there and refuse to accept his tray. Rodgers related that he is not allowed to leave the food flap open, so when Jordan refused to take his tray he removed the tray and secured the food flap. He documented these incidents on the 229 (*Daily Record of Segregation*). Rodgers denied ever seeing Jordan standing or sitting on the sink or instructing him to get off the sink. Rodgers indicated that he was aware that Jordan [REDACTED] because of his actions and Jordan being [REDACTED] couple of times. He denied witnessing anyone threaten, antagonize, or abuse Jordan in anyway. (EXHIBIT # B-1)



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In his sworn, recorded interview on August 11, 2011, Officer Christopher Nichols indicated the following:

He may have been assigned as a Housing Officer in K-Dormitory on July 31, 2011, on the Second Shift. Officer Nichols denied instructing Inmate Jordan or hearing anyone else instruct Jordan to get off the sink. Nichols denied having any disciplinary issues with Jordan. **(EXHIBIT # B-1)**

A review of the fixed wing video in K-Dormitory On July 31, 2011, between 8am and 4pm shows the following significant events:

- 1058hrs Officers and orderlies feed the noon meal.
- 1104hrs Inmate Jordan accepts his food tray.
- 1107hrs Inmate Jordan returns his food tray.
- 1125hrs Captain Jordan makes inspection.
- 1126hrs Officer [REDACTED] make rounds.
- 1535hrs Officer [REDACTED] make rounds.

**(EXHIBIT # B-2)**

*It should be noted that a review of the fixed wing video shows that staff failed to make security checks [REDACTED]. These violations had no impact on the case and were observed when attempting to confirm or refute inmate witness testimony that staff repeatedly stopped at Inmate Jordan's cell and ordered him to get off the sink. A closer examination of the video reveals that a security check was conducted In K-Dormitory Wing 2 [REDACTED] the next check was conducted at [REDACTED]. A security check was conducted at [REDACTED]. The next security check was conducted [REDACTED]. The next security check was not [REDACTED].*

[REDACTED]

was reported via MINS # 400583 and referred to management in IG Case #11-2-8604 for handling.

On December 20, 2011, a copy of the final autopsy report was received and related that Inmate Jordan died a result of [REDACTED]. Inmate Jordan's cause of death [REDACTED] and the manner of death is suicide. **(EXHIBIT # A-14)**





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**EXHIBIT/ATTACHMENTS SECTION**

**A. EXHIBIT(s) - attached:**

1. Incident Report submitted by Sergeant Carter.
2. Digital pictures of Inmate Jordan's cell and sheet.
3. Incident Report submitted [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]
6. Transfer summary.
7. Third Shift Roster.
8. Daily Record of Segregation.
9. Inmate housing assignments.
10. Second Shift Roster.
11. Affidavit submitted by Inspector Gartman.
12. Incident Report submitted by Officer Swilley.
13. [REDACTED]
14. Final autopsy report.

**B. EXHIBIT(s) - not attached:**

1. Compact disc containing digitally recorded interviews with the following:
 

Sergeant Carter	Inmate Goodman	Inmate Sadler
Lieutenant Greek	Inmate Patton	Inmate Glaspy
Officer Lewis	Inmate Baker	
Officer Dunaway	Inmate Simpson	
Officer Brown	Inmate Parks	
Captain Barton	Inmate Lange	
Sergeant Nipper	Inmate Ostrowski	
Officer Smith	Inmate Adams	
Officer Rodgers	Inmate Buttram	
Officer Nichols	Inmate Rodriquez	
2. Compact disc containing digitally recorded fixed wing video.