

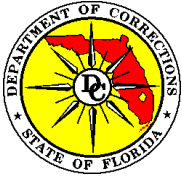
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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION "INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST"

Case # 14-14012

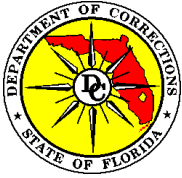


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Case Number: 14-14012

Inspector: Inspector George W. Green Jr.

Date Assigned or Initiated: 10-28-2014

Complaint Against: Inmate Chambless, David #H13892

Location of Incident – Institution/Facility/Office: Reception Medical Center

Complainant: Dr. Nadezda Tretyakova

Use of Force Number: NA

PREA Number: NA

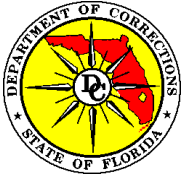
Classification of Incident: 15B Suicide

Confidential Medical Information Included: Yes No

Whistle-Blower Investigation: Yes No

Equal Employment Opportunity 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.

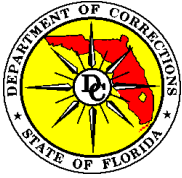
II. METHODOLOGY

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:

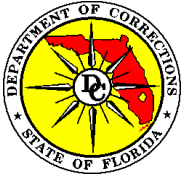
Refers to a disposition of a criminal case for which probable cause exists that an identified subject committed the offense and one for which an arrest or formal prosecution has been initiated.

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.



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V. PREDICATE

On October 25, 2014, at approximately [REDACTED], Officer Brian Forbes was conducting a routine security check of 1-West when he noticed the sound of running water in the shower room. Officer Forbes looked through the window of the shower room and observed Inmate Chambless, David #H13892, hanging by his neck from the cage door which encloses the shower. Officer Forbes grasped Inmate Chambless with both arms around the upper torso and lifted him up in order to relieve the pressure on his neck until the ligature cutters arrived. [REDACTED] Inmate Chambless was pronounced deceased at 6:30pm [REDACTED]. This information was reported via the Management Information Notes System (MINS) on October 27, 2014 and assigned as an investigative assist to Inspector George Green on October 28, 2014. FDLE Special Agent Greg Holycross is the lead investigator of this case. **FDLE Case #JA-37-0035**

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:

FDLE Special Agent Greg Holycross indicated in his final report that the autopsy report findings did concur with his investigation that Inmate Chambless was found hanging by his neck from a shower door by correctional officers at RMC on October 25, 2014. The investigation of this case is completed and the case will be closed as the death was due to suicide [REDACTED]

It is my recommendation that this case be closed and no further investigative activity is required.

I. CHARGES

List alleged violations of Florida Law:

NA

II. CONCLUSION

Based on the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's investigative findings that Inmate Chambless's death was from Suicide, this investigative assist is closed as Exceptionally Cleared.

During the course of this investigation there were no administrative issues observed.