

Case# 08-25733

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

*Dorothy A. Mintz*  
Investigators Signature

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Inspector General Case #: 08-25733 Facility: ██████ Cross City CI  
 Classification of Incident: Inmate Death ██████ Field Office/Region: Gainesville / Region 2  
 Incident Date: 07-12-08 Time: 10:00PM Inspector: Dorothy Minta  
 Date of Report: 08-15-08 Case Type: A

Check all that apply:

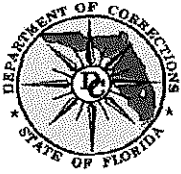
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- Wing Video Camera(s) Present in the Area of Incident  YES  NO

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS:

On July 12, 2008, Inmate Robert Eagan DC#H23210 ██████ by tying a sheet around his neck and hanging himself.

SUMMARY OF DISPOSITION/JUSTIFICATION FOR DOWNGRADE/EXONERATION:

- Inmate Robert Eagan was found ██████ in his cell with a sheet tied around his neck. He was pronounced deceased by ██████ pronounced Inmate Eagan deceased at 10:31PM. Inmate Eagan was housed in the cell by himself. Once the final autopsy report is received an addendum to this report will be submitted.



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	Name	Title / DC #	D.O.B.	Employee ID #
<b>Complainant:</b>	VanBrocklin	Captain	[REDACTED]	21897
<b>Victim:</b>				
<b>Witness(es):</b>	Waddell, Barbara	Inspector Supv.	[REDACTED]	22133
	Hamner, Joseph	Sr. Inspector	[REDACTED]	8675
	Elko, Joseph	Officer	[REDACTED]	6265
	Quesenberry, David	Sergeant	[REDACTED]	17276
	Landrum, Daniel	Sergeant	[REDACTED]	11987
	Clyatt, Montgomery	Officer	[REDACTED]	37340
	Corbin, William	Officer	[REDACTED]	35808
	Dodd, Douglas	Officer	[REDACTED]	36664
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	Harris, Jackie	Sergeant	[REDACTED]	8916
	Boles, William	Officer	[REDACTED]	46688
	Downing, Kevin	Sergeant	[REDACTED]	5836
	O'Steen, Nathaniel	Sergeant	[REDACTED]	15915
<b>Subject(s):</b>	Eagan, Robert	H23210	02-03-86	

Arrest:  Employee     Inmate     Other     Guilty     Addendum Pending  
 Charges:  Not Guilty  
 Felony     Misdemeanor     Nolo Contendere  
 Date of Arrest:  P.T.I.  
 Other (explanation):  
 Date Reported:

Sentence of Court / Agreement:

Administrative Violation(s):

Evidence:  Weapon     Drugs     Other    Describe:  
 Other Agency Case Number:

**FINDINGS:**

At approximately 10:00PM, July 12, 2008, Inmate Robert Eagan DC#H23210 was found in his confinement cell [REDACTED] Inmate Eagan was housed in the cell by himself. Inmate Eagan had one end of a sheet tied around his neck and the other end secured [REDACTED]



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pronounced Inmate Eagan deceased at 10:31PM. The incident was reported to the Inspector General's Office via Management Information Notification System (MINS) July 13, 2008, and assigned to Inspector Dorothy Minta for investigation on July 14, 2008.

In their incident reports dated July 12, 2008, staff reported that at approximately 10:00PM, Officer Joseph Elko was conducting rounds in Administrative Confinement when he observed Inmate Robert Eagan DC#H23210 in his confinement cell with one end of a sheet tied around his neck and the other end [REDACTED]. Officer Elko called for assistance, which arrived at approximately 10:02PM. Security staff untied Inmate Eagan and Security staff [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] pronounced Inmate Eagan deceased at 10:31PM. (Exhibits A-1 through A-12)

Photographs were taken of Inmate Robert Eagan's body. There were [REDACTED] (Exhibit A-13)

Photographs were taken of cell A-1201. Observed was a sheet looped through the back corner of the top bunk and tied into a knot [REDACTED]. The sheet was dangling down from the end of the bunk. There was very little property in the cell, only a couple of books, an address book, and two letters. [REDACTED] (Exhibit A-14)

In his sworn affidavit dated July 18, 2008, Senior Prison Inspector Joseph Hamner indicated that he reviewed the fixed wing video for Administrative Confinement for July 12, 2008, from 7:55PM to 11:17PM. He indicated that the security checks required every [REDACTED] minutes were conducted and no one entered Inmate Eagan's cell until the time reported that he was found with the sheet tied around his neck. (Exhibits A-15, A-16 and B-1)

The fixed wing video for Administrative Confinement was further reviewed and it was noted that after Inmate Eagan was removed from the cell no one entered the cell until Inspector Supervisor Barbara Waddell and I entered to take photographs and search the cell. (Exhibits A-17 and B-2)

On July 14, 2008, Dr. William Hamilton of the 8<sup>th</sup> District Medical Examiner's Office in Gainesville, Florida performed an autopsy on Inmate Eagan. The preliminary autopsy findings were listed as: 1) [REDACTED] and 2) [REDACTED]. The provisional cause of death was listed as: [REDACTED] (Exhibit A-18)



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A review of Inmate Eagan's [REDACTED] revealed that on [REDACTED]

(Exhibits A-19 and B-3)

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**EXHIBIT/ATTACHMENTS SECTION**

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

1. Incident Report Submitted by Officer Elko
2. Incident Report Submitted by Sergeant Quensenberry
3. Incident Report Submitted by Officer Clyatt
4. Incident Report Submitted by Officer Corbin
5. Incident Report Submitted by Sergeant Landrum
6. Incident Report Submitted by Officer Dodd
7. Incident Report Submitted by [REDACTED]
8. Incident Report Submitted by Sergeant Harris
9. Incident Report Submitted by Officer Boles
10. Incident Report Submitted by Sergeant Downing
11. Incident Report Submitted by Sergeant Osteen
12. Control Room [REDACTED]
13. Photographs of Inmate Eagan
14. Photographs of Cell A1201.
15. Affidavit by Inspector Hamner
16. Chain of Custody for Video #1
17. Chain of Custody for Video #2
18. Preliminary Autopsy Report
19. [REDACTED] Printout on Inmate Eagan
20. Principle Exhibits

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

1. Fixed Wing Video #1
2. Fixed Wing Video #2
3. Inmate Eagan's [REDACTED]

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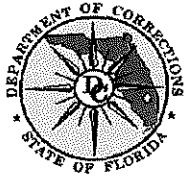
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This report is to document the final autopsy report for the death of Inmate Robert Eagan DC#H23210. On September 11, 2008, the final autopsy report was received from the Medical Examiner's Office. The autopsy findings were listed as:

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]

The probable cause of death was listed as; [REDACTED]

(Exhibit A-1)





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- A. EXHIBIT(s) - attached:**
  - 1. Autopsy Report for Inmate Eagan**
- B. EXHIBIT(s) - not attached:**
  - 1. None**