

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
EVIDENCE / PROPERTY REPORT**

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**NARRATIVE OF EVIDENCE / PROPERTY:**

On December 3, 2015, Inspector Maurice Radford took custody of (13) items of evidence recovered by FDLE for retention and disposal purposes.

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**NARRATIVE:**

On September 6, 2014, On-call Inspector Maurice Radford responded to the D-dormitory at Century Correctional Institution where Inmate Michael Hartford DC# 110086 (*Deceased*) was housed, ensured scene security and performed a cursory review of the scene which included taking digital photographs prior to the arrival of FDLE Special Agent Matt White (*Primary Investigator*).

Inspector Radford also participated in the interview of several staff members (*Witnesses*) at the request of Special Agent White who will document their sworn statements in FDLE case #PE-37-0005.

Inspector Radford served as a liaison on behalf of Special Agent White to Security Management when specific documents, records and reports were solicited for his investigation.

*NOTE: The digital file containing the photographs is too large to attach in IGIIS. Therefore, the digital file will be downloaded to a CD-R and forwarded to Central Records at the conclusion of this investigation.*

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INQUIRY SUMMARY REPORT**

**PREA [ ] YES [X] NO PREA # \_\_\_\_\_**

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**SUMMARY OF INQUIRY:**

On September 6, 2014, On-call Inspector Maurice Radford responded to Century Correctional Institution based upon information received reference the death of Inmate Hartford, ensured scene security and performed a cursory review of the crime scene which included taking digital photographs prior to the arrival of FDLE Special Agent Matt White (*Primary Investigator*).

Inspector Radford also participated in the interview of several staff members at the request of Special Agent White who documented the sworn statements taken in FDLE case # PE-37-0005.

Inspector Radford also served as a liaison between Security Management and Special Agent White for the purpose of acquiring requested records.

On September 8, 2014, Inspector Maurice Radford and Inspector Erik Hartsel attended the post-mortem autopsy of Inmate Hartford with FDLE Special Agent White. Special Agent White will receive, review and evaluate the final autopsy report and document his findings.

On November 12, 2014, Inspector Maurice Radford contacted Special Agent White and learned the death investigation being conducted by FDLE is still open. Special Agent White indicated their case disposition and date of closure is dependent upon a review of the official autopsy report which is still pending as of this date.

On January 8, 2015, Special Agent White sent an email message to Inspector Radford along with a copy of the final report of FDLE case # PE-37-0005 and the autopsy report. The records indicate the case was closed on December 2, 2014, and the manner of Inmate Hartford's death was listed as a suicide.

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On January 12, 2015, Inspector Maurice Radford obtained a death certificate for Inmate Hartford from the Santa Rosa County Health Department, Division of Vital Services. The death certificate indicates Medical Examiner Andrea Minyard performed the post-mortem autopsy and certifies Inmate Hartford died at approximately 3:43 a.m. on September 6, 2014. This official record lists the manner of death to be suicide [REDACTED]

*NOTE: This investigation found no violations of Florida Administrative Code or Department of Corrections Procedures.*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Based upon the information gathered during the course of this inquiry and the lack of any witnesses, evidence or leads to the contrary, Inspector Maurice Radford recommends this inquiry be closed without further action be required by the Office of the Inspector General.

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*NOTE: Inspector Hartsel took digital photographs of Inmate Hartford's body at the autopsy. The digital file containing the photographs is too large to attach in IGIS. Therefore, the digital file will be downloaded to a CD-R and forwarded to Central Records at the conclusion of this investigation.*