



Florida Department of Corrections  
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 Report of Investigation  
 Jeffery T. Beasley, Inspector General

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**Inspector General Case #:** 12-2-4980

**Facility:** (267) Bridges of Jacksonville

**Classification of Incident:** 15E Inmate Death  
 [REDACTED]

**Field Office/Region:** Region II/Gainesville East

**Incident Date:** May 9, 2012

**Time:** 5:30 AM

**Inspector:** J.L. Hale

**Date of Report:** June 4, 2012

**Case Type:** A

- 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:**

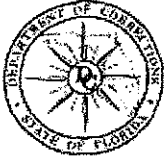
On May 5, 2012, at approximately 5:30 A.M., Inmate Crawford, Eddie DC# J01250, assigned to [REDACTED], was riding his bicycle to work on 5<sup>th</sup> Street between Lane Avenue and Ellis Road in Jacksonville when he was struck by a car. Inmate Crawford was taken [REDACTED] Jacksonville. Inmate Crawford was pronounced deceased at 6:10 A.M. This incident was reported to the Office of the Inspector General on May 9, 2012, via the Management Information Notification System (MINS) and assigned to Inspector J. Hale on May 9, 2012, for investigation.

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

On May 9, 2012, Inmate Crawford was the victim of a fatal crash on 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Jacksonville, Florida upon leaving [REDACTED] enroute to work via his bicycle. According the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Inmate Crawford was obeying all traffic rules when he was struck from behind by Mr. Rodney Holmes. Inmate Crawford had the proper clothing on and had reflective lighting on his bicycle. Charges are pending against Mr. Holmes per Jacksonville Sheriff's Detective Edmonds.

It should be noted there are no street lights on 5<sup>th</sup> Street and no bicycle lanes.

This case was conducted to render assistance to management to review the event and help them with any necessary policy review they deem appropriate.



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	Name	Title / DC #	D.O.B.	Employee ID # or Non-Employee Contact Information
<b>Complainant:</b>	McComb, Robert	Lead Operations Tech	06/19/	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Jacksonville, Fla [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
<b>Victim:</b>	Crawford, Eddie	Inmate / J01250	03/26/76	
<b>Witness(es):</b>	J.A. Webster	Police Officer	Unknown	Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, 501 E Bay St., Jacksonville, Florida (904) 630-0500
	D.B.. Edmonds	Homicide Detective	Unknown	JSO
	Cross, Jeremy	Inmate / 125657	03/14/80	
	Albury, Daniel	Inmate / J16308	11/03/82	
<b>Subject(s):</b>	Holmes, Rodney	Civilian	01/25/	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Arrest:  Employee  Inmate  Other

Addendum Pending

Charges:

Felony  Misdemeanor Date of Arrest:

Date Reported:

Other Agency Case Number:

**FINDINGS:**

On May 9, 2012, Lead Operations Tech McComb submitted an Incident Report indicating that at 5:15 A.M., Inmates Crawford, Eddie DC# J01250, Cross, Jeremy DC# 125657 and Albury, Daniel DC# J16308, left [REDACTED] on bicycles headed to work at IFCO. All three inmates were wearing reflective vests and helmets. At 5:35 A.M., he received a call from Officer J. A. Webster, Jacksonville, Sheriff's Office that Inmate Crawford had been struck by a motor vehicle on 5<sup>th</sup> Street between Lane Avenue and Ellis Road. Inmate Crawford v [REDACTED] (Exhibit A-1)



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At approximately 8:30 a.m., Detective Edmonds contacted [REDACTED] and advised that Inmate Crawford was pronounced deceased at 6:10 a.m., [REDACTED] due to the traffic crash and requested contact information for Inmate Crawford's family.

A Florida Traffic Crash Report was obtained from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) which indicated this was being investigated by the traffic homicide division. Photographs were taken of the scene and at the Medical Examiner's Office. **(Exhibits A-2 & B-2)**

The autopsy examination report was obtained from the Medical Examiner's Office which indicated the manner of death was accidental caused [REDACTED] in the accident. **(Exhibit A-3)**

On May 9, 2012, Inmate Cross was interviewed and in his statement related the following:

He left [REDACTED] at 5:15 am with Inmate Crawford and Inmate Albury on bicycles. They were heading to work at IFCO off Cahoun Road. They left the center and went down 12<sup>th</sup> Street to Ellis Road then over to 5<sup>th</sup> Street with the flow of traffic. Once on 5<sup>th</sup> Street he (Cross) was riding in the front, Crawford was behind him and Albury was in the rear. He could see the headlights on the ground coming behind them and the next thing he heard was something that sounded like a tire blowing out. He then observed the brake lights on the car come on. He did not see Crawford and then saw Albury come around the car calling Crawford's name. He observed Crawford on the ground in front of the car and Albury [REDACTED]. Inmate Crawford's [REDACTED] and he didn't respond to anyone. The driver eventually got out of the car but never said anything to them. A car coming from the other direction saw the accident and [REDACTED] and then he allowed them to call [REDACTED] using his cell phone. The witness told them (Cross and Albury) he saw them coming down the road with their vests on. He (Cross) had seen the car, Chevy Impala, before on his way to work when he had gotten stopped at the railroad track but did not know the driver. **(Exhibit B-1)**

On May 9, 2012, Inmate Albury was interviewed and in his statement related the following:

He was leaving [REDACTED] going to work at IFCO off Cahoun Road. They (Crawford, Albury and Cross) left [REDACTED] together on bicycles wearing all required protective gear. They went west on 12<sup>th</sup> to Ellis then a right on 5<sup>th</sup>. About 100 yards down the road two cars were coming from the east and they were headed west on the side of the road. They were in a line together as far to the side of the road as possible without being in the grass. He observed the headlights of a car coming at a high rate of speed from behind them. The guy in the car (Chevy Impala) came so close to him that it scared him and it seemed like he (driver) was drifting to the right when he passed him. He didn't have time to say anything before the car swerved and hit Inmate Crawford. When the car hit Crawford, he went on top of the car. He got off his bicycle ran to Inmate Crawford and observed his [REDACTED]. The witness coming east stopped and called [REDACTED] and stayed until the police arrived. The driver of the car never said anything to them. The back of his bike had a blinking red light on it and he always carried a flashlight. He (Albury) actually had Inmate Crawford's back pack on and it had an orange vest tied to the back of it. **(Exhibit B-1)**

On May 9, 2012, Detective Edmonds with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office was contacted. Detective Edmonds stated criminal charges were pending against the driver of the vehicle. The driver was speeding at the time of the accident and [REDACTED]. The process he advised would take approximately 60 to 90 days to



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complete. Det. Edmonds further advised that all three of the inmates were in the right, wearing safety devices and riding with the flow of traffic.

During the course of this inquiry it was discovered some inmates were wearing backpacks over their reflective vests. Mr. Jeffrey Wainwright, [REDACTED], was present at [REDACTED] at the time of the inquiry and was advised of this finding. Mr. Wainwright immediately implemented a new procedure requiring all inmates wear their backpacks under the reflective vest. It should be noted in this case there was a hunter orange vest attached to the backpack being worn by Inmate Alford and he was wearing a reflective vest. Inmate Crawford was wearing a hunter orange vest, which was within policy. All three of the inmates in this case were in compliance with policy and procedure.





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**EXHIBIT/ATTACHMENTS SECTION**

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

1. Incident Report submitted by Operations Tech. McComb
2. Traffic Crash Report obtained from JSO
3. Autopsy Examination Report from Medical Examiner's Office

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

1. CD containing digital recordings of the following:
  - Inmate Cross
  - Inmate Albury
2. CD containing photographs