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Inspector General Case #: 11-2-12511

Facility: Union Correctional Institution

Classification of Incident: [REDACTED]

Field Office/Region: Gainesville / 2 East

Incident Date: 12/05/11

Time: 3:56 p.m.

Inspector: E.J. Whatley

Date of Report: 04/02/12

Case Type: A

- Case of Special Interest
- Confidential [REDACTED]
- 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 December 05, 2011 at approximately 3:56 p.m., Inmate William Davis #J31703 was observed on the floor of his cell [REDACTED] with a sheet tied around his neck. Inmate Davis was pronounced deceased [REDACTED] on December 05, 2011, at approximately 4:25 p.m. This incident was reported to The Office of the Inspector General via the Management Information Notification System (MINS) on December 05, 2011 and assigned to Senior Inspector E. J. Whatley on December 06, 2011 for investigation.

SUMMARY OF DISPOSITION/JUSTIFICATION FOR DOWNGRADE/EXONERATION:

As a result of this investigation, it is determined that this Investigative Report is being CLOSED Exceptionally based on autopsy findings. The probable cause of death of Inmate William Davis is listed [REDACTED]



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	Name	Title / DC #	D.O.B.	Employee ID # or Non-Employee Contact Information
Complainant:	Oliver, Michael	Lieutenant	[REDACTED]	15828
Victim:	Davis, William	Inmate / J31703	10/07/82	
Witness(es):	Oliver, Michael	Lieutenant	[REDACTED]	15828
	Robinson, Timmy	Lieutenant	[REDACTED]	18211
	Blue, Darian	Sergeant	[REDACTED]	1864
	Lee, Jerome	Sergeant	[REDACTED]	12310
	Ivey, Marcos	Sergeant	[REDACTED]	10305
	Suain, Joseph	Sergeant	[REDACTED]	20746
	Summerall, William	Sergeant	[REDACTED]	20790
	Rhodes, Bobby	Officer	[REDACTED]	17727
	Murriell, Eugene	Officer	[REDACTED]	54299
	Sexton, Terry	Officer	[REDACTED]	33036
	Betts, Roderick	Officer	[REDACTED]	61879
	Harris, Doney	Officer	[REDACTED]	54718
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	28088
	Brown, Paul	Inmate / V02093	07/31/67	
	Zack, Michael	Inmate / 124439	12/14/68	
Subject(s):	N/A			

Arrest: Employee Inmate Other

Addendum Pending

Charges:

Felony Misdemeanor Date of Arrest:

Date Reported:

Other Agency Case Number:

FINDINGS:

On December 05, 2011, Lieutenant Michael Oliver filed an incident report indicating that on that date at approximately 3:56 p.m., while in P-dormitory at Union Correctional Institution, he approached cell P6-203, which housed Inmate William Davis #J31703.



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As he approached Inmate Davis' cell he observed that he (Davis) [REDACTED] with one end of a sheet tied around the cell bar and the other end of the sheet tied around Inmate Davis' neck.

Inmate Davis was escorted [REDACTED] at Union Correctional Institution where [REDACTED] pronounced Inmate Davis deceased at approximately 4:25 p.m. (Exhibit A1)

On December 05, 2011, Lieutenant Timmy Robinson filed an incident report indicating that on that date at approximately 3:56 p.m., while in P-dormitory at Union Correctional Institution, he approached cell P6-203, which housed Inmate William Davis #J31703.

As he approached the cell he observed that Inmate Davis had one end of a bed sheet tied around the bars and the other end of the bed sheet tied around his neck.

Lieutenant Robinson indicated that once sufficient staff was present he ordered for the cell to be breached. Once the cell was breached he [REDACTED]

(Exhibit A2)

On December 05, 2011, Officer Bobby Rhodes filed an incident report indicating that on that date at approximately 3:27 p.m., he was [REDACTED] to Inmate William Davis' cell, P6-203.

When he arrived with [REDACTED] to Inmate Davis' cell, they observed Inmate Davis stroking his erect penis in a back and forth motion while staring at [REDACTED] (Exhibit A3)

On December 05, 2011, Sergeant Darian Blue and Sergeant Jerome Lee filed an incident report indicating that on that date they observed Inmate Davis in his cell hanging with a sheet tied around his neck.

(Exhibit A4 and A5)

On December 05, 2011, Officer Doney Harris filed an incident report indicating that he assisted in breaching Inmate Davis' cell, and once inside the cell he placed the leg restraints on Inmate Davis. (Exhibit A6)

On December 05, 2011, Sergeant Marcus Ivey filed an incident report indicating that on that date he observed Inmate Davis hanging in his cell with a sheet tied around his neck.

Sergeant Ivey indicated that he [REDACTED] He then [REDACTED] (Exhibit A7)

On December 05, 2011, Officer Terry Sexton filed an incident report indicating that on that date he [REDACTED] He then relieved Sergeant Ivey [REDACTED] (Exhibit A8)



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On December 05, 2011, Sergeant William Summerall filed an incident report indicating that on that date while working as the P-dormitory housing supervisor, he was instructed by Lieutenant Robinson to [REDACTED] (Exhibit A9)

On December 05, 2011, Officer Eugene Murriell filed an incident report indicating that [REDACTED] (Exhibit A10)

On December 05, 2011, Officer Roderick Betts filed an incident report indicating that [REDACTED] (Exhibit A11)

A review of the December 05, 2011, fixed wing video from the second floor of wing six of P-dormitory from 8:00 a.m. until 4:06 p.m., when Inmate Davis was removed from the wing failed to reveal anything out of the ordinary. No one entered Inmate Davis' cell until he was [REDACTED] (Exhibit B1)

On December 05, 2011, during a sworn, recorded interview, Lieutenant Michael Oliver indicated the following:

On December 05, 2011, he was working at Union Correctional Institution as the assistant shift supervisor, when he got a call from Lieutenant Robinson that Inmate Davis needed to be put on property restriction but was refusing to put handcuffs on.

Lieutenant Oliver indicated that at approximately 3:56 p.m., when he went down to death row to give the Inmate Davis a final order, observed that he (*Davis*) had tied one end of sheet to the cell bars, and the other end of the sheet around his (*Davis*) neck, and was lying almost horizontal on the floor, [REDACTED]

Lieutenant Oliver indicated that as he called for assistance to breach the cell door, he noticed that the sheet did not appear to be tied real tight, so he reached in and untied the sheet from the cell bars to take the pressure off the inmates' neck.

Lieutenant Oliver indicated that he then [REDACTED] (Exhibit B2)

On December 05, 2011, during a sworn, recorded interview, Lieutenant Timmy Robinson indicated the following:

On December 05, 2011, while working at Union Correctional Institution as the assistant OIC (*Officer in Charge*) at the death row unit, he came into contact with Inmate William Davis, in cell 6203 in P-dormitory.

Lieutenant Robinson observed that Inmate Davis' cell was out of order, sheets all over the place clothing in the toilet; he instructed him (*Davis*) that since his cell was out of order, he was going to be placed on property restriction.



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Lieutenant Robinson ordered Inmate Davis to come to the flap to have handcuffs placed on him for property restriction; Inmate Davis advised him (*Robinson*) that he was not going anywhere until they put him on camera.

At approximately 3:56 p.m., Lieutenant Robinson along with Lieutenant Michael Oliver arrived in front of Inmate Davis' cell, where they observed the inmate in his cell hanging with a sheet tied around his neck, [REDACTED]

Lieutenant Robinson called for assistance to breach the cell, while waiting for assistance Lieutenant Oliver untied the sheet from the cell bars. [REDACTED]

(Exhibit B2)

On December 05, 2011, during a sworn, recorded interview, Sergeant Darian Blue indicated the following:

On December 05, 2011, between 3:30 and 3:45 p.m., he went to cell 6203 in P-dormitory at Union Correctional Institution, to assist in stripping Inmate Davis' cell out. Upon arriving at the cell, Inmate Davis appeared [REDACTED], pacing his cell, and stated "go get the camera".

At approximately 3:50 p.m., he was present with Sergeant Lee, Lieutenant Oliver and Lieutenant Robinson, when he observed Inmate Davis, [REDACTED] lying on the floor with a sheet around his neck, hanging from the cell rail.

Lieutenant Robinson called for assistance and the shield to breach the cell. Once the cell was breached, [REDACTED]

Sergeant Blue indicated that Inmate Davis [REDACTED]

(Exhibit B2)

On December 05, 2011, during a sworn, recorded interview, Sergeant Jerome Lee indicated the following:

On December 05, 2011, at approximately 3:37 p.m., he went to cell 6203 in P-dormitory at Union Correctional Institution, where Lieutenant Robinson instructed Inmate Davis to submit to handcuffing because he was going on property restriction.

Sergeant Lee indicated that Inmate Davis seemed agitated, walking back and forth in his cell, and told Lieutenant Robinson that he wasn't going to submit to handcuffing, that he (*Robinson*) needed to get the camera.

Sergeant Lee indicated that when he returned to Inmate Davis' cell later, with Lieutenant Oliver and Lieutenant Robinson, to talk to Inmate Davis about handcuffing, he observed Inmate Davis lying on the floor, with his head hanging down, with a sheet tied around his neck, hanging from the upper bar.

(Exhibit B2)



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On January 04, 2012, during a sworn, recorded interview, Inmate Paul Brown indicated the following:

On December 05, 2011 Inmate Davis had an incident with [REDACTED]; he (Davis) had his hands down his pants when she [REDACTED] gave him (Davis) [REDACTED] told Inmate Davis that she has told him about that before and that she was going to write him a D.R. (Disciplinary Report).

Inmate Davis did not make any comment and [REDACTED] left. A short time later Lieutenant Robinson arrived and told him to cuff up, he (Brown) heard Inmate Davis refuse to be handcuffed. Lieutenant Robinson then left and returned a short time later.

Inmate Brown indicated that after [REDACTED] left and before Lieutenant Robinson arrived Inmate Davis did not say anything and he did not hear any commotion coming from Inmate Davis' cell. (Exhibit B2)

On January 04, 2012, during a sworn, recorded interview, Inmate Michael Zack indicated the following:

On December 05, 2011, he was housed in cell 6204 in P-dormitory, and Inmate William Davis was housed in the cell next to him, cell 6203. When he spoke to Inmate Davis that day he seemed alright until [REDACTED] came on the wing and told him that she warned him not to do that anymore, and that she was going to write him a disciplinary report. Afterwards Inmate Davis asked him to pass a book he borrowed to the person he borrowed it from.

Lieutenant Robinson talked to Inmate Davis and asked him if he was going to cuff up, and Inmate Davis said "no you need to go get your camera". The officers then left from in front of his (Davis) cell.

After the officers left Inmate Davis did not say anything, and he (Zack) did not hear anything coming from his (Davis) cell, and that Inmate Davis never made any threats [REDACTED] (Exhibit B2)

On January 04, 2012, during a sworn, recorded interview, [REDACTED] indicated the following:

On December 05, 2011, at approximately 3:30 p.m., she was escorted by Officer Bobby Rhodes down the wing to give Inmate Davis [REDACTED]. At that time she witnessed Inmate Davis masturbating and instructed him to stop, which he complied. She then advised the inmate that she would be writing him a D.R. (Disciplinary Report) and gave him [REDACTED] and exited the wing. Inmate Davis never said a word to her and looked shocked.

When she arrived to the cell after Inmate Davis had hung himself, [REDACTED]

(Exhibit B2)

On January 04, 2012, during a sworn, recorded interview, Officer Doney Harris indicated the following:

On December 05, 2011, while assigned as the P-dormitory housing officer at Union Correctional Institution, he came into contact with Inmate William Davis on several occasions, and [REDACTED]



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Officer Harris indicated during his last security check at approximately 3:30 p.m. Inmate Davis was observed sitting on his bunk, he (*Harris*) asked him if he was alright, and Inmate Davis did not say anything. (Exhibit B2)

On January 04, 2012, during a sworn, recorded interview, Sergeant Joseph Suain indicated the following:

On December 05, 2011, he was assigned as a floor officer in P-dormitory at Union Correctional Institution he came into contact with Inmate William Davis. Inmate Davis did not give him any indication that he was [REDACTED] (Exhibit B2)

On January 04, 2012, during a sworn, recorded interview, Sergeant Marcus Ivey indicated the following:

On December 05, 2011, while assigned as the law library sergeant at Union Correctional Institution, Lieutenant Robinson asked him, Sergeant Lee and Officer Sexton to go to Inmate Davis' cell, handcuff him and bring him out of his cell.

When Lieutenant Robinson attempted to get the inmate to cuff up, the inmate stated "bring the camera", indicating that he wasn't coming out of his cell without a camera present. Inmate Davis gave no indication that he [REDACTED] (Exhibit B2)

On January 04, 2012, during a sworn, recorded interview, Officer Terry Sexton indicated the following:

On December 05, 2011, while assigned as the administrative security officer in P-dormitory at Union Correctional Institution, he went to Inmate Davis' cell with Lieutenant Robinson, Sergeant Lee and Sergeant Ivey, where they ordered Inmate Davis to turn around and cuff up.

Inmate Davis stated "I'm not cuffing up or coming out unless I'm on camera", Lieutenant Robinson told Inmate Davis that was fine and that he would be back in a little bit and they left.

Officer Sexton indicated that approximately 20-25 minutes later he was called to Inmate Davis' cell where he observed Inmate Davis [REDACTED] with a sheet tied around his neck lying on his side facing the wall, toward his bunk.

Lieutenant Robinson ordered the cell door opened and Inmate Davis was handcuffed, he (*Sexton*) checked [REDACTED] Sergeant Ivey also [REDACTED]

Lieutenant Robinson then advised them to [REDACTED] (Exhibit B2)

On January 12, 2012, during a sworn, recorded interview, Officer Bobby Rhodes indicated the following:

On December 05, 2011, he and [REDACTED] was making a round when they arrived at Inmate William Davis' cell, where he observed Inmate Davis standing with his penis in his hand jerking it back and



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forth. When [REDACTED] said something to him (*Davis*), he just dropped his mouth like he was in shock [REDACTED] caught him. (Exhibit B2)

On February 14, 2012, during a sworn, recorded interview, Sergeant William Summerall indicated the following:

On December 05, 2011, Lieutenant Robinson called him to Inmate Davis' cell, where he observed Inmate Davis lying on the cell floor with a sheet wrapped around the upper bars, Lieutenant Robinson then advised him (*Summerall*) [REDACTED] (Exhibit B2)

On February 14, 2012, during a sworn, recorded interview, Officer Roderick Betts indicated the following:

On December 05, 2011, he relieved the officer [REDACTED] on Inmate Davis, [REDACTED] Officer Betts he then [REDACTED] Inmate Davis was pronounced deceased by [REDACTED] (Exhibit B2)

On February 14, 2012, during a sworn, recorded interview, Officer Eugene Murriell indicated the following:

On December 05, 2011, he observed Inmate Davis lying on the floor in his cell [REDACTED] and assisted in [REDACTED] Once the inmate was [REDACTED] he (*Murriell*) [REDACTED] and was present when he was pronounced deceased by [REDACTED] (Exhibit B2)

A review of Inmate William Davis' autopsy report revealed that the probable cause of death to Inmate Davis was as a result of [REDACTED] the manner of death would be classified as a suicide. (Exhibit B3)



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04/05/2012

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Deputy Inspector General / Deputy Inspector General
 Chief of Investigations Chief of Special Operations

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Inspector General

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EXHIBIT/ATTACHMENTS SECTION

A. EXHIBIT(s) - attached:

1. Incident report submitted by Lieutenant Michael Oliver.
2. Incident report submitted by Lieutenant Timmy Robinson.
3. Incident report submitted by Officer Bobby Rhodes.
4. Incident report submitted by Sergeant Darian Blue.
5. Incident report submitted by Sergeant Jerome Lee.
6. Incident report submitted by Officer Doney Harris.
7. Incident report submitted by Sergeant Marcus Ivey.
8. Incident report submitted by Officer Terry Sexton.
9. Incident report submitted by Sergeant William Summerall.
10. Incident report submitted by Officer Eugene Murriell.
11. Incident report submitted by Officer Roderick Betts.

B. EXHIBIT(s) - not attached:

1. Fixed-wing video from wing 6, P-dormitory, from December 05, 2011.
2. Sworn Statements of Lieutenant Michael Oliver, Lieutenant Timmy Robinson, Sergeant Darian Blue, Sergeant Jerome Lee, Sergeant Joseph Suain, Sergeant Marcus Ivey, Sergeant William Summerall, Officer Doney Harris, Officer Terry Sexton, Officer Bobby Rhodes, Officer Roderick Betts, Officer Eugene Murriell, [REDACTED] Inmate Paul Brown and Inmate Michael Zack
3. Autopsy Findings from the Gainesville Medical Examiner's Office.