

# Florida Department of Corrections



## Office of the Inspector General

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION  
INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST  
CASE # 15-10580**



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**INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST SUMMARY REPORT**



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**Case Number:** 15-10580

**OIG Inspector:** Inspector Kenneth Smith

**Outside Agency:** Florida Department of Law Enforcement

**Outside Agency Investigator:** Special Agent Amanda Spurlin

**Date Assigned or Initiated:** 05-29-2015

**Complaint Against:** Inmate Gregory Larkin DC#J46401

**Location of Incident – Institution/Facility/Office:** Florida State Prison Main Unit

**Complainant:** Correctional Officer Brian Snide

**Outside Agency Case #:** JA-73-1614

**Use of Force Number:** N/A

**PREA Number:** N/A

**Classification of Incident:** Inmate Death (Suicide)

**Confidential Medical Information Included:**  Yes  No

**Whistle-Blower Investigation:**  Yes  No

**Chief Inspector General Case Number:**



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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.

**Investigative Assist Closed**

Refers to a disposition of an investigative assist, where the conduct being investigated by the outside agency did not concern allegations against a Department employee, contractor, inmate, offender, or other person either employed or under the supervision of the Department.



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**V. PREDICATE**

On May 27, 2015, Officer Brian Snide assigned to Florida State Prison on G-wing, indicated he passed by cell G2313S which housed Inmate Gregory Larkin DC#J46401 and observed him on his knees appearing to be praying. Officer Brian indicated he stopped at the cell and observed Inmate Larking [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Officer Snide informed Sergeant Richard Padgett and called for [REDACTED] EAC was notified and FDLE Agent Amanda Spurlin responded to the incident. This information was entered into MINS on May 28, 2015 and Inspector Kenneth Smith was assigned to assist in the case with FDLE Agent Spurlin. FDLE Case#JA-73-1614

**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:

On May 27, 2015, at approximately 11:54 PM Officer Brian Snide was conducting a security check and found Inmate Gregory Larkin DC#J46401 [REDACTED] his single man cell. Inmate Larkin was pronounced deceased and Inspector Kenneth Smith was notified. Inspector Smith meet with Florida Department of Law Enforcement Special Agent Amanda Spurlin at the scene. Agent Spurlin conducted her investigation into the incident.

In a report submitted by FDLE Agent Amanda Spurlin, she indicates the final autopsy report from the Medical Examiner's Office indicates Inmate Larkin's manner of death was suicide. She advised her case was closed based on the Medical Examiner's Report.

On May 28, 2015, the Gainesville Medical Examiner's Office conducted an autopsy of Inmate Gregory Larkin DC#J4640, with the following results:

[REDACTED]

**Preliminary Autopsy Findings:**

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Probable Cause of Death: [REDACTED]

Manner of Death: Suicide

*Note: Administrative violations were noted during this investigation and will be addressed by Senior Inspector Stacy Fish in Administrative Case 15-19228.*



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**VII. CHARGES**

List alleged violations of Florida Law:

1. N/A

**VIII. CONCLUSION**

Based on the information gathered during this investigation, it is the recommendation of Inspector Kenneth Smith, this case be closed Exceptionally Cleared. The Post Mortem Examination Report Indicates Inmate Gregory Larkin DC#J46401 died from Suicide [REDACTED]

1. Exceptionally Cleared