



Florida Department Of Corrections
 Office of the Inspector General
 Report of Investigation
 Paul C. Decker, Inspector General



Inspector General Case #: 09-1661

Facility: South Florida Reception Center (SFRC)

Classification of Incident: [REDACTED]

Field Office/Region: Fort Lauderdale/IV

Incident Date: 05/22/09 Time: 0135 hours

Inspector: M. McGrath

Date of Report: August 6, 2009

Case Type: A1

Check all that apply:

- [REDACTED]
- Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Number (if applicable):
- Principal(s) Exhibits Attached
- Department of Corrections presented to State Attorney Declined Accepted
- Use of Force (UOF) Number:
- Complaint of Discrimination
- Addendum
- Wing Video Camera(s) Present in the Area of Incident YES NO

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS:

Inmate Solano [REDACTED]

SUMMARY OF DISPOSITION/JUSTIFICATION FOR DOWNGRADE/EXONERATION:

Inmate Solano, Angel DC# M26351, expired on May 23, 2009, [REDACTED] The primary investigation will be handled by Miami Dade Police Department.



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	Name	Title / DC #	D.O.B.	Employee ID #
Complainant:	Henkle, Luther	Captain	[REDACTED]	9336
Victim:				
Witness(es):	Rose, Marlon	Officer	[REDACTED]	48350
	Johnson, Eric	Sergeant	[REDACTED]	42070
	Alvarado, Hugo	Sergeant	[REDACTED]	38049
	Oriental, Kinson	Sergeant	[REDACTED]	48894
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Subject(s):	Solano, Angel	M26351	04/24/1969	N/A

Arrest: Employee Inmate Other Guilty Addendum Pending
Charges: Not Guilty

Felony Misdemeanor Nolo Contendere
 P.T.I. Other (explanation):
Date of Arrest: Date Reported:

Sentence of Court / Agreement:

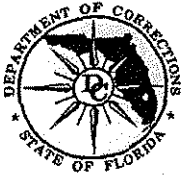
Administrative Violation(s):

Evidence: Weapon Drugs Other Describe:
Other Agency Case Number: Miami Dade Police Case Number – PD090523226988

FINDINGS:

In his incident report of May 22, 2009, Sergeant K. Oriental indicated the following:

On May 22, 2009, at approximately 7:35pm, he placed Inmate Solano, Angel DC# M26351, in hand restraints in front of his body. He removed Solano from the shower cell next to cell E1207 and placed another inmate inside. Upon removing the other inmate's restraints, he heard Sergeant E. Medina order Solano to get down from the railing. He turned around and observed Inmate Solano standing on the top rail [REDACTED] He was holding onto a section of conduit pipe that runs across the wall.



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Inmate Solano was given several orders to step down off of the railing, but did not comply. The emergency response team was activated. Captain H. Young responded and ordered Inmate Solano to step down to which he complied. Inmate Solano was escorted to Delta dormitory [REDACTED] he was escorted back to Echo dormitory and secured in cell E1102.

(Exhibit A1)

In his Incident Report of May 23, 2009, Captain Henkle indicated the following:

On May 23, 2009, at approximately 1:40am, Echo dormitory Sergeant H. Alvarado requested assistance. He reported an inmate [REDACTED] in Echo dormitory. The Alpha Team [REDACTED] was activated and responded to the incident. Upon his arrival, he observed Inmate Solano, Angel DC# M26351, [REDACTED]

The Control Room Sergeant S. Thomas [REDACTED] and notified the On-Duty Warden. At approximately 2:05am, [REDACTED] At approximately 2:10am, Emergency Action Center Duty Officer Allison was notified and stated On-Duty Inspector K. Harrell would be notified. At approximately 2:20am, [REDACTED]

At approximately 2:30am, Miami Dade Police Sergeant Z. Jones and Officer J. Rodriguez arrived. Their assigned case number is PD09052326988. Duty Warden T. Hoey arrived and was briefed on the incident. [REDACTED] Warden Harris arrived at the institution at approximately 3:49am. Warden Harris, On-Duty Warden T. Hoey, Inspector McGrath, and Miami-Dade Police Department Detective J. Garrido entered the institution en route to Echo Dormitory.

Miami-Dade Police Crime Scene Investigator L. Toledo entered the institution at 4:10am, and departed at approximately 4:50am with Detective Garrido. At approximately 5:35am, [REDACTED] pronounced the death of Inmate Solano. At approximately 6:00am, Miami Dade Medical Examiners C. Wilson and P. Lexime arrived at the institution. At approximately 6:20am, they departed the institution with Inmate Solano, Angel DC# M26531.

(Exhibit A2)

In his Incident Report of May 23, 2009, Officer M. Rose indicated the following:

On Saturday, May 23, 2009, at approximately 1:35am, he was conducting an informal count. He observed Inmate Solano, Angel DC# M26351, [REDACTED] He notified his supervisor Sergeant H. Alvarado. They entered the [REDACTED] Sergeant Alvarado [REDACTED] Officer Rose retrieved the ligature cutter and cut the linen from around the inmate's neck. [REDACTED] Sergeant E. Johnson [REDACTED]

(Exhibit A3)



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The entire Incident Report Package is included in this report.

(Exhibit B1)

In his Preliminary Police Death Investigation Report case number PD090523226988, Detective Garrido indicated the following:

Inmate Solano was serving a 10 year sentence for burglary and aggravated battery. He was transferred to South Florida Reception Center on May 11, 2009 from Martin Correctional Facility. On May 22, 2009, Inmate Solano [REDACTED] He was then transferred to confinement D. At 1:00 am, he was observed pacing in his cell and asked for the light to be turned off. At 1:35am, the cell was checked again and the victim was discovered hanging by the neck from a bed sheet.

(Exhibit A4)

On May 23, 2009, Inspector McGrath submitted a request for Inmate Solano's autopsy report to Miami-Dade Medical Examiner via facsimile.

(Exhibit A5)

The fixed wing video was reviewed by Warden David Harris and Duty Warden Timothy Hoey. They found no wrongdoing on behalf of the confinement or the responding staff.

(Exhibit B2)

The autopsy report was received on July 27, 2009. A copy is attached and a copy has been sent to the Fort Lauderdale Field office.

(Exhibit A6)

A Principals Exhibit page is included.

(Exhibit A7)



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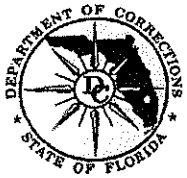


"I, the undersigned, do hereby swear, under penalty of perjury, that, to the best of my personal knowledge, information, and belief, I have not knowingly or willfully deprived, or allowed another to deprive, the subject of the investigation of any of the rights contained in ss.112.532 and 112.533, Florida Statutes."

"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."

Investigator's Signature

Date

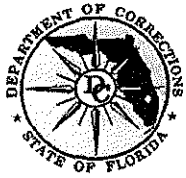


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_____	Institutional Inspector	_____	Date
_____	Prison Inspector Supervisor	_____	Date
_____	Chief Prison Inspector	_____	Date
_____	Deputy/Inspector General	_____	Date



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EXHIBIT/ATTACHMENTS SECTION

A. EXHIBIT(s) - attached:

1. Incident report of Sergeant Oriental
2. Incident report of Captain Henkle
3. Incident report of Officer Rose
4. Preliminary Police Death Investigation Report of Detective Garrido
5. Request for autopsy report
6. Autopsy report
7. Principals Exhibit Section

B. EXHIBIT(s) – not attached:

1. Incident report packet
2. Fixed Wing Video