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Case Number: 11-4-6808



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"Furthermore, under penalties of perjury, I declare I have read the attached report and the contents of the report are true and accurate based upon my personal knowledge, information, and belief."

Inspectors Signature

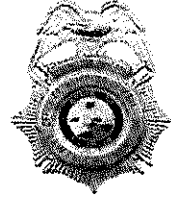
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Facility: Everglades Correctional Institution

Classification of Incident: [REDACTED]

Field Office/Region: Ft. Lauderdale/IV

Incident Date: 11/19/11

Time: 1118

Inspector: K. Jackson

Date of Report: 02/13/12

Case Type: A1

- 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:

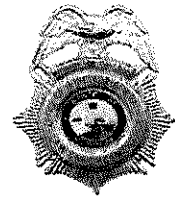
On November 19, 2011, at approximately 11:18am, Correctional Officer Sergeant Consuelo Wadley radioed for assistance as Inmate Kurt Williams DC# P09743 was sitting in the last bathroom stall in Bravo Dormitory with [REDACTED]. Inmate Williams was pronounced dead by [REDACTED] at approximately 11:45pm. The incident was entered into MINS on November 21, 2011 and assigned for investigation on November 22, 2011.

SUMMARY OF DISPOSITION/JUSTIFICATION FOR DOWNGRADE/EXONERATION:

As a result of this investigation, it is determined that there are no administrative violations related to Inmate Kurt Williams' death. The Miami-Dade Medical Examiner's Office cited the Cause of Death as [REDACTED] and the Manner of Death as Suicide.



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	Name	Title / DC #	D.O.B.	Employee ID # or Non-Employee Contact Information
Complainant:	McCollum, Kenneth	Correctional Officer Lieutenant	[REDACTED]	13689
Victim:	Williams, Kurt	DC# P09743	11/23/80	
Witness(es):	Wadley, Consuelo	Correctional Officer Sergeant	[REDACTED]	43743
	Maner, Christopher	DC# K05422	06/20/82	
	Lucas, Jonathan	DC# Y37788	09/23/85	
Subject(s):				

Arrest: Employee Inmate Other Addendum Pending

Charges:

Felony Misdemeanor Date of Arrest: Date Reported:

Final Court Action(s):

Other Agency Case Number:

FINDINGS:

In her sworn, taped-recorded statement of December 14, 2011, Correctional Officer Sergeant Consuelo Wadley indicated the following:

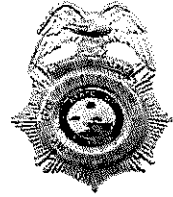
She completed a security check at approximately [REDACTED] the inmates were returning to the dormitory from recreation. She said she went to side two for a security check and as she was walking toward the back she [REDACTED]. She radioed the control room that an inmate had [REDACTED]. Inmate Williams was in the last stall sitting on the toilet [REDACTED].

She had the officer call the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] After he was removed from the dormitory she placed a barrier in front of the bathroom to secure the scene.



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[REDACTED]

Sergeant Wadley also indicated that Inmate Williams purchased items from the canteen before he [REDACTED] but he did not have any canteen items in his property; she did not believe that the items were stolen. However [REDACTED] (Exhibit B1)

In his sworn, taped-recorded statement of January 10, 2012, Inmate Christopher Maner DC# K05422 indicated the following:

“Kurt” was in the “pod” with him and they talked, however, he was very good friends with Inmate Lucas. Inmate Williams borrowed food from him the night before (his death). The next morning Inmate Williams woke him up and gave him the food that he owed him.

[REDACTED]

On the day of Inmate Williams’ death, “Lucas” came to him and told him that “Kurt” had been in the back stall for five or ten minutes. “You only in the back stall when you are jacking off.” Inmates put a “shirt up” which is a sign not to come back there. “Lucas” told him that he did not want to go to the stall because he did not want “Kurt” to think that he was policing him. Inmate Maner said he went to the stall to check on Inmate Williams and when he walked into the bathroom he saw a foot that was shaking; then [REDACTED] and he ran and told the officer. [REDACTED]

(Exhibit B2)

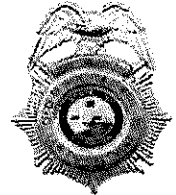
In his sworn, taped-recorded statement of January 11, 2012, Inmate Jonathan Lucas DC# Y37788 indicated the following:

He and Inmate Williams were friends. It was a Saturday and he was washing clothes in the bathroom. He went to his bunk to retrieve soap when “Kurt” stopped him and said [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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When they called "yard" he (Williams) went to the canteen. When Inmate Williams returned to the dormitory he (Lucas) was still in the bathroom washing his clothes. Inmate Williams purchased some items from the canteen and paid his debts. "He owed a couple of people in the dorm; nothing major ten, fifteen bucks maybe." Inmate Williams then entered the bathroom and they talked; after their conversation he went into the forth stall, used the bathroom and left.

Approximately ten or fifteen went by then Inmate Williams returned to the bathroom with his roll of toilet paper and went to the back stall; that is the "privacy" stall where you go when you want to "masturbate." He thought that Inmate Williams was taking his advice and relieving himself in order to relieve stress "because he never did any of that kind of stuff" (masturbate).

Inmate Williams was in the bathroom for approximately ten minutes when he (Lucas) began to think about the conversation he had had with Inmate Williams earlier, [REDACTED] Inmate Lucas said he did not want to go to the stall because he did not want Inmate Williams to think that he was "policing" him. He began thinking about, "What ifs;" therefore, he asked his buddy from the county jail, "Maner" to go check on Inmate Williams. Inmate Maner went to the back of the bathroom and ran out "two seconds" later and [REDACTED] and began "beaten" down the officer's station window.

He (Lucas) ran to the back stall and saw him (Williams) [REDACTED]

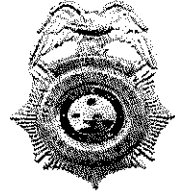
Inmate Lucas also indicated two weeks prior to his death Inmate Williams [REDACTED]

Inmate Kurt Williams' death was investigated by Miami-Dade Police Homicide Detective Chris Villano. Miami-Dade Medical Examiner's Office Investigative and Autopsy reports cite the Cause of Death as [REDACTED] and it was indicated on the Investigative Report that the Manner of Death was Suicide. (Exhibit A1)

There were no administrative violations related to Inmate Williams' death and all required notifications were made.



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[Handwritten Signature]

 Law Enforcement Senior Inspector

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 Regional Supervisor / Lead Inspector

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Kathleen Howell

 Lead Supervisor

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

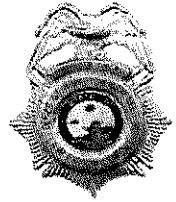
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EXHIBIT/ATTACHMENTS SECTION

A. EXHIBIT(s) - attached:

1. Medical Examiner's Officer Investigative and Autopsy Reports

B. EXHIBIT(s) - not attached:

1. Recorded statement Sergeant Wadley
2. Recorded statement Inmate Manner
3. Recorded statement Inmate Lucas