

Florida Department of Corrections



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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Case # 15-6678



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CASE SUMMARY REPORT

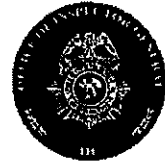


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Case Number: 15-6678

Inspector: Inspector Jerri Hale

Date Assigned or Initiated: 04-21-2015

Complaint Against: Inmate Brewer, James DC# P18967

Location of Incident – Institution/Facility/Office: (207) Reception and Medical Center

Complainant: Correctional Officer Lieutenant James Whitehead

Use of Force Number: N/A

PREA Number: N/A

Classification of Incident: Inmate Death (Accidental)

Confidential Medical Information Included: Yes No

Whistle-Blower Investigation: Yes No

Equal Employment Opportunity Investigation: Yes No

Chief Inspector General Case Number: N/A



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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.



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V. PREDICATE

On April 17, 2015, Lieutenant James Whitehead submitted an Incident Report indicating while assigned as Lieutenant at _____, he was advised Inmate Brewer, James DC# P18967, had been pronounced deceased by _____

This information was reported in MINS on April 17, 2015, and assigned to Inspector J. Hale for investigation on April 21, 2015.

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:

At approximately 1335 hours on April 17, 2015, I was dispatched to _____, Jacksonville, Florida, in reference to the death of Inmate Brewer, James DC# P18967. Upon arrival I proceeded to the _____

observed Inmate Brewer's body covered with a sheet and blanket on the _____
Officer N. Do was posted just outside with a log documenting personnel entering and exiting the area.

Inmate Brewer was transported from _____ in Jacksonville Florida on April 15, 2015, _____ Photographs were taken of the body with no visible signs of _____ noted.

At approximately 1249 hours, Inmate Brewer was pronounced deceased by _____ Jacksonville, Florida, of _____

At approximately 1508 hours, FDLE Special Agent David Maurer made contact via telephone and advised FDLE would not be responding to _____

At approximately 1515 hours, Inmate Brewer's body was released to _____ for transport to the _____ for pickup by Jacksonville Medical Examiner's Office.

A review of the Jacksonville Medical Examiner's Final Examination (No Autopsy) Report indicated the following:



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Cause of Death:

Contributory:

Manner of Death: Accident

Due to Inmate Brewer's death being listed as accidental documentation was obtained from Bay Correctional Facility and _____ r documenting his surgery.

A DC6-210, Incident Report, was received from Bay C.F. indicating Inmate Lewis declared a _____ on March 19, 2015.

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A review of the DC4-701, Chronological Record of Health Care, for Inmate Brewer revealed on March 19, 2015, while housed at Bay Correctional Facility (112), Inmate Brewer slipped and fell in the shower. He had _____ Inmate Brewer was transported via _____

A review of the DC4-708, I _____

On March 23, 2015, the DC4-701 revealed Inmate Brewer was scheduled for release from _____ and _____ Bay C.F. contacted to initiate a transfer and _____

A review of the Corrections Data Center revealed Inmate Brewer was transported to RMC on March 25, 2015, and housed in "J" Dormitory.

The DC4-701 dated April 6, 2015, revealed Inmate Brewer was escorted to _____ in Jacksonville, Florida for _____ Inmate Brewer was returned the same date to RMC.



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On April 8, 2015, Inmate Brewer was transported to the

VII. CHARGES

List alleged violations of Florida Law:

N/A

VIII. CONCLUSION

This investigative report is EXCEPTIONALLY CLEARED, based on the Post Mortem Examination Report which indicates that Inmate Brewer died from

which is considered an accidental cause of death.

It should be noted the Medical Examiner found a recent

No other signs of or foul play were noted.

During the course of this death investigation, no administrative issues were raised.