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Inspector General Case #: 10-4-6078

Facility: Charlotte Correctional Institution

Classification of Incident: [REDACTED]

Field Office/Region: Fort Lauderdale/4 South

Incident Date: 08/18/10 Time: 3:56 P.M.

Inspector: Richard Ryder

Date of Report: November 9, 2010

Case Type: A

Check all that apply:

- 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

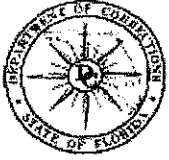
SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS:

On August 18, 2010, Officer John Cross observed Inmate Leo Boatman standing at his cell door, B-3204, with [REDACTED] holding a rag. He then saw Inmate Ricky Morris lying face down [REDACTED]. He activated his body alarm and staff responded.

This was reported via MINS on August 18, 2010 and assigned for investigation on August 19, 2010.

SUMMARY OF DISPOSITION/JUSTIFICATION FOR DOWNGRADE/EXONERATION:

As a result of this investigation, it is determined that Inmate Leo Boatman has violated Florida Statute 782.04 (Homicide), by virtue of his admission to choking, slamming, and stomping his cellmate Inmate Ricky Morris, as well as witness testimony from Correctional Officer John Cross, who observed Inmate Boatman beating and slamming his (Morris) head on the cement floor. As a result of the assault, Inmate Morris [REDACTED] from August 18, 2010, until the day of his death on September 19, 2010.



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	Name	Title / DC #	D.O.B.	Employee ID # or Non-Employee Contact Information
Complainant:	Cross, John	Correctional Officer	[REDACTED]	63912
Victim:	Morris, Ricky	Q16485	09/02/82	
Witness(es):	Cross, John	Correctional Officer	[REDACTED]	63912
	Byrd, Anthony	Sergeant	[REDACTED]	44920
	Bullard, Brian	Sergeant	[REDACTED]	49354
	Caruso, Michael	Correctional Officer	[REDACTED]	62153
	Bulczak, James	Lieutenant	[REDACTED]	2822
	Leahy, Sue	Captain	[REDACTED]	12213
	Teston, Philip	Correctional Officer	[REDACTED]	51573
	Reyes, Jorge	Correctional Officer	[REDACTED]	48406
	Pollard, Donald	Correctional Officer	[REDACTED]	56200
	Brown, Christopher	X12960	10/08/80	
	Reed, Carlos	X25370	09/10/78	
	Garcia, Bernard	R45571	01/28/73	
	Valdez, Yaico	199298	12/05/78	
	Williams, Willie	974730	07/17/76	
	Palmer, LeSamuel	L41847	03/06/80	
	Wills, Danny	O47609	04/01/46	
Subject(s):	Boatman, Leo	129327	07/20/86	

Arrest: Employee Inmate Other

Charges:

Felony

Misdemeanor

Date of Arrest:

Date Reported:

Sentence of Court / Agreement:

Administrative Violation(s):

Evidence: Weapon Drugs Other

Describe:

Other Agency Case Number:

Guilty Addendum Pending

Not Guilty

Nolo Contendere

P.T.I.

Other (explanation):



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FINDINGS:

On August 18, 2010, I was instructed by Inspector Supervisor-Marilyn Henderson to respond to Charlotte Correctional Institution reference an inmate on inmate assault. After arriving there at approximately 3:30 pm, I met with Senior Inspectors Kevin Ortiz and Daryl McCasland, both of whom briefed me on the situation. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Crime Scene Unit was already on scene, at B-Dormitory, Quad 3, cell B-3-204, and processing the crime scene. I learned that Inmate Boatman assaulted his cellmate, Inmate Morris, and [REDACTED] Inmate Boatman was [REDACTED]

until the date of his death on September 19, 2010.

Inspectors Ortiz, McCasland, Janene McLaughlin, and Barbara Reuter assisted in conducting interviews and reviewing videos.

According to the Department of Corrections' (DC) records, Inmate Boatman is presently serving two life sentences for two counts of first degree murder. On January 14, 2010, while incarcerated in the DC, he was convicted of second degree attempted murder and sentenced to seven (7) years DC. This incident involved Inmate Boatman assaulting another DC inmate.

According to DC records, Inmate Morris was serving two life sentences for two counts of first degree murder. He has no prior DC sentences.

Inmates Boatman and Morris had been cellmates inside of cell B3-204 since August 18, 2010. Inmate Boatman was assigned to B3-204 on July 25, 2010, and Inmate Morris was assigned to B3-204 on August 18, 2010. There were no noted problems between the two inmates.

On August 18, 2010, cell B3-204 was secured as a crime scene, and on September 7, 2010, it was released as a crime scene.

In his Incident Report dated August 18, 2010, and in his Affidavit dated August 27, 2010, Officer John Cross indicated the following:

On August 18, 2010, at approximately [REDACTED] while conducting security checks in Bravo Dormitory, he shone his flashlight in cell B-3204, which houses Inmates Ricky Morris and Leo Boatman. He saw Inmate Boatman at the cell door [REDACTED] and a rag. Inmate Boatman moved and Officer Cross saw Inmate Morris lying face down [REDACTED] Inmate Boatman then went back to Inmate Morris and started beating him again, while he (Cross) was trying to get the Sergeant's attention. Officer Cross could not get the Sergeant's attention so he started to go for his body alarm, and then Inmate Boatman told him that he had better. He used his light and body alarm to get the Sergeant's



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attention. Inmate Boatman had now grabbed Inmate Morris by his head and slammed it against the concrete floor 5-6 times, while stating that is what he gets for beating up on an old man earlier that day.

Approximately eight (8) minutes later, Officer Michael Caruso arrived, cuffed Inmate Boatman and both Officers Cross and Caruso took him to and placed him in the shower, where Officer Cross did a "one on one" with Inmate Boatman. Inmate Boatman then moved his cuffed hands from behind him to in front of him, turned on the water and stated that he was washing the evidence off of him. Officer Cross attempted to get Sergeant Byrd's attention but he could not respond.

While in the shower, Inmate Boatman asked Officer Cross if he knew about Ocala Forest. He stated that this was not the first time he did this to an inmate. Inmate Boatman then asked Officer Cross if he thought Inmate Morris was dead. Officer Cross replied that he did not know. Inmate Boatman further stated that he did this before but "screwed it up" because that inmate did not die. Approximately 15 minutes later, the Lieutenant (Bulczak) arrived and told Inmate Boatman to change clothes.

(Exhibits A-1 & A-2)

In both Incident Reports dated August 18, 2010, Sergeant Anthony Byrd indicated the following:

On August 18, 2010, at approximately [REDACTED] while assigned as the Housing Supervisor for Bravo Dormitory, he was relieving Sergeant Brian Bullard and was advised that Inmate Morris assaulted Inmate Danny Wills in cell B3-112L, who was now in the shower. Sergeant Byrd was not advised that Inmate Wills was or was not [REDACTED]. At approximately 12:43 am, after interviewing Inmates Morris and Boatman, both inmates stated that there were no problems with one another. He (Byrd) then placed Inmate Morris in cell B3-204U, and at approximately 12:50am, placed Inmate Wills back in cell B3-112L with the assistance of Officer Cross.

At approximately 4:18am, Sergeant Byrd responded to an incident in Quad 3, cell B3-204, which is housed by Inmates Morris and Boatman. Inmate Morris was lying on the cell floor [REDACTED]. He (Byrd) then assisted in placing Inmate Morris [REDACTED].

(Exhibits A-3 & A-4)

The Housing Unit Log for Bravo Dormitory dated August 18, 2010, indicates that at approximately 12:41am, Sergeant Byrd and Officer Cross moved Inmate Morris from cell B3-112U to cell B3-204U. **(Exhibit A-5)**

In both Incident Reports dated August 18, 2010, and in his Affidavit dated August 19, 2010, Sergeant Brian Bullard indicated the following:

On August 17, 2010, at approximately 11:47pm, while assigned as B-Dormitory Housing Supervisor, he was summoned to Quad 3 by Officer Patrick Bush reference an altercation between Inmates Morris and Wills, housed in cell B3-112. He observed Inmate Morris assaulting Inmate Wills and immediately ordered him to cease his actions, but he did not comply. After the second order to cease, Inmate Morris complied. Sergeant Bullard and Officer Bush restrained and removed Morris from the cell, and Officer



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Bush escorted him to the shower where he was secured at approximately 11:53pm. At approximately 11:56pm, he (Bullard) advised the first shift housing supervisor, Sergeant Byrd, of the incident as well as third shift Officer in Charge, (OIC) Captain Christopher Edwards, and first shift assistant Officer in Charge, Lieutenant James Bulczak.

Sergeant Bullard further stated that he advised Sergeant Byrd that [REDACTED] because of the assault on Inmate Wills, and the inmate had to [REDACTED] relocated to a different dormitory as there was no room for him in B-dorm. He also told Sergeant Byrd that Inmate Morris should remain in the cell alone as he was the aggressor. He was then properly relieved, exited the dormitory, and reported for his next assignment, as he was working a double shift. At approximately 12:05am, he advised Lieutenant Bulczak of the incident and that Inmate Wills had to be seen [REDACTED] and that he should be moved. He does not know if Inmate Wills received [REDACTED] because the next shift was notified and it then became Sergeant Byrd's responsibility. He did not hear any threats by any inmate to Inmate Morris and do not know why he was transferred from his assigned cell of B3-112.

On August 18, 2010, at approximately [REDACTED] he responded to a body alarm in B-dorm. Upon arrival, he observed Inmate Morris on the floor in cell B3-204, and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Exhibits A-6 - A-8)

In his Incident Report dated August 18, 2010, and in his Affidavit dated August 19, 2010, Officer Michael Caruso indicated the following:

On August 18, 2010, at approximately [REDACTED] he ran to B-Dormitory reference an activated body alarm, and upon arrival went to cell B3-204. Said cell houses Inmates Morris and Boatman. He relieved Officer Cross at the cell door and radioed Sergeant Byrd that Inmate Morris was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] He then escorted Inmate Boatman to the shower, who willingly went but was yelling and screaming at other inmates. Inmate Boatman made no statement as to why the incident occurred.
(Exhibits A-9 & A-10)

In both Incident Reports dated August 18, 2010, and in his Affidavit dated August 19, 2010, Lieutenant James Bulczak indicated the following:

On August 18, 2010, at approximately 12:00am, while assigned as first shift supervisor, Sergeant Bullard advised that on the third shift in B-Dorm, quad 3, an inmate (Morris) assaulted his cell-mate (Wills). The inmate who was assaulted had [REDACTED] nor had a new cell been assigned to separate the two inmates. Sergeant Bullard further advised that Sergeant Byrd was made aware of this. At approximately 5:00am, Sergeant Bullard advised that Inmate Morris was the inmate who assaulted his roommate on the evening shift. Lieutenant Bulczak later learned that Inmate Morris was moved to another cell and was assaulted by his new roommate (Boatman). He (Bulczak) was never contacted by Sergeant Byrd regarding any movement in the dormitory, nor was the movement documented. Lieutenant Bulczak also later learned that the inmate (Wills) who had been assaulted on the third shift the previous evening was returned to his assigned cell, without Inmate Morris, and he had



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[REDACTED] He questioned Sergeant Byrd about this incident and Sergeant Byrd stated that he called the move into the Main Control Room and that he was never advised by Sergeant Bullard that any of the inmates needed to [REDACTED]

At approximately 6:00am, he (Bulczak) entered B-Dormitory to escort Inmate Boatman, who was secured in the shower next to cell B3-101. Inmate Boatman asked about the condition of his roommate, but was advised that said information was not available. Inmate Boatman then stated the following: "He shouldn't have beat up on that 89 year old man. He found out that I wasn't so easy when I was bashing his head on the bunk." Officer Cross was also present when Inmate Boatman made this statement. Lieutenant Bulczak told Inmate Boatman to make no further statements and he initiated the hand held camera. He (Bulczak) took photographs of Inmate Boatman's face, hands, and the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Before the video camera was initiated, Inmate Boatman stated something about him not getting along too well with roommates, and that is why he is on Close Management.

(Exhibits A-11 – A-13)

In her Incident Report dated August 18, 2010, Captain Sue Leahey indicated the following:

On August 18, 2010, at approximately [REDACTED] while assigned as the first shift OIC she responded to a body alarm in B-Dormitory. Upon arriving there, Sergeant Bullard advised her that during a security check Inmate Morris was found [REDACTED] Inmate Boatman, the cell mate, had already been removed from the cell and secured in the shower. [REDACTED] and at approximately [REDACTED], Officer Donald Pollard initiated the hand-held video. At approximately [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and Duty Warden, Major Scott Anderson, was notified. At approximately [REDACTED], Sergeant Bullard, and Officers Caruso and Philip Teston [REDACTED] approximately 4:37am and advised that Inmate Morris [REDACTED] At approximately 5:05am, [REDACTED]

(Exhibit A-14)

In his Incident Report dated August 18, 2010, Officer Philip Teston indicated the following:

On August 18, 2010, at approximately [REDACTED] he responded to an activated body alarm in Bravo Dormitory. He entered quad 3 and observed Officers Caruso and Cross at cell B3-204, and Officer Caruso advised him of the situation. He then left the dorm to retrieve the camera and at approximately [REDACTED] he assisted Sergeants Bullard, Byrd and Officer Caruso in placing Inmate Morris [REDACTED] Officer Teston also [REDACTED]

(Exhibit A-15)



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In both Incident Reports dated August 18, 2010, Officer Jorge Reyes indicated the following:

At approximately 4:22am, he was [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] At approximately 6:30am, he was instructed to go to B-Dormitory and to do an [REDACTED]
at cell B3-204, because of the crime scene investigation. He logged in at 6:30am and was relieved at
8:00am. At no time did the cell door open and no one entered the cell. (Exhibits A-16 & A-17)

In his Incident Report dated August 18, 2010, and in his Affidavit dated August 19, 2010, Officer Pollard indicated the following:

On August 18, 2010, at approximately [REDACTED] Captain Leahey ordered him to begin recording with the
hand-held camcorder, in Bravo Dormitory, cell B3-204. Inmate Morris was lying on the floor [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Inmate Boatman was already in the shower. He did not have any conversation with
him (Boatman) and continued to record all the way [REDACTED] At approximately 4:59am,
Captain Leahey ordered that the recording cease. (Exhibits A-18 & A-19)

In his recorded statement taken on August 18, 2010, and after being read his Miranda Rights, Inmate Leo Boatman indicated the following:

He saw the altercation in B3-112 earlier that day at approximately 11:30pm, where Inmate Morris was
downstairs and jumped on "Pops", (later identified as Inmate Danny Wills). Inmate Boatman stated that
he asked that Inmate Morris be placed in his cell. However, the next shift said no. So, he waited until the
next shift came in and "pulled a quick one" and manipulated the system by asking Sergeant Byrd if he
was going to move "this dude" up here. The sergeant advised him he would check on it and that if
Inmate Boatman and Inmate Morris got along, then he would place him (Morris) in his cell. Inmate
Morris was transferred to his cell about 12:00 - 1:00am.

Inmate Boatman advised that he got Inmate Morris in his room to "fucking try to kill him." He got
Inmate Morris to discuss the incident involving Inmate Wills to help his (Boatman) conscience. Inmate
Boatman stated that he has not been getting a lot of mail or visits and he wanted to take it out on
somebody.

He tried to get Inmate Morris to let him (Boatman) show him a move that he should have done to
"pops", however, Inmate Morris was not for it. Inmate Boatman then came up to the front of Inmate
Morris and twisted him around while they were standing. He acted like they were playing around and
got Inmate Morris in a headlock. Inmate Boatman further stated that he "choked the living shit out of
him." The choking began at approximately [REDACTED] He knew this because he was keeping track of the
time and was watching the officers' checks because he did not want to get caught. However, the officer
came early and this is when they found the inmate (Morris) lying down. He (the officer) walked by and
returned. Inmate Boatman heard the officer say "what the fuck" and looked into the cell.



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Inmate Morris began to [REDACTED] so I started slamming his head on the concrete." Inmate Boatman stated that he slammed, stomped, and kicked Inmate Morris' head.

If the officer did not complete his rounds early, Inmate Boatman planned to "tuck" Inmate Morris in bed and then get his breakfast tray in the morning.

Inmate Boatman advised that he has life in prison and if they are not going to work with him then he can "make time fun". He has nothing to lose and nothing to look forward to and they cannot do "shit" to him. (Exhibit B-1)

According to the August 18, 2010 [REDACTED] of Inmate Boatman, there was [REDACTED] (Exhibit A-20)

Inmate Boatman's [REDACTED] indicate, in part, that in August of 2010, he was [REDACTED] In September of 2009, [REDACTED] On September 25, 2009, [REDACTED] December 31, 2009, [REDACTED] On March 16, 2010, [REDACTED] (Exhibit A-21)

Inmate Boatman was transferred to Florida State Prison on August 19, 2010.

According to the August 18, 2010 [REDACTED] of Inmate Morris, the [REDACTED] indicated the following: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (Exhibit A-22)

[REDACTED] (Exhibit A-23)

[REDACTED] on August 25, 2010. He died there on September 19, 2010 at 4:02am. (Exhibit A-24)

[REDACTED] Inmates Boatman and Morris were inside of cell 204 during this incident. (Exhibit A-25)



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According to the Department of Corrections' records, on August 17 and 18 of 2010, there were a total of 51 inmates and (48) inmates assigned to wing 3 of B-Dormitory, respectively. A total of 14 were interviewed for this case. **(Exhibit A-26)**

A view of quad 3 shows the following cells which are across from 3204: (3210 and 3211) Cells on the side of 3204 (3203 and 3205) and the cell directly below 3204 is 3104. Based on the cell locations and the perspective from said cells, those inmates were interviewed. Other inmates were interviewed in addition to those listed in these cells.

Cell B3-210 - Inmate Christopher Brown, DC# X12960, refused to provide an affidavit or recorded statement, but stated that he heard yelling for them to cuff up. He woke up at 4:00am and saw the inmate [REDACTED]

In his recorded statement taken on August 18, 2010, Inmate Carlos Reed, DC #X25370 indicated he is assigned to B3-210. He did not see the incident involving the [REDACTED] but he heard the commotion.

(Exhibit B-2)

Cell B3-211- Inmates Mark Givens, DC# 445726, and Damion Smith, DC# 125252, both refused to provide a statement.

Cell B3-203 - Inmates Craig Kerzmann, DC# M18482, and Travis Bell DC# 129811, both refused to provide a statement.

Cell B3-205- Inmate Bernard Garcia, DC# R45571, refused to provide an affidavit or recorded statement, but stated that he lived with Inmate Leo (*Boatman*) two days prior. Leo preys on weak people and previously stated that he was going to kill him. [REDACTED]

In his recorded statement taken on August 18, 2010, Inmate Yaico Valdez, DC #199298 indicated the following:

He is assigned to cell B3-205. He heard a knocking before 4:00 am. He went to his window and Inmate Boatman told him he was trying to [REDACTED] The inmate kept beating him on his head when the police got there, but he did not hear any screaming. Both the officer who approached the cell, and Officer Caruso who also arrived, told Inmate Boatman to stop. Prior to this night, he did not hear Inmate Boatman talk about doing harm to the inmate. Inmate Morris moved into Inmate Boatman's cell on the midnight shift and he is not aware of any issues between them. **(Exhibit B-3)**

Cell 3104 - Inmates Miguel, Espinosa DC# 519234, and Jose Soledad, DC# K69703 refused to provide a statement.

Inmate David Jenkins, DC# W15052 cell B3-209, advised he had no information for this investigation.



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In his recorded statement taken on August 18, 2010, Inmate Willie Williams, DC #974730 indicated the following:

He was in cell B3-214. He heard Inmate Boatman state that he waited for the inmate (Morris) to go to sleep so he "could do it". However, he did not go to sleep. So, he did it while he was awake. He cannot see inside of cell 3204 from his cell. Therefore, he did not see the incident take place.

Earlier that morning, time unknown, he heard Inmate Morris yell for someone to call the officers prior to the banging. For approximately 10 minutes, he heard fighting and banging on the concrete and the bunk. Inmate Williams stated that the officers put Leo, [REDACTED] in the shower and told him to clean himself up. Inmate Leo told Officer Bush, Sergeant Bullard, and Officer Mercer to put him (Morris) in his cell and he "will kill his ass" for jumping on that "old man." But the officers did not say anything. **(Exhibit B-4)**

In his recorded statement taken on August 18, 2010, Inmate LeSamuel Palmer, DC# L41847 indicated the following:

He was in cell B3-207 and stated that the whole thing started when the inmate in cell 3112, who passed away, beat up the old man. Officer Bush and Sergeant Bullard arrived and told the inmate to stop hitting "pops" (Inmate Wills). The inmate in 3204 (Boatman) yelled to Sergeant Bullard to put the inmate (Morris) in the cell with him. "Pops" was put in the shower, but was not [REDACTED] Sergeant Byrd went to 3204 and stated that the inmate (Morris) is going to come to your cell, and they brought Inmate Morris to 3204.

Inmate LeSamuel saw the front of cell 3204, but he could not see inside of it. He heard banging on the wall and floor for about 15 minutes, but did not hear yelling or screaming from cell 3204. The Officer came around and checked the cell. The door was opened, they handcuffed him, and the inmate who was originally in 3204 came out [REDACTED] **(Exhibit B-5)**

In his recorded statement taken on August 19, 2010, Inmate Danny Wills indicated the following:

At 7:00pm, while housed on the first floor of the quad and sleeping, Inmate Ricky Morris attacked him by grabbing his eyes and trying to rip them out. Inmate Morris also bit him and told him that he was after his (Wills) eyes. At approximately 7:30pm, the officers arrived and removed Inmate Morris from the cell. At about 7:40 pm, he heard some banging on the door. The officers removed the inmate (Boatman) from the cell and placed him in the shower. Inmate Wills further stated that it was the same cell which housed Inmate Morris. He does not know who was banging, and he could not see the cell as it was dark on the interior. **(Exhibit B-6)**

A review of the August 18, 2010 fixed wing video for B-Dormitory indicate the following activities with approximate times listed: [REDACTED]



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The August 18, 2010, fixed wing video shows Sergeant Byrd escorting Inmate Morris and placing him into cell B3-204 at approximately 12:43am. Officers pass by said cell during their security checks. At [REDACTED] Officer Cross passes by cell B3-204 with a flashlight, and then at [REDACTED], he goes back to said cell and signals to the officer station with his flashlight. He (Byrd) then reaches for his body alarm and radio. At [REDACTED] Officer Caruso arrives at the cell, and at [REDACTED] they begin to cuff through the cell door flap. Inmate Boatman is removed from the cell at [REDACTED]. At [REDACTED], Officer Caruso, Sergeant Byrd, and another unidentified officer enter the cell. Other officers subsequently arrive, and at [REDACTED] the video camera is activated. Inmate Morris is removed from the cell [REDACTED] **(Exhibit B-7)**

The hand-held video was reviewed and shows Inmate Boatman being [REDACTED] by an officer. He is [REDACTED] and at 6:16am, he is placed into his cell in Y-Dorm. The second video was also viewed and shows Inmate Morris on the floor in his cell with the responding officers [REDACTED] **(Exhibit B-8)**

FDLE processed the crime scene, collected evidence, took photographs, and completed a Laboratory Report dated August 20, 2010. FDLE case # 20100604260. **(Exhibit A-27)**

According to the Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner Department, the Investigative Report and the September 20, 2010 Autopsy Report for Inmate Morris, case # 2010-02327 indicated the following:

1. [REDACTED]

Cause of Death: [REDACTED]
 Manner of Death: Homicide

(Exhibit A-28)

Upon approval by the Office of the Inspector General, a copy of this investigative report will be submitted to Assistant State Attorney Don Mason of the Charlotte County State Attorney's Office, 20th Judicial Circuit, for review and consideration for criminal prosecution.

Once the courts have rendered a final decision in this case, an addendum to this investigation will be submitted.

Any administrative issues discovered during the course of this investigation will be addressed in a separate Inspector General investigative report.



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Richard Ryder

Richard Ryder Inspector

11/09/10

Date

William Henderson

Regional Supervisor / Lead Inspector

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Date

Kathleen Harrell

Lead Supervisor

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 Chief of Investigations Chief of Special Operations

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EXHIBIT/ATTACHMENTS SECTION

A. EXHIBIT(s) - attached:

1. Incident Report of Officer Cross
2. Affidavit of Officer Cross
3. Incident Report of Sergeant Byrd
4. Incident Report of Sergeant Byrd
5. Copy of August 18, 2010 Housing Unit Log
6. Incident Report of Sergeant Bullard
7. Incident Report of Sergeant Bullard
8. Affidavit of Sergeant Bullard
9. Incident Report of Officer Caruso
10. Affidavit of Officer Caruso
11. Incident Report of Lieutenant Bulczak
12. Incident Report of Lieutenant Bulczak
13. Affidavit of Lieutenant Bulczak
14. Incident Report of Captain Leahey
15. Incident Report of Officer Teston
16. Incident Report of Officer Reyes
17. Incident Report of Officer Reyes
18. Incident Report of Officer Pollard
19. Affidavit of Officer Pollard
20. [REDACTED]
21. [REDACTED]
22. [REDACTED]
23. [REDACTED]
24. [REDACTED]
25. Floor plan (B-3)
26. Inmate bed assignment (B-3)
27. FDLE Crime Scene Report
28. Investigative and Autopsy Report



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B. EXHIBIT(s) - not attached:

1. Recorded statement of Inmate Boatman
2. Recorded statement of Inmate Reed
3. Recorded statement of Inmate Valdez
4. Recorded statement of Inmate Williams
5. Recorded statement of Inmate Palmer
6. Recorded statement of Inmate Wills
7. Fixed wing surveillance video
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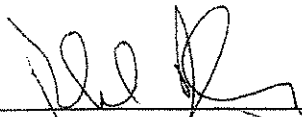
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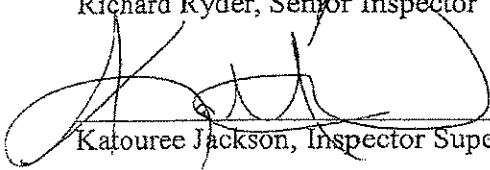
TO: Jefferey T. Beasley, Inspector General
FROM: Richard Ryder, Senior Inspector
DATE: October 15, 2013
SUBJECT: IG Case #10-4-6078, Final Court Disposition / Inmate Leo Boatman

This memorandum is to document the final court disposition for the criminal charge against Inmate Leo Boatman, DC# 129327.

On August 15, 2013 a jury returned a verdict of Guilty of Third Degree Felony Murder for the incident which occurred on August 18, 2010.

On September 27, 2013 Inmate Leo Boatman was sentenced to 188 months and 8 days prison, with 957 days credit time served. (Exhibit A-30)


Richard Ryder, Senior Inspector


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