

Florida Department of Corrections



Office of the Inspector General

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST
CASE # 15-23422**



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OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST SUMMARY REPORT



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Case Number: 15-23422

OIG Inspector: Inspector Carla Chukes

Outside Agency: Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Outside Agency Investigator: Special Agent Travis Lawson

Date Assigned or Initiated: October 6, 2015

Complaint Against: Inmate Frederick Patterson DC #T78691

Location of Incident – Institution/Facility/Office: Apalachee Correctional Institution – East Unit

Complainant: Inmate Scott Collinsworth DC #973720

Outside Agency Case #: PE-37-0031

Use of Force Number: N/A

PREA Number: N/A

Classification of Incident: Homicide

Confidential Medical Information Included: Yes No

Whistle-Blower 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.

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 or about October 2, 2015, the Department of Corrections Office of the Inspector General (OIG) received notification Inmate Scott Collinsworth DC #973720 had been pronounced deceased, in his cell (Y3115), at Apalachee Correctional Institution – East Unit. Inmate Frederick Patterson DC #T78691 who was also assigned to cell (Y3115) was present. Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) notification was made. Inspector Carla Chukes responded to provide investigative assistance to FDLE Special Agent Travis Lawson.

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:

The video recording of Inmate Collinsworth's dormitory was forwarded to Special Agent Lawson for their review and placement into FDLE's case file.

██████████ were forwarded to Medical Examiner's Office, Andrew Winkler.

The autopsy report for Inmate Collinsworth was forwarded to Inspector Chukes, which indicated on October 6, 2015, an autopsy was conducted on Inmate Collinsworth by District Fourteen Medical Examiner, Jay. M. Radtke M.D.

- Dr. Radtke concluded the following:
- Cause of death was ██████████
- Manner of death was Homicide

Investigator's Note: *A copy of the autopsy report was attached to this report. On January 31, 2018, Inmate Frederick Patterson was found GUILTY of Second Degree Murder in the death of Inmate Scott Collinsworth. On February 1, 2018, Inmate Patterson was sentenced to LIFE in prison.*

VII. CHARGES

Violation of § 782.04(2) Florida Statutes, **Second Degree Murder**

§ 782.04 (2), *Florida Statutes*, The unlawful killing of a human being, when perpetrated by any act imminently dangerous to another and evincing a depraved mind regardless of human life, although without any premeditated design to effect the death of any particular individual, is murder in the second degree and constitutes a felony of the first degree, punishable by imprisonment for a term of years not exceeding life or as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

VIII. CONCLUSION

Based on the information gathered during their investigation, it is the recommendation of FDLE Special Agent Travis Lawson the allegation against Inmate Frederick Patterson for **Second Degree Murder in violation of § 782.04(2)**, be termed as follows:



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- Closed by Arrest

Inspector Chukes reviewed the investigation completed by FDLE, and administrative issues were not identified.