

# Florida Department of Corrections



## Office of the Inspector General

### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Case # 15-26637



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OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
**CASE SUMMARY REPORT**



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**Case Number:** 15-26637

**Inspector:** Senior Inspector Stacy Fish

**Date Assigned or Initiated:** 11-16-2015

**Complaint Against:** N/A

**Location of Incident – Institution/Facility/Office:** Reception and Medical Center

**Complainant:** Correctional Officer Joshua Jeffcoat

**Use of Force Number:** N/A

**PREA Number:** N/A

**Classification of Incident:** 15D Natural Inmate Death

**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 a preponderance of the evidence exists to suggest the suspect's alleged behavior or action did not occur.

**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 November 16, 2015, Officer Joshua Jeffcoat at the Reception and Medical Center (RMC) reported that Inmate Leroy Brown #B03856 was pronounced deceased [REDACTED] at 4:15am by [REDACTED]. This information was reported via the Management Information Notification System (MINS#660847) and assigned as a Criminal Case to Senior Inspector Stacy Fish on November 16, 2015.

**VI. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS**

Based on the exhibits, witnesses' testimony, and the record as a whole, presented or available to the primary inspector, the following findings of facts were determined:

On November 16, 2015, Officer Jeffcoat at RMC reported that Inmate Brown was pronounced deceased [REDACTED] at 4:15am [REDACTED].

On November 16, 2015, at approximately 5:15am, Senior Inspector Stacy Fish was contacted by On-Call Inspector Supervisor Daryl McCasland and advised to respond to RMC in reference to the attended death of Inmate Brown. At approximately 6:30am, Senior Inspector Fish arrived at RMC and was briefed by Lieutenant Mark Ficken. Lieutenant Ficken provided an incident report submitted by Officer Jeffcoat. Officer Jeffcoat reported he was advised of Inmate Brown's death at approximately 4:15am. At approximately 3:45am, [REDACTED] RMC [REDACTED] continued until 4:15am, to no avail. Inmate Brown was pronounced deceased by [REDACTED] at 4:15am. The cause of death pending autopsy [REDACTED]. At approximately 6:50am, Senior Inspector Fish arrived at the [REDACTED] where Inmate Brown was housed. Officer W. Guy was providing security and a crime scene log had been initiated. The body of Inmate Brown was visually inspected and photographed in its entirety. [REDACTED] foul play were [REDACTED] of Inmate Brown. At approximately 7:00am, the body of Inmate Brown was released to Security Staff, who contacted Archer Funeral Home for transport.

A review of the notification of death revealed Inmate Brown was pronounced deceased at 4:15am by [REDACTED]. The cause of death [REDACTED]. Inmate Brown [REDACTED].

A review of the Corrections Data Center (CDC) revealed that Inmate Brown had been housed in the [REDACTED] since July 26, 2015. Inmate Brown was received on October 09, 2006 and was scheduled for release on February 10, 2016. Inmate Brown was serving time for Sex Offender Failing to Comply.

On May 05, 2016, the final autopsy report for Inmate Brown was received from the Gainesville Medical Examiner's Office. Medical Doctor William Hamilton listed the probable cause of death as [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]. Medical Doctor Hamilton listed the manner of Death as Natural.



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**VII. CHARGES**

N/A

**VIII. CONCLUSION**

Based on the information gathered during this investigation and the Medical Examiner's Findings, it is the recommendation of Senior Inspector Stacy Fish that this investigation be termed as follows:

1. Exceptionally Cleared

No administrative violations were noted.