

# Florida Department of Corrections



## Office of the Inspector General

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION  
INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST  
CASE # 16-10485**



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**INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST SUMMARY REPORT**



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**Case Number:** 16-10485

**OIG Inspector:** Inspector Randy Henderson

**Outside Agency:** Florida Department of Law Enforcement

**Outside Agency Investigator:** Special Agent Lawrence Perez

**Date Assigned or Initiated:** 05/30/2016

**Complaint Against:** Inmate Aaron Davis DC# 128271

**Location of Incident – Institution/Facility/Office:** Columbia Correctional Institution Annex

**Complainant:** Captain Christi Dube

**Outside Agency Case #:** TL-37-0030

**Use of Force Number:**

**PREA Number:**

**Classification of Incident:** Homicide

**Confidential Medical Information Included:**  Yes  No

**Whistle-Blower Investigation:**  Yes  No

**Chief Inspector General Case Number:**



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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 May 30, 2016, Office of Inspector General (OIG) District 4 On-Call Inspector Randy Henderson responded to a death at Columbia Correctional Institution Annex (CCI). Inspector Henderson was met by FDLE Special Agent (SA) Larry Perez at CCI Annex. SA Perez, per MOU, assumed lead on the death investigation. Inspector Henderson was assigned investigative assist on May 30, 2016.

**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:

On Monday, May 30, 2016, Inspector Henderson and SA Perez was advised an inmate was found [REDACTED] inside of a shower cell at CCI Annex. [REDACTED] the inmate, Steven Dorsey, to no avail. Inspector Henderson and SA Perez responded to CCI Annex and SA Perez was assigned to investigate. Upon arrival, Inspector Henderson and SA Perez obtained a briefing of events prior to agents entering the institution. According to staff, Dorsey was discovered [REDACTED] inside of a shower cell in N Dormitory. Security and [REDACTED] Dorsey, though [REDACTED] [REDACTED] pronounced Dorsey at approximately 2058 hours.

Investigators also learned inmate Dorsey had been the victim of a stabbing that occurred in Wing 1 of Q Dormitory on Friday, May 27, 2016. The investigation revealed that Dorsey and inmate Arthur Dye, whom were reportedly both [REDACTED] allegedly attacked suspect inmate Aaron Davis in a dispute over canteen items. The investigation also revealed that inmate Davis allegedly stabbed Dorsey with an improvised weapon. Dorsey was taken to [REDACTED] and subsequently [REDACTED] Investigators learned that the weapon reportedly used to stab Dorsey had been recovered inside Q Dormitory and had been placed into evidence.

During the course of the subsequent investigation SA Perez interviewed a number of staff and inmate witnesses. Several inmate witnesses further advised that on May 27, 2016, Dorsey and Davis became involved in a physical altercation over a perceived debt involving some canteen items. The witnesses indicated that Dorsey and Davis entered the bathroom in Wing 1 of Q Dorm to engage in mutual combat. The witnesses advised that Dorsey attempted to strike Davis with an improvised weapon fashioned from a combination lock placed inside of a sock. However, as Dorsey attempted to strike Davis with the improvised weapon, Dorsey slipped and fell to the floor. Davis then reportedly produced his own improvised weapon, an ice pick style weapon fashioned from a 12" long piece of fence wire, and allegedly stabbed Dorsey four times as Davis stood over Dorsey. Other witnesses overheard Davis make unsolicited incriminating statements which indicated that Davis admitted to stabbing Dorsey and intended to kill him. Davis also wrote a statement admitting to stabbing Dorsey, though that statement may have been compelled by the Department of Corrections Security Staff.



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On November 10, 2016, this case was presented to a Grand Jury of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for Columbia County. After reviewing the testimony, the Grand Jury returned a No True Bill for prosecution against inmate Davis. The case was then closed by FDLE.

Inmate Dorsey was [REDACTED] on May 27, 2016, for [REDACTED]. One of the [REDACTED] Based on [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and subsequent [REDACTED], he released Dorsey back to Security.

Medical Examiner's Office reported cause of death to be a result of the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].

## VII. CHARGES

### List alleged violations of Florida Law:

1. Violation of § 782.04 (1)(a) Florida Statutes, Murder

§ 782.04 (1)(a), Florida Statute, The unlawful killing of a human being:

1. When perpetrated from a premeditated design to effect the death of the person killed or any human being;

## VIII. CONCLUSION

Based on the information gathered during their investigation, it is the recommendation of FDLE Special Agent Larry Perez the allegation against Inmate Aaron Davis for **Murder, in violation of (982.04 (1)(a))**, be termed as follows:

1. (Closed, No True Bill returned by Grand Jury)

Inspector Lindboe reviewed the investigation completed by FDLE, and noted that administrative issues were identified in that [REDACTED] Dorsey following the stabbing and failed to send him for [REDACTED]. The administrative issues will be addressed in IGIS Case 17-03096.