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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Case # 15-29424



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Case Number: 15-29424

Inspector: Inspector Latricia Ruiz

Date Assigned or Initiated: 12-28-2015

Complaint Against: Deceased-Inmate Alexander Frederique, DC#
L59629

Location of Incident – Institution/Facility/Office: Charlotte Correctional Institution

Complainant: Captain Frank Gatto

Use of Force Number: NA

PREA Number: NA

Classification of Incident: Inmate Death Natural

Confidential Medical Information Included: Yes No

Whistle-Blower Investigation: Yes No

Equal Employment Opportunity Investigation: Yes No

Chief Inspector General Case Number: NA



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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 December 27, 2015, at approximately 3:59pm, Inspector Latricia Ruiz was contacted by On-call Inspector Supervisor Yolanda Brown to respond to [REDACTED] in reference to the death of Inmate Alexander Frederique DC# L59629, housed at Charlotte Correctional Institution (MINS #668735). Over the course of several days prior to his death, Inmate Frederique's [REDACTED]. On December 25, 2015, Inmate Frederique was [REDACTED]. Inmate Frederique was [REDACTED]. On December 27, 2015, at approximately 3:43 p.m., Inmate Frederique was pronounced deceased [REDACTED]. This allegation was assigned as a death investigation to Inspector Latricia Ruiz on December 28, 2015. A Whistle-Blower review was conducted on this complaint.

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 December 27, 2015, at 3:43 p.m., 29 year old Inmate Alexandre Frederique DC# L59629 was pronounced deceased [REDACTED].

On December 27, 2015, at approximately 7:05 p.m., Inspector Latricia Ruiz arrived at [REDACTED] and viewed Inmate Frederique's body [REDACTED] which was there at the time Inmate Frederique [REDACTED] was photographed and documented. There were no signs of trauma observed on Inmate's Frederique body.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Special Agent Andrew Kempel also responded to [REDACTED] in reference to the death of Inmate Frederique, however, it was determined that their agency would not be taking the lead investigation on this case.

On December 28, 2015, an autopsy was conducted by District 21 Medical Examiner's Office. MR# 01099-15 determined the manner of death – Natural and the cause of death – [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was noted on the autopsy report.

On February 16, 2017, related Department of Corrections documents, such as, incident reports, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], transportation request and [REDACTED] of Inmate Alexandre Frederique DC# L59629 have been uploaded into IGIS.



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Inmate Frederique's [REDACTED] of the past three years was received and reviewed. Inmate Frederique documented [REDACTED], a [REDACTED].

No administrative violations relative to Inmate Frederique's death.

VII. CHARGES

List alleged violations of Florida Law:

1. No criminal or administrative violations were observed or discovered during the course of this investigation.

VIII. CONCLUSION

Based on the information gathered during this investigation, it is the recommendation of Inspector Latricia Ruiz that due to no criminal or administrative violations discovered during this death investigation the case, be termed as follows:

1. Exceptionally Cleared