

Florida Department of Corrections



Office of the Inspector General

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST
CASE # 17-08118**



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INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST SUMMARY REPORT



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Case Number: 17-08118

OIG Inspector: Senior Inspector Stacy L. Harris

Outside Agency: Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Outside Agency Investigator: Special Agent Barry Hatton

Date Assigned or Initiated: 05/09/17

Complaint Against: N/A

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

Complainant: Inmate Roger Jackson, DC #Y02586 (*Deceased*)

Outside Agency Case #: PE-37-0075

Use of Force Number: N/A

PREA Number: N/A

Classification of Incident: Inmate Death

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 9, 2017, at approximately 7:32 p.m., Senior Law Enforcement Inspector Stacy L. Harris received a telephone call from Colonel Bobby Howell, Walton Correctional Institution, and advised Inmate Roger Jackson, DC #Y02586, (DOB: 05/10/1968) was found [REDACTED] in Bravo Dormitory at approximately 6:54 p.m., and, after [REDACTED] failed, was later pronounced deceased. Colonel Howell advised there [REDACTED] to the person of Inmate Jackson. Inspector Harris received a telephone call from Inspector Supervisor Dennis at approximately 7:36 p.m., and advised he had notified FDLE.

VI. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

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

On May 9, 2017, the following events occurred in response to this incident:

At approximately 7:32 p.m., Colonel Howell was advised Inspector Harris was en route to the institution. Colonel Howell advised [REDACTED] was notified at 6:58 p.m., they arrived at the institution at approximately 7:11 p.m., and [REDACTED] Walton County [REDACTED] pronounced Inmate Jackson deceased at 7:25 p.m.

At approximately 7:46 p.m., Inspector Harris notified Inspector Supervisor Maurice Radford of the call out to Walton.

At approximately 8:06 p.m., FDLE Agent Chris Williams contacted Inspector Harris who relayed the information available at that time. Agent Williams advised he and FDLE Agents Megan Pumbo and Barry Hatton would respond.

At approximately 8:25 p.m., Inspector Harris arrived at Walton CI and immediately went to [REDACTED] where Inmate Jackson was located. Inspector Harris conducted an external visual inspection of Inmate Jackson's person and observed [REDACTED] Inmate Jackson had [REDACTED] on his shirt, hands, legs, feet, and around his mouth.

At approximately 8:52p.m., Inspector Harris entered B – Dormitory and obtained the list of names of inmates identified, from video recording, involved in smoking an unknown substance with the deceased. Inspector Harris was able to review the recorded video footage and observed Inmate Jackson smoking an unknown substance with Inmates Stephen Carlisle, DC #Y26766 and Christopher Lamp, DC #S23701, at approximately 6:34 p.m. At approximately 6:35 p.m., Inmate Jackson slumps forward, bent at the waist, and remained in that position, until approximately 6:37 p.m., at which time Inmate Jackson can be seen [REDACTED] and yet remained slumped forward, bent at the waist. At approximately 6:38 p.m., Inmate Carlisle, who is seated on the bunk, B2-133S, next to Inmate Jackson, falls back and lays on his back until approximately 6:44 p.m. When Inmate Carlisle "comes around," he makes several attempts to rouse Inmate Jackson to no avail. Inmate Carlisle continued to try and wake Inmate Jackson until approximately 6:51 p.m., at which time Inmate Michael Christmas, DC #I06094, attempts to assist Inmate Jackson and



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pulls him to an upright position, then goes to the Officers' Station and notified Officer Wanda Bateman there [REDACTED]

Lt. Kelly Birge advised Inmate Jackson's property and the scene were secured and no inmates had left or entered the dormitory since the incident.

At approximately 9:09 p.m., FDLE Agent Megan Polumbo arrived at the institution, and met with Inspector Harris in B – Dormitory. FDLE Agent Williams advised Inspector Harris, via text message, Medical Examiner Renee Ziglar was en route.

At approximately 9:28 p.m., FDLE Agent Barry Hatton arrived at the institution.

At approximately 9:43 p.m., FDLE Agent Chris Williams arrived at the institution. Inspector Harris assisted all agents in providing office space for interviews to be conducted. Security staff provided FDLE Agent Hatton with copies of the dormitory video.

At approximately 9:45 p.m., Assistant Warden John Kolodziej notified Inmate Jackson's emergency contact, Ms. Ireary Jackson, who was listed as Inmate Jackson's sister.

Scene Description: Preliminary photographs were taken of Inmate Jackson, who was observed lying on his back [REDACTED] clothed in state issued blue shorts and a white t-shirt. Inmate Jackson [REDACTED] There was [REDACTED] observed on Inmate Jackson's legs, feet, hands, mouth, and on his shirt and shorts. Inmate Jackson had a tentative release date of 05/12/2030.

At approximately 11:11 p.m., FDLE Agents Williams and Polumbo departed the institution.

At approximately 11:14 p.m., Medical Examiner Renee Ziglar arrived at the institution and assumed custody of the deceased.

On June 14, 2017, Inspector Harris emailed FDLE Agent Hatton and requested his agency case number regarding this case.

There were no violations of Florida Administrative Code, Florida State Statute or Department of Corrections Policy and Procedure noted during the course of this investigation.

According to the autopsy report, completed by Forensic Pathologist Andrea Minyard on September 1, 2017, it was determined the cause of death [REDACTED] and the manner of death was determined to be an accident.

On November 3, 2017, Inspector Harris received a copy of Special Agent Barry Hatton's report in which he listed the manner and cause of death, as indicated in Chief Minyard's report, and indicated the case was now closed.

VII. CHARGES

- None



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VIII. CONCLUSION

Inspector Harris reviewed the investigation completed by FDLE, and administrative issues were not identified. Therefore, it is the recommendation of Senior Inspector Stacy L. Harris the death of Inmate Jackson be deemed an accident due [REDACTED] and the case be closed termed:

- Exceptionally Cleared