

Florida Department of Corrections



Office of the Inspector General

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST
CASE # 18-11321**



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INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST SUMMARY REPORT



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Case Number: 18-11321

OIG Inspector: Inspector Richard Ryder

Outside Agency: Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Outside Agency Investigator: Special Agent Larry Andres

Date Assigned or Initiated: 06-28-2018

Complaint Against: N/A

Location of Incident – Institution/Facility/Office: South Florida Reception Center

Complainant: Sergeant Marcus Foster

Outside Agency Case #: MI-37-0075

Use of Force Number: N/A

PREA Number: N/A

Classification of Incident: Inmate Death (Accident)

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 June 26, 2018, the Florida Department of Corrections, Office of the Inspector General received information that Inmate Anthony Quinones, DC# 423368 was pronounced deceased at South Florida Reception Center (SFRC). On June 26, 2018, at approximately [REDACTED], Sergeant Howard Heyliger was conducting a security check in H-Dorm when he saw Inmate Quinones sitting in cell H-1205 [REDACTED]. Officers performed [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] responded and subsequently pronounced Inmate Quinones deceased. An investigative assist to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) was opened assigned to Inspector Richard Ryder.

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 June 26, 2018, this writer responded to SFRC reference the death of Inmate Quinones. After arriving at SFRC at approximately 9:00 am, this writer viewed the body along with Inspector Kevin Patterson. FDLE Special Agent Larry Andres subsequently arrived on scene, viewed the body and indicated [REDACTED]. Agent Andres later advised that FDLE would take jurisdiction of this case.

In his June 26, 2018 incident report, Sergeant Marcus Foster indicated the following: On June 26, 2018, at approximately [REDACTED] while assigned in H-Dorm, he and Sergeant Howard Heyliger conducted a security check and noticed Inmate Alexander Quinones sitting on a locker [REDACTED]. Sergeant Foster also noticed Inmate Anthony Quinones lying on the floor and under the bunk. Sergeant Foster gave several commands to submit to hand restraints, but both inmates [REDACTED].

Medical was notified and the Alpha team arrived and placed both of the inmates in hand restraints. Sergeants Foster and Heyliger [REDACTED].

In her June 26, 2018 incident report, [REDACTED] indicated that at 6:35 am, [REDACTED] in H-Dorm. Upon arrival, [REDACTED] was in progress by several officers; [REDACTED] then took over [REDACTED] arrived, took over and pronounced [REDACTED] deceased 7:22 am.

In her June 26, 2018 incident report, [REDACTED] indicated the following: [REDACTED] indicated that at 6:35 am, security notified [REDACTED] two [REDACTED] inmates in H-Dorm. Upon arrival, th [REDACTED] was in progress by security staff, [REDACTED] then relieved security. [REDACTED] was notified and upon arrival, subsequently pronounced the inmate deceased at 7:22 am.



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The In-Custody Death Summary completed by FDLE Special Agent Andres indicates the following, in part: he responded to SFRC reference an inmate death. He reviewed Inmate Quinones' body which [REDACTED]. Agent Andres stated he interviewed staff and inmates, and reviewed video which did not reveal any foul play. Agent Andres closed the case out as Unfounded-Resolved.

The Investigations Report and Autopsy Report submitted by the Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner Department indicate the following, in part:

Cause of Death: [REDACTED]

Manner: Accident

There are no administrative violations to address.

VII. CHARGES

List alleged violations of Florida Law:

N/A

VIII. CONCLUSION

Based on the information gathered during their investigation, it is the recommendation of FDLE Special Agent Larry Andres that this case be termed as follows:

Unfounded – Resolved/exceptionally cleared