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Office of the Inspector General

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST
CASE # 17-17099**



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Case Number: 17-17099

OIG Inspector: Senior Inspector Christopher Baty

Outside Agency: Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Outside Agency Investigator: Special Agent Kevin Sapp

Date Assigned or Initiated: 09-22-2017

Complaint Against: Inmate Michael Woodbury DC# 124356

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

Complainant: (*Victim*) Inmate Antoneeze Haynes DC# 102250

Outside Agency Case #: FM-37-0025

Use of Force Number: N/A

PREA Number: N/A

Classification of Incident: (Homicide)

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 September 25, 2017, the Office of the Inspector General received MINS #807105 from Okeechobee Correctional Institution that indicated on September 22, 2017, at approximately 7:12 am, Inspector Supervisor Yolanda Brown notified Senior Inspector Christopher Baty of a hostage situation involving [REDACTED] inmate at Okeechobee Correctional Institution. Inmate Antoneeze Haynes DC# 102250 [REDACTED] in his cell. Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Special Agent Kevin Sapp was assigned as the lead investigator. FDLE Case# FM-37-0025 was assigned to this case. Senior Inspector Christopher Baty was assigned as the primary assist in this investigation.

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 September 22, 2017, at approximately [REDACTED] am, Officer Angel Castro was conducting formal count in wing 1 of Charlie dormitory. As Officer Castro approached cell C1-208, he observed Inmate Antoneeze Haynes DC# 102250 lying face down on his bunk [REDACTED] while Inmate Michael Woodbury DC# 124356 was repeatedly striking Inmate Hayes with an unknown weapon. Officer Castro initiated the Incident Command System (ICS) for A-Team to respond to C-dormitory quad-1 due [REDACTED] inmate on bed C1-208L. Major Frank Gatto and Assistant Warden of Operations (AWO) Scott Cumbie entered C-Dormitory wing 1. At approximately 4:55 a.m., Major Gatto approached cell C1-208 and began a conversation with Inmate Woodbury. Major Gatto observed Inmate Haynes lying face down on the lower bunk and was moving. Warden Severson arrived at cell C1-208, at approximately 5:05 a.m., and began speaking with Inmate Woodbury. During this interaction, Captain Antonio Wells and AWO Cumbie also spoke with Inmate Woodbury. Each time someone spoke with Inmate Woodbury, they observed Inmate Haynes [REDACTED] Inmate Hayes would attempt to sit up by pushing up with his arms and Inmate Woodbury would strike him and Inmate Haynes would lay face down to avoid the strikes. At approximately 6:30 a.m., Colonel Sara Baldrige arrived and began to speak with Inmate Woodbury who was still acting erratic and irrational. The CNT was activated at approximately 5:10 a.m., but did not arrive on scene until 7:10 a.m. Several other officers attempted to speak to Inmate Woodbury but he refused. At approximately 5:40 a.m., the Dart team was activated and deployed to the staging area in the sally-port of C-dormitory. The cell extraction team was activated at approximately 6:45 a.m., and staged outside C-dormitory's fire exit. At approximately 7:10 a.m., the cell extraction team staged on the upper tier of C-dormitory directly adjacent to cell C1-208. The Dart team entered C-dormitory and was directed to provide support cover for the lower tier. Major Gatto issued the final order to Inmate Woodbury to submit to restraints and Inmate Woodbury complied. Inmate Woodbury was then handcuffed and escorted to a confinement holding cell.

- At approximately 4:01 am, Captain Wells and Officer Usher arrived to C-dormitory.
- At approximately 4:15 am, [REDACTED] arrived on scene.
- At approximately 4:31 am, Major Gatto was advised of the hostage situation.



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- At approximately 4:55 am, Major Gatto arrived at C-dormitory.
- At approximately 5:00 am, Major Gatto attempted to speak to Inmate Woodbury into releasing the hostage.
- At approximately 6:30 am, Corrections Negotiation Team (CNT) arrived.
- At approximately 7:05 am, Inmate Woodbury surrendered to hand restraints.
- At approximately 7:12 am, Supervisor Brown notified Inspector Baty.
- At approximately 7:20 am, [REDACTED] nt worked on Inmate Hayne [REDACTED] of Okeechobee C.I.
- At approximately 7:35 am, [REDACTED] arrived to Okeechobee C.I.
- At approximately 8:00 am, [REDACTED] departed Okeechobee C.I. [REDACTED] with Inmate Haynes.
- At approximately 8:12 am, Inspector Baty arrived to Okeechobee C.I.
- At approximately 8:28 am, Inmate Haynes was pronounced deceased [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- At approximately 8:44 am, EAC was notified.
- At approximately 8:44 am, EAC notified Supervisor Roundtree.
- At approximately 8:45 am, Lead Senior Inspector Christopher Welsh arrived to Okeechobee C.I.
- At approximately 8:48 am, FDLE Special Agent Greg Monk advised Special Agent Supervisor Mark Willis and his team would be responding to Okeechobee C.I.
- At approximately 8:50 am, Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Supervisor Willis notified Inspector Baty that agents would be responding to Okeechobee Correctional and Raulerson Hospital.
- At approximately 9:45 am, Supervisor Willis, Special Agent Steve Harris, Special Agent Kevin Sapp arrived to Okeechobee C.I.
- At approximately 10:00 am, Supervisor Willis, Agent Harris, Agent Sapp along with Inspectors Welsh and Baty questioned eight (8) security staff members and [REDACTED] members.
- At approximately 1:05 pm, Crime Scene Technicians FDLE Kate Fahey and Lindsey Thomson arrived on scene.



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- At approximately 1:25 pm, Inspectors Baty and Welsh entered C-dormitory quad-1 along with FDLE agents and crime scene technicians to process cell C1-208.
- At approximately 2:10 pm, Special Agent Shawn Curse arrived to C-dormitory from Raulerson Hospital.
- At approximately 3:40 pm, the crime scene was concluded and released.
- At approximately 3:46 pm, SAO Ashley Albright arrived on scene.
- At approximately 3:46 pm, SAO Albright and FDLE agents questioned Inmate Woodbury.
- At approximately 5:15 pm, Inspectors Baty and Welsh along with all FDLE agents exited the institution.
- At approximately 7:00 pm, Inspectors Baty and Welsh departed Okeechobee Correctional.

FDLE Investigation Report:

On September 22, 2017, at 8:04 a.m., the Florida Department of Corrections (FDOC) reported an [REDACTED] at Okeechobee Correctional Institution (OCI). Inmate Antoneeze P. Haynes was found [REDACTED] in his cell. Florida Department of Law Enforcement Special Agents from the Sebring Field Office responded to OCI [REDACTED] to initiate an investigation pursuant to an interagency Memorandum of Understanding covering in-custody use of force [REDACTED] or death. During the investigation, it was discovered that Mr. Haynes [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On Thursday, November 30, 2017, Special Agent (SA) Kevin A. Sapp received a postmortem examination report from the District 19 Medical Examiner's Office pertaining to the post mortem examination of Antoneeze Haynes, ME Case #17-19-74. Doctor Shanedelle Norford, Associate Medical Examiner, prepared the postmortem examination report and gave the autopsy findings as follows;

1. [REDACTED]:
 - a. [REDACTED]
 - b. [REDACTED]
 - c. [REDACTED]
 - d. [REDACTED]
 - e. [REDACTED]
 - f. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]:
 - a. [REDACTED]
 - b. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]
 - a. [REDACTED]
 - b. [REDACTED]



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C. [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

The postmortem examination report was completed by Dr. Norford on October 6, 2017. The report indicated the cause of death [REDACTED] and the manner of death was homicide. The [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED].

An electronic copy of the Postmortem Examination Report was placed in the related items section of the case file under related items number INV-35.

On May 21, 2018, during the trial, Michael L. Woodbury pleaded guilty to the premeditated murder of Antoneeze Haynes. On July 24, 2018, an Okeechobee County jury unanimously recommended that Woodbury received the death penalty for killing Antoneeze Haynes. On September 21, 2018, Judge Sherwood Bauer, Jr. adjudicated Woodbury guilty and sentenced him to death. Woodbury was remanded back to the custody of the Florida Department of Corrections and was to be housed at the Florida State Prison until the sentence is carried out.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant State Attorney Ashley Albright and Assistant State Attorney Don Richardson of the 19th Judicial Circuit. On September 24, 2018, an Evidence Disposal Authorization Form (EDAF) was completed by Special Agent Kevin A. Sapp to transfer the following items that were submitted as evidence during trial to Okeechobee County Clerk of Courts.

- 1.CSI Combination lock from floor outside cell C1208 door.
- 2.CS2 Rectangular piece of silver color metal with black cording attached and inmate identification card of Michael L. Woodbury removed from cell C1208 prior to FDLE CS arrival.
- 3.CS4 One tooth and piece of broken plastic with suspected [REDACTED] from cell C120.
- 4.CS5 collected item - broken pen with suspected [REDACTED] from cell CI 208 CS7 White container containing a needle and thread with suspected [REDACTED] from cell C1208.
- 5.CSI 1 Blue mesh bag with suspected [REDACTED] from cell C1208.

On September 25, 2018, the evidence not submitted during the trial was transferred from the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office Evidence Section to the Ft. Myers Regional Operations Center Evidence Section. An electronic copy of the court notes and sentence was attached to the related items section of the case file under related items number INV-45. A copy of the EDAF and the evidence property receipt was placed in the related items section of the case file under related items number INV-46.

This investigation was closed by arrest.



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VII. CHARGES

List alleged violations of Florida Law:

782.04 Murder

(1)(a) 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 Kevin Sapp the allegation against Inmate Michael Woodbury for **Murder, in violation of (782.04)**, be termed as follows:

1. Closed by Arrest

Senior Inspector Baty reviewed the investigation completed by FDLE, and no administrative violations were observed during the course of this investigation.