

Florida Department of Corrections



Office of the Inspector General

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST
CASE # 17-12422**



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INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST SUMMARY REPORT



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Case Number: 17-12422

OIG Inspector: Inspector Scott Gambel

Outside Agency: Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Outside Agency Investigator: Special Agent Jennifer Wolf

Date Assigned or Initiated: 07-17-2017

Complaint Against: Inmate Randy Johnson, DC# G04405

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

Complainant: Inmate John Hill, DC# C08578

Outside Agency Case #: 17M-316

Use of Force Number: N/A

PREA Number: N/A

Classification of Incident: Death Investigation

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 July 17, 2017, Inspector Scott Gambel (*Gambel*) was notified by Supervisor Daryl McCasland (*McCasland*) of an inmate on inmate homicide [REDACTED] at Madison Correctional Institution (MCI). The victim, Inmate John Hill, DC# C08578 (*Hill*) was found [REDACTED] by staff in his cell he shared with Inmate Randy Johnson, DC# G04405 (*Johnson*). [REDACTED] was notified and [REDACTED] Hill for possible [REDACTED] to no avail. Johnson admitted to staff that he had [REDACTED] Hill. Hill had [REDACTED] and also around his [REDACTED].

FDLE was notified and responded to the scene.

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:

Inside the two-man cell, there was [REDACTED] in the pillow of the bottom bunk. The cell was searched by FDLE agents Jennifer Wolf (*Wolf*) and Terrance Tyler (*Tyler*) but nothing was found to indicate what was used to [REDACTED] Hill. There were a pair of shoes under the bunk with one pair missing a shoe lace. This shoe lace was not found. Maintenance was called to check the toilet drain for this shoe lace but nothing was found in the drain. The cell has been secured pending an autopsy to Hill.

An attempt was made to obtain a post Miranda interview with Johnson by Wolf and Tyler. Johnson requested an attorney and refused to make a statement in this case.

Videos for the fixed wing camera in the dorm were provided by staff and collected by Wolf. Wolf, along with Tyler are leading the investigation. Hill is being sent to the medical examiner's office in Tallahassee. The chaplain for MCI has contacted the family of Hill for the death notification. An investigative demand form was sent by Wolf. This form has been attached to this report.

On December 13, 2017, an autopsy report was provided by Wolf. This report has been attached to this report. Wolf replied in an email that no further assistance is needed in this case as the final report is being sent to the State Attorney's Office.

VII. CHARGES

List alleged violations of Florida Law:

782.04 Murder. (1)(a) The unlawful killing of a human being.

VIII. CONCLUSION

Based on the information gathered during their investigation, it is the recommendation of FDLE Special Agent Jennifer Wolf the allegation against Inmate Randy Johnson for Murder, **in violation of 782.04**, be termed as follows:

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Inspector Gambel reviewed the investigation completed by FDLE, and administrative issues were not identified.