

Florida Department of Corrections



Office of the Inspector General

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST
CASE # 16-18075**



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INVESTIGATIVE ASSIST SUMMARY REPORT



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Case Number: 16-18075

OIG Inspector: Inspector Kate Gustafson

Outside Agency: Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Outside Agency Investigator: Special Agent Mark Zagar

Date Assigned or Initiated: 09-28-2016

Complaint Against: Inmate Adam Green DC# E20774 (*Deceased*)

Location of Incident – Institution/Facility/Office: Santa Rosa Correctional Institution-Annex

Complainant:

Outside Agency Case #: PE-37-0052

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 or about September 27, 2016, the Department of Corrections, Office of the Inspector General received information indicating, security staff found Inmate Adam Green DC# E20774, [REDACTED] inside secured cell [REDACTED] at Santa Rosa Correctional Institution-Annex (SARCI-A) at approximately 12:38 p.m. and was subsequently declared deceased by [REDACTED] at 1:08 p.m. Lead Senior Inspector William Anglin dispatched Inspector Kate Gustafson to SARCI-A and notified the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Watch Desk of the incident. This Investigative Assist was documented in Management Information Notes System (MINS) 728756 and assigned to Inspector Kate Gustafson on September 28, 2016.

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 September 27, 2016, Inspector Kate Gustafson responded to Santa Rosa Correctional Institution-Annex based on information received in reference to the death of Inmate Adam Green. Inspector Gustafson ensured scene security prior to the arrival of FDLE Special Agent Dennis Haley (Primary Investigator).

Inspector Kate Gustafson served as a liaison between Security Management and Special Agent Dennis Haley for the purpose of acquiring requested documents and records.

On June 19, 2017, Inspector Kate Gustafson sent an email correspondence to FDLE Special agent Dennis Haley requesting an update on the death investigation of Inmate Adam Green. Special Agent Haley advised the FDLE Investigation had been closed and would be forwarded.

On July 3, 2017, Inspector Kate Gustafson received the final report of FDLE case # PE-37-0052 and the autopsy report. The records indicate the case was closed on March 17, 2017, and listed the cause of death [REDACTED] the manner of Inmate Green's death as suicide.

On July 6, 2017, Inspector Kate Gustafson conducted a review of the related incident report authored and submitted by Correctional Officer Sergeant Walter White (IR 16-2836-135). Sergeant White indicated while conducting a security check in quad one (1) Q-dormitory, he observed Inmate Adam Green present in cell [REDACTED] with a homemade noose wrapped around his neck and wrapped around the fire suppression device. Sergeant White radioed for assistance [REDACTED] on Inmate Green. The noose was cut from the fire suppression system and Inmate Green placed on the floor. The noose was then cut away from Inmate Green's neck. [REDACTED] pronounced Inmate Green deceased.

NOTE: Inspector Kate Gustafson conducted a review of the investigation completed by FDLE, the related incident reports submitted by Department of Corrections personal and noted no known violation of Florida



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Statue, Florida Administrative Code or Department of Corrections Procedures pertaining to the death of Inmate Green.

VII. CHARGES

- N/A

VIII. CONCLUSION

Based on the information gathered during this investigative assist, it is the recommendation of Inspector Kate Gustafson, the death of Inmate Adam Green be classified as a suicide as determination by the Medical Examiner's Office and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, this case is termed as follows:

- Investigative Assist Closed