

# Florida Department of Corrections



## Office of the Inspector General

### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Case # 18-20203



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OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
**CASE SUMMARY REPORT**



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**Case Number:** 18-20203

**Inspector:** Inspector Howard Coombs

**Date Assigned or Initiated:** 12-04-2018

**Complaint Against:** N/A

**Location of Incident – Institution/Facility/Office:** Sumter Correctional Institution

**Complainant:** Inmate Anthony Gautieri (deceased)

**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

**Equal Employment Opportunity 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 a preponderance of the evidence exists to suggest the suspect's alleged behavior or action did not occur.

**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.



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**V. PREDICATE**

On November 19, 2018, at approximately 11:47am, at Sumter Correctional Institution, while in" [REDACTED] Dorm, Inmate Anthony Gautieri DC#G02963 was found [REDACTED] while lying on his bunk [REDACTED] [REDACTED] responded and determined that Inmate Gautieri [REDACTED] [REDACTED] responded and transported Inmate Gautieri [REDACTED]. On November 30, 2018, Inmate Gautieri [REDACTED] and pronounced dead. This case was upgraded from a Complaint Review to a Death Investigation (criminal) and assigned to Senior Inspector Howard Coombs.

**VI. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS**

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

On November 19, 2018, an Inspector General call out was initiated in reference an inmate who was sent to an [REDACTED]. Senior Inspector Howard Coombs responded and conducted a preliminary inquiry which determined Inmate Gautieri may have accidentally [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. When Inmate Gautieri [REDACTED] [REDACTED].

On November 21, 2018, [REDACTED] An [REDACTED] was done and [REDACTED] He [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

On November 22, 2018, Inmate Gautieri [REDACTED] According to [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

On November 30, 2018, at approximately 3: 15p.m., Inmate Anthony Gautieri was pronounced deceased by [REDACTED]

On November 30, 2018, Florida Department of Law enforcement (FDLE) Special Agent Tom Mayes was notified of an inmate death [REDACTED] The information in regard to the timeline of Inmate Gautieri was provided, He advised that a copy of the Medical Examiners Report be sent to him.

A walkthrough of [REDACTED] dorm was conducted. [REDACTED] dorm is an open-bay dorm and houses the adult male inmates. The incident occurred to the right of the control room. The inmates assigned to the dorm were outside and were not permitted in because they may inadvertently contaminate the crime scene. A review of the crime scene was completed. No residue of narcotics was evident. Photographs were taken of the scene. Inmate Gautieri's property was searched. No evidence of narcotics was found.



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A review of the video tape was conducted. The date of the video is November 19, 2019. It is of [REDACTED] dorm. [REDACTED]-dorm is an open-bay dorm which houses adult offenders. Information on the videotape is as follows:

Time	Activity
10:50 a.m.	Inmate Guatieri is seen sitting on the top of his bunk reading.
11:13 a.m.	Inmate Guatieri gets off of the top bunk and goes to his locker and starts looking for something. Unknown if he finds anything.
11:19 a.m.	Security staff does a walk through
11:20 a.m.	Inmate Guatieri gets back in his bunk. He is moving his hand up to his face, but it is unknown if he is ingesting something. There is no appearance of smoke coming from the area. He is on the top bunk, but is on his hands and knees. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
11:22 a.m.	Several inmates are seen placing Inmate Guatieri on his bunk. Unknown if he was [REDACTED]
11:23 a.m.	An inmate is seen checking on Inmate Guatieri. Inmate Guatieri [REDACTED].
11:27 a.m.	An Inmate McCullough [REDACTED] Inmate Guatieri
11:34 a.m.	Inmate Guatieri [REDACTED]
11:38 a.m.	Inmate Guatieri [REDACTED]
11:40 a.m.	Inmate Guatieri [REDACTED]
11:42 a.m.	A corrections officer arrives at Inmate Guatieri's assigned bunk.
11:43 a.m.	Corrections officer takes Inmate Guatieri off of his bunk and places him in on the ground. Inmate Guatieri i [REDACTED]
11:43 a.m.	Corrections officer [REDACTED]
11:48 a.m.	Sumter C.I. [REDACTED] arrive on scene. [REDACTED].
11:57 a.m.	[REDACTED] arrives.
12:20 p.m.	[REDACTED] departs. Inmate Guatieri is transported [REDACTED].



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The audio interviews were of inmates that slept adjacent to the inmate, or checked on him when he [REDACTED]. A print-out of the [REDACTED] dorm log showed the inmates that were in close vicinity of Inmate Gautieri.

On November 19, 2018, at 7:09 p.m. in a sworn recorded interview, Inmate Calvin McCullough indicated the following:

He came inside from the recreation yard when some inmates told him that an inmate (Gautieri) seemed to [REDACTED]. He went and checked on the inmate, and noticed [REDACTED]. He figured that the inmate was okay. Moments later, he was told to check on the inmate again. He did and the inmates face [REDACTED]. He notified a staff member. He did not see the inmate ingest, smoke, or take anything. He has no further involvement in this case.

On November 19, 2018, at 7:15 p.m. in a sworn recorded statement, Inmate Calvin Fraley III indicated the following:

He did not see Inmate Gautieri ingest, smoke, or take anything. He does not know why Inmate Gautieri [REDACTED].

On November 19, 2018, at 7:18 p.m. in a sworn recorded interview, Inmate Joshua Brown indicated the following:

He was outside in the recreation yard. When he came inside the dorm, he noticed people around an inmate. Someone told him that the inmate [REDACTED]. He did not see the inmate (Gautieri) smoke or take anything.

On December 17, 2018, a copy of the Medical Examiners Report was sent. According to the report, the Cause of Death; [REDACTED] Manner of Death is ruled Accidental.

**VII. CHARGES**

**List alleged violations of Florida Law:**

N/A – Death Investigation

**VIII. CONCLUSION**

Based on the information gathered during this investigation, it is the recommendation of Senior Inspector Howard Coombs the death of Inmate Anthony Gautieri, be termed as follows:

1. Exceptionally Cleared