

NARRATIVE / SUPPLEMENT

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Report Date	Report Time	Orig. Reported Date	Nature of Call (for Incident)	Agency Report Number	1. Original	2. Supplement
10-20-2009	1800	09-16-2009	7	090029492		2

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2 On 09-16-2009 at approximately 1100 hours, Inv. Campanella responded to the Volusia County Correctional facility women's unit in reference to  
3 an undetermined in custody death. Upon arrival Inv. Campanella met with Dep Bowen and Sgt MacDonald who briefed Inv. Campanella on the  
4 incident. Inv. Campanella was advised that Veira, Tracy (V1) was found unresponsive and covered in vomit inside her medical segregation cell at  
5 approximately 1000 hours by corrections staff. Life saving measures were attempted with negative results and Veira was pronounced dead at  
6 1012 hours. At that time VCSO was called to respond to the scene. For further details regarding Dep Bowens actions and observations, please  
7 refer to her report.  
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9 Inv. Campanella then met with Inv. Graves who was also on scene. Inv. Campanella instructed Inv. Graves to take command of all Crime Scene  
10 and evidence collection duties at that time. Inv. Campanella and Inv. Graves then briefly entered Veira's cell to conduct a cursory search for items  
11 of evidentiary value. For details regarding the crime scene and items of evidence collected, please refer to Inv. Graves report.  
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13 Contact was then made with Inv. Lunt and Forensic Technician Clint Clark from the Volusia County Medical Examiner's Office. Inv. Campanella  
14 and Inv. Lunt discussed the scene and the known circumstances surrounding Veira's death. Inv's Campanella, Lunt, and Forensic Technician  
15 Clark all observed that Veira displayed signs of rigor mortis and lividity not consistent with being deceased for approximately one to one and a half  
16 hours. This observation was based on the time line that Veira was seen alive at 0930 hours, found unresponsive at 1000 hours, and the  
17 approximate time of Inv. Campanella's arrival of 1100 hours. Ultimately, a more accurate time of death will be determined by the Volusia County  
18 Medical Examiner after the completion of an autopsy. Also observed and verified through Corrections Officers on scene was that Veira had  
19 vomited in her cell. A foul smelling black green purge was observed on Veira, in her cell, in a cup in her cell, and on the floor near her.  
20 Information gathered at that time showed that Veira had been vomiting daily since 09-13-2009. Veira was then removed from the scene and  
21 transported to the Volusia County Medical Examiner's Office.  
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23 Inv. Campanella then contacted Lt Gray of Volusia County Corrections. Lt Gray assisted Inv. Campanella in the investigation and helped provide  
24 Inv. Campanella with various items of paperwork related to Veira since her most recent incarceration, which began on 09-09-2009. Lt Gray also  
25 provided Inv. Campanella with the VCCF Record of Segregation / Special Inmate Watch forms related to Veira. The aforementioned forms are  
26 commonly known as VCDC 52's. Veira was on special inmate watch and therefore VCDC 52's were to be completed each day and updated every  
27 15 minutes. Inv. Campanella was provided with a roster of all VCCF employees' and some medical information. Inv. Campanella observed that  
28 Veira was placed on a liquid diet on 09-12-2009 by Prison Health Services for 3 days. The exact cause for Veira being placed on a liquid diet was  
29 not known at that time. Veira was also screened for Opiate withdrawal on 09-12-2009 using the Clinical Opiate Withdrawal Scale (COWS) form,  
30 which was completed but not signed by Veira or a clinician. While talking to Lt Gray, Inv. Campanella learned that Veira was suffering from Opiate  
31 withdrawal and was placed in Special Inmate Watch for such reason. Veira was moved from her general population cell to an area specific to  
32 Special Inmate Watch on 09-12-2009, which was also the location where Veira was found unresponsive and subsequently pronounced dead on  
33 09-16-2009.  
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35 Inv. Campanella then met with Capt. Dofflemeyer of VCCF. Capt. Dofflemeyer advised Inv. Campanella that she would be assisting in collecting  
36 written statements from every Corrections Officer who was assigned to Veira's housing unit, who documented Veira's actions on a VCCD 52, and  
37 who ever had contact with Veira during her confinement in the Special Inmate Watch area; which is also referred to the "rotunda". Capt.  
38 Dofflemeyer added that she would be conducting an internal investigation into Veira's death from the Volusia County Corrections standpoint. Inv.  
39 Campanella and Capt. Dofflemeyer agreed to keep an open line of communication between them during the course of the investigation for mutual  
40 assistance and information sharing.

NARRATIVE / CONTINUATION

ADMINISTRATIVE	Final Case Status:	Final Case Status Codes: 1.Arrest/Adult 2.Arrest/Juv. 3.Exceptional/Adult 4.Exceptional/Juv. 5.Closed 8.Unfounded	<input type="checkbox"/> Victim Advocate	<input type="checkbox"/> Tried	<input type="checkbox"/> SA Referral
	<input type="checkbox"/> DCF Hotline <input type="checkbox"/> CAC	Spoke With:	Date:	Time:	<input type="checkbox"/> FCIC / NCIC Entry <input type="checkbox"/> FCIC / NCIC Cancel
	Connecting Report Number	Agency	Additional Forms Attached: <input type="checkbox"/> Narrative <input type="checkbox"/> SA 707 <input type="checkbox"/> Persons <input type="checkbox"/> Property <input type="checkbox"/> Veh./Tow Sheet <input type="checkbox"/> Other Describe:		
	Officer Reporting - Printed Campanella, Michael	Officer Reporting - Signature (If Applicable)	ID. Number 1429	Unit	Date 10-20-2009
Officer Reviewing - Printed (If Applicable)	Officer Reviewing - Signature (If Applicable)	ID. Number	Unit	Date	