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Volusia County Sheriff's Office

District Investigations Supplement Report

Case Number: 07-33431

Incident Type: Death- Undetermined

Incident Location: Volusia County Correction Facility
1354 Indian Lake Road
Daytona Beach, Florida

Supplement Number: 01

Case Agent: Major Case Investigator Todd Blair

Victim(s): Comeau, Muriel W. 12-03-1968

Witness(es): Officer Bauer, Jennifer
1354 Indian Lake Road
Daytona Beach, Florida
386-254-1566

Next Of Kin: Diluzio, James (Father)

Witnesses to C/O Captain Modzelewski, Kenneth
Bauer Interview: 1300 Red John Road
Daytona Beach, Florida
386-258-4045

Captain Dofflemyer, Nikki
1300 Red John Road
Daytona Beach, Florida
386-254-1542

Evidence: CD recording of interview with Officer Bauer

Narrative: On September 27, 2007, Investigator Agostinis responded to the Volusia County Corrections Facility, 1354 Indian Lake Road, Daytona Beach reference a possible suicide of an Inmate (I/M). Upon arrival, Investigator Agostinis contacted Deputy Conyers (7281). Deputy Conyers advised the victim Comeau, Muriel was an inmate at the facility. On September 27, 2007 the victim was placed on suicide watch at approximately 1438 hrs. when the correction staff was advised by a family friend of the victim's that she made statements about hanging herself. The victim was placed in H -Unit Cell # H-11 and kept

under suicide watch by the Corrections Staff. At approximately 1845 hrs. the victim was taken off of suicide watch and given her personal items back.

At approximately 2218 hrs., Corrections Officer (C/O) Bauer, Jennifer and Nurse Wisemore, Michael were making medical rounds to distribute medication to the inmates in H-Unit. When C/O Brauer went to the victim's cell she observed the victim lifeless in a sitting position hanging from a shoelace tied to the upper bunk in the cell. C/O Brauer called for a Code White and the cell door for the victim's cell was opened. Nurse Wisemore with the assistance of other staff members cut the victim down and began CPR. After numerous attempts to resuscitate the victim, she was declared deceased by EVAC Unit that arrived on scene to assist. The supervisor of H-Unit, Sergeant Painter contacted the VCSO central dispatch and requested assistance.

Investigator Agostinis observed the cell in which the victim was lying. No signs of foul play or suspicious activity were discovered. Investigator Agostinis further observed the victim was lying on the floor of the cell and she was clothed in a blue shirt, orange pants, and black sneakers (with the right shoe with no laces). Draped across the victim's right arm was a black in color rope that appeared to be consistent with the missing shoelace. Investigator Agostinis observed no signs of injuries, other than a ligature mark on the victim's neck.

Investigator Agostinis contacted VCSO Major Case Investigator Blair and advised him of the situation. Major Case Investigator Blair advised he would respond and would contact the on-call VCSO Crime Scene Investigator (CSI) Dewees to process the scene. Major Case Investigator Blair tasked Investigator Agostinis to conduct a recorded interview with C/O Bauer.

Investigator Agostinis contacted C/O Bauer and conducted a recorded interview. Present during the interview were representatives of the Volusia County Correction Internal Affairs Unit Captain Modzelewski and Captain Dofflemeyer. C/O Bauer advised she and Nurse Wisemore were distributing medications to the Inmates to H-Unit, when they approached the victim cell (H-11) where she observed the victim hanging by a shoestring that was tied through the eye-lit of the top bunk. The victim was position in a sitting pose off the edge of the bottom bunk. C/O Bauer transmitted on her radio and called a Code White (Inmate Attempting Suicide). Nurse Wisemore entered the cell along with Nurse Ross, who cut the victim down, and began CPR on Comeau. C/O Bauer was aware of the victim's past incarcerations and past suicide attempts, but was unaware of any suicidal statements made during her current incarceration. C/O Bauer could not recall who gave the victim back her personal clothing after she was taken off of suicide watch. Comeau was placed on earlier in the day. C/O Bauer further advised the victim was the sole occupant of the cell and had no known problems with any of the other Inmates housed in H-Unit. C/O Bauer stated, the last known C/O to witness Comeau alive was Sergeant Painter at approximately 2046 hrs.

Investigator Agostinis verified with Deputy Conyers that an attempt was made to notify the Next Of Kin Diluzio, James by the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO). Deputy

Conyers advised FCSO had been Tele Type (TTY) by VCSO to make the notification, but there was no response back from FCSO as to the status of the notification.

Investigator Agostinis advised Major Case Investigator Blair of the notification status and turned over the interview recording to him for further review and safekeeping. Major Case Investigator Blair continued this case for further follow up investigation.

Case Status: Active / TOT Major Case Investigator Blair

Investigator:	Investigator Mike Agostinis	DID:	1338	Date:	September 27, 2007
Supervisor:	Sergeant Virgil Ford	DID:	2379	Date:	September 27, 2007