

# NARRATIVE / SUPPLEMENT

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1 Inv. Campanella authors this investigative supplement report in furtherance of this undetermined death investigation. Inv. Campanella last

2 supplemented this case regarding the investigation on the date of the incident through notification of next of kin, which occurred later that date.

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5 On 09-17-2009 Inv. Campanella responded to the Volusia County Medical Examiner's Office and made contact with Associate Medical Examiner

6 Dr Bulic. Inv. Campanella briefed Dr Bulic on the facts of the investigation known thus far. Inv. Campanella stressed to Dr Bulic that prior to her

7 incarceration on 09-09-2009, Veira was consuming no less than 180 mg's of Oxycodone per day. According to Mullins, Veira had no medical

8 complaints or was not suffering from any illness upon her incarceration. While incarcerated, Veira was treated by Prison Health Services for

9 Opiate withdraw, nausea, frequent vomiting, and stomach pain. Veira was placed on a liquid diet for 3 days, but was provided solid foods just prior

10 to her death. Dr. Bulic was also advised that according to VCDC 52 records, at 0833 hours on 09-16-2009, Veira was documented as having

11 spoken with a housing unit supervisor.

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13 After the briefing, Dr. Bulic performed an autopsy on Veira with Inv. Campanella being present. Dr. Bulic advised of several preliminary findings

14 during the autopsy. The preliminary findings were that Veira's stomach was very large and filled with bile and other fluids. Veira's lower bowels

15 appeared abnormally thin and appeared not to be functioning properly. Dr. Bulic's preliminary opinion at the conclusion of the autopsy was that

16 Veira may have been suffering from paralytic ileus. Due to the paralytic ileus, Veira vomited the contents of her stomach which eventually caused

17 her to aspirate and eventually die. Dr. Bulic advised that his final cause and manner of death, along with a medical diagnosis if possible, would be

18 detailed in his final report of autopsy which would be authored after the toxicology and histology results were returned and examined. Dr. Bulic did

19 state to Inv. Campanella that no signs of foul play, suspicious bruising, or any type of suspicious injury was noted during the autopsy. Inv.

20 Campanella informed Dr. Bulic that those specific findings were in concert with Inv. Campanella's investigation thus far.

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22 Inv. Campanella then contacted Mullins by telephone and spoke with her at length regarding the preliminary findings of the autopsy. Mullins was

23 told Veira most likely suffered from paralytic ileus, which could be caused from opiate withdraw. Inv. Campanella added that no signs of foul play

24 were present, Veira suffered from no injuries, and that foul play was not a factor in her death. Mullins was further notified that the findings thus far

25 were preliminary and that Dr Bulic would author the cause and manner of death at the completion of the final report of autopsy.

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27 Inv. Campanella began a review and analysis of all documents and reports submitted by Volusia County Corrections staff in reference to Veira's

28 death. The reports identified by Inv. Campanella as holding most value in this investigation are the VCDC-52 Special Inmate Watch Form and the

29 VCDC-401 Incident Report Form. From the VCDC-52 forms, Inv. Campanella found the following

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31 09-12-2009

32 Veira was placed in medical segregation on that date and moved to the Rotunda. Veira vomited 2 times in her cell and 2 times while at the clinic.

33 Veira was placed on a special 3 day clear liquid diet on this date. Veira's appearance was noted to be "Good" all day.

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35 09-13-2009

36 Veira continued on her special liquid diet but refused to eat and refused recreation. Veira was noted to have vomited 2 times; spoke with staff 2

37 times, visited the clinic 2 times, spoke with the Housing Unit Supervisor once, and received medications once. Veira's appearance was noted as

38 "Good" all day.

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42 09-14-2009

43 Veira continued on her special diet on this date. Veira received medications 3 times this date, spoke with the housing unit supervisor 2 times,

44 went to the clinic once, and spoke on the phone once. There were no notations regarding Veira having vomited on this date, and no notations that

45 Veira spoke with staff other than the housing unit supervisor. Veira's appearance was noted as "Good" all day.

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47 09-15-2009

48 Veira was no longer on the special liquid diet and notations indicate that Veira received her regular meals. Veira spoke with staff 3 times, spoke

49 with the housing unit supervisor 2 times, received medication 2 times, and went to the clinic 1 time. Notations indicate that Veira did not vomit on

50 this date and that her appearance was "Good" all day.

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52 09-16-2009

53 Veira received one meal on this date and showered. Notations indicate that Veira was observed standing at her cell door 2 times, and that she

54 spoke with the housing unit supervisor 1 time. Veira's appearance was noted as "Good" until the time she was observed unresponsive and on the

55 floor.

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57 A closer review of the VCDC-52 on 09-16-2009 revealed the following:

58 0200 hours: Veira showered and returned to her cell

59 0500 hours: Veira was served a meal and the tray was picked back up by staff

60 0600 hours: Veira was observed standing at her cell door

61 0800 hours: Veira was noted as being present at head count

62 0830 hours: Veira was noted speaking to the housing unit supervisor

63 0954 hours: Veira was found unresponsive on the floor of her cell.

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66 Inv. Campanella received a copy of the Medical Examiner's Final Report of Autopsy on 01-04-2010. Dr Bulic authored that Veira's cause of death

67 was aspiration bronchopneumonia due to paralytic ileus, and her manner of death was natural. This determination of cause and manner of death

68 coincides with Inv. Campanella's investigation, which showed that Veira's death was due to a medical event, and not foul play. For details

69 regarding Dr Bulic's finding, please refer to the Final Report of Autopsy.

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71 In conclusion, Inv. Campanella has determined that Veira's natural death investigation will be closed. The investigation revealed no foul play, and

72 no evidence that Veira suffered any injury at the hand of another inmate or Correctional Officer.

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74 Case Status: Closed.

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