

EVT	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

NARRATIVE / CONTINUATION

1 On 09-16-2009 at approximately 1100 hours, Inv. Campanella responded to the Volusia County Correctional facility women's unit in reference to

2 an undetermined in custody death. Upon arrival Inv. Campanella met with Dep Bowen and Sgt MacDonald who briefed Inv. Campanella on the

3 incident. Inv. Campanella was advised that Veira, Tracy (V1) was found unresponsive and covered in vomit inside her medical segregation cell at

4 approximately 1000 hours by corrections staff. Life saving measures were attempted with negative results and Veira was pronounced dead at

5 1012 hours. At that time VCISO was called to respond to the scene. For further details regarding Dep Bowens actions and observations, please

6 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. Dofflemyer of VCCF. Capt. Dofflemyer 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 Dofflemyer added that she would be conducting an internal investigation into Veira's death from the Volusia County Corrections standpoint. Inv.

39 Campanella and Capt. Dofflemyer agreed to keep an open line of communication between them during the course of the investigation for mutual

40 assistance and information sharing.

Final Case Status:	Final Case Status Codes:	1. Adult/Adult	2. Adult/Juvenile	3. Exceptional/Adult	4. Exceptional/Juvenile	5. Closed	6. Unfounded	<input type="checkbox"/> Victim Advocate	<input type="checkbox"/> Tried	<input type="checkbox"/> SA Referral	
<input type="checkbox"/> DCF Hotline	Date:	Time:	<input type="checkbox"/> FCIC / NCIC Entry	<input type="checkbox"/> T.Y. SOLO	Date:	By:					