PREDICATE:

On or about October 10, 2014, the Department of Corrections, Office of the Inspector General received a Management Information Notes System (MINS) report indicating Inmate Williams, Geraldine DC#150752 was pronounced deceased by Jean Dure on October 10, 2014, at approximately 05:30 AM. Dure listed the cause of death, pending an autopsy, The above incident occurred at Reception and Medical Center on October 10, 2014, at which time Special Agent Kirk Veazey of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement was notified and took lead in the investigation. Upon initial review of the information, the Office of the Inspector General initiated an Attended Death-Assist investigation into the incident on October 10, 2014.

NARRATIVE:

On February 3, 2015, the Office of Inspector General received an email from FDLE Special Agent (SA) Kirk Veazey in reference to the completed FDLE investigation into the death of Inmate Geraldine Williams DC#150752. SA Veazey indicated in report JA-37-0030, the Eighth District Medical Examiner’s Office concluded in the final autopsy report the cause of Inmate William’s death was SA Veazey verified the autopsy report also concluded the manner death was listed as natural. SA Veazey closed the agency case JA-37-0030 and indicated no further investigative activity is anticipated, the FDLE report will close the case. It is the recommendation of Inspector Robert Sammons this agency assist investigation is closed with no further action warranted by the Office of Inspector General.
On Friday, October 10, 2014 at 0730 hours, FDLE watch desk Criminal Intelligence Analyst (CIA) Richard Seaman notified FDLE Special Agent (SA) Kirk Veazey of the death of a Florida Department of Corrections (DOC) inmate. DOC personnel had advised that Geraldine T. Williams, DOC# 150752, who was a section of the North Florida Reception and Medical Center (RMC) in Lake Butler, Florida, had died. Williams was on September 30, 2014 and died of causes. CIA Seaman advised that DOC Inspector Robert Sammons would be responding to RMC to assist. This report will document the response by SA Veazey.

SA Veazey arrived at the RMC on October 10, 2014 at approximately 0911 hours and met with Inspector Sammons in Williams's room. Williams's body was on the bed in the room. DOC personnel controlled access to the room. Inspector Sammons advised that the attending Jean Maurice Dure, who pronounced Williams deceased at 0530 hours. Inspector Sammons advised that DOC would not be able to provide any regarding Williams without a subpoena or the consent of his next of kin. Inspector Sammons also advised that the attending personnel would not be able to speak to SA Veazey without the same subpoena or consent.

SA Veazey took photographs of room 12031 in building 2, west wing, where Williams was located, and took photographs of Williams. DOC personnel advised that Archer Funeral Home was enroute to pick up Williams's body for transport to the medical examiner. According to DOC records, Williams was serving a life sentence and had been in DOC custody since September 4, 1981. At 0945 hours, Inspector Sammons and SA Veazey departed room 12031. On October 20, 2014, SA Veazey requested a copy of Williams's autopsy report from the Office of the Medical Examiner in Gainesville, Florida.

A copy of the DOC Corrections Offender Information Network face sheet for Williams, an investigative demand for records form, and a compact disk containing photographs are filed as Related Item INV-1 to this Investigative Report.
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As documented in report 1, SA Veazey requested a copy of Williams's autopsy report from the Office of the Medical Examiner (OME) in Gainesville, Florida. On January 5, 2015, SA Veazey received a copy of the OME preliminary autopsy report. The report listed a number of findings, including the cause of death is pending "completion of laboratory studies".

A copy of the report is submitted as Related Item INV-2.
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As documented in report 1, SA Veazey requested a copy of Williams's autopsy report from the Office of the Medical Examiner (OME) in Gainesville, Florida. On January 9, 2015, SA Veazey received a copy of the OME's final report of investigation and a report of postmortem examination. The report of investigation stated that Williams had and the manner of death was listed as and the probable cause of death was listed as natural.

Due to the findings of the OME, no further investigative activity is anticipated, and this report will close this case. The documents provided by the OME are submitted as Related Item INV-3.

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