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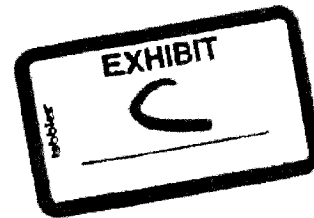
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TO: Jeffery Beasley, Inspector General
Inspector Supervisor, Doug Glisson

FROM: Lead Senior Inspector John Ulm

DATE: February 7, 2014



I would like to say I have great respect and honor for the institution of fair and unbiased investigations in our government affairs and actions. I say this because I must make the following objections to several investigations that have been started against me and several members of the investigative team actively investigating Correctional Officers at Franklin Correctional Institution. This team has uncovered several violations of State and Federal law inside Franklin Correctional which include: abuse of Inmates, Violation of Civil Rights, and the death of an inmate being committed by Correctional staff assigned to the institution.

As this open federal investigation is ongoing, I discovered that inspectors within the Department of Corrections acted in a manner which caused the true reasons of the death of the inmate not to be looked at for civil rights violations by members of the Department of Corrections.

I reported these findings, and now I am facing investigations by Senior Inspector Debbie Carter, who I informed the Department of Corrections, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation is a possible "suspect" or "witness" in the death investigation of the inmate.

As I have stated, I respect the institution of criminal and administrative investigative process, and to preserve and protect the **rights of the innocent and guilty**. Now it comes that I, too, need my rights protected and preserved for the following objections against my own office handling my investigation.

- The Office of the Inspector General, in the month of October, 2013, assigned Inspector Michael Meaney to the Investigative Team and by November 25, 2013, Inspector Meaney is investigating me and other members assigned. Inspector Meaney has continued to investigate me and others for well over sixty days with no closure. Inspector Meaney is still actively a part of the civil right violation case, along with me and others he has under investigation.
- On January 28, 2014, I was again placed under investigation by the aforementioned Senior Inspector Carter, the person who the team has in question in the death investigation of the inmate at Franklin Correctional Institution. The person who made the compliant "I think" being former Correctional Officer Cassidy Hill, which Senior Inspector Carter is investigating me and

other member is directly tied to the open federal investigation. The Hill case is still on-going and she is related to the open federal investigation by her husband former Correctional Officer Erik Crosby, who was abusing inmates over Hill. All information learned in the ongoing federal investigation was obtained during the Hill investigation. Both Hill and Crosby are still being investigated in this federal case.

- While being notified of this active investigation, Lead Senior Inspector Ulm feels he did not receive proper notification of who his "accusers" was and the nature of the complaint. I was placed under implied garrity; in addition, my state issued cellular telephone was taken and it was returned to me with no signed chain of custody showing the phone was returned to me.
- The standard practices of the Department of Correctional has always been an Inspector Supervisor will investigate Inspector, and Inspector of the same rank would not investigate each other, but this is not the standard practices on my case. Inspector Meaney is one rank lower than I am and Senior Inspector Carter is of the same rank as me.

If possible I respectfully ask that within five days of receipt of this letter you please inform me how these issues were addressed to move forward with a clean investigation against myself.

Respectfully submitted

Lead Senior Inspector John Ulm