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I-CASE SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT
Illinois State Police
Z3
Illinois

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I-CASE No. IL12AA10559	Case Status: Case Open - Preliminary	Report Status: Approved
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Case Title	No. Of Suspects	No. Of Victims	Caution Codes?	Gang Related?	Domestic Related?
Richard J. Gonzalez (deceased)	0	0	No	No	No
Last Offense Classification/Re-Classification					Inchoate Code
Assistance To Referral From - County Police In Illinois					Offense As Cited

INCIDENT INFORMATION

Address of Occurrence (No., Street, City, Township, County, State, Zip, Country)	
235 North American Street 84, Paxton, Patton, Ford, Illinois, 60957, United States of America (USA)	
Location Type	Date and Time of Occurrence
Jail, Prison, Or Lockup Facility / Jail Cell Or Lockup Area	05/23/2012 03:54 TO 05/23/2012 03:54
Officer Arrives / Case Open	Date Reported
05/24/2012 07:00	
Action Date	
Incident Assigned By	

ASSISTANCE REQUESTED BY

Agency	Requesting Officer	Officer Title	Officer Contact Number
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REPORTING OFFICER/APPROVING SUPERVISOR/PRIMARY INVESTIGATOR

Role	Name	Date and Time Last Submitted/Approved
Officer	MASSEY, Kenneth L Star # 4935 (Z3)	Submitted - 06/03/2013 16:29
Supervisor	ZUREK, Anthony Star # 4473 (Z3 Ashkum Squad)	Approved - 06/04/2013 10:20
Investigator	MASSEY, Kenneth L Star # 4935 (Z3)	

REPORT TITLE/PURPOSE

To document correspondence with and declination from Illinois Appellate Prosecutor Ed Parkinson

NARRATIVE SECTION

On 05/23/12, at approximately 3:56 a.m., Ford County inmate Richard John Gonzalez was discovered deceased in his jail cell. Illinois State Police, Zone 3 Investigations was contacted and asked to investigate.

During the investigation, I (Sgt. Ken Massey) detected what I believed to be anomalies and implausibilities in the content of interviews with Ford County Corrections Officers. One of which was that when Mr. Gonzalez was discovered deceased, he was reportedly in rigor mortis, despite accounts that he was alive approximately 30 minutes prior to his discovery. Based on my training, rigor mortis begins 2 to 4 hours after death.

I discussed, with Illinois Appellate Prosecuting Attorney Ed Parkinson, the possibility that corrections officers had provided false information in their Ford County Sheriff's Department Incident Reports and also in their interviews with the Illinois State Police. I asked for Mr. Parkinson's opinion if that would meet the criteria of the violation of Illinois statutes (Official Misconduct, Perjury, etc.) and if so, would the Appellate Prosecutor's Office be willing to prosecute? This question was posed to Mr. Parkinson again during a meeting at the Ford County Courthouse on 12/10/12. Special Agent Chris Koerner was also present at this meeting. Mr. Parkinson advised he would consult with the other attorneys in his office and get back to me.



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NARRATIVE SECTION

On 01/07/13, I sent Mr. Parkinson an e-mail inquiring if he'd had the opportunity to discuss the matter with his peers and supervisor. On 01/09/13, I received an e-mail response from Mr. Parkinson suggesting we further question the corrections officers. Additional interviews were conducted with the officers, but each person maintained their version of events, despite the submission of the empirical science of rigor mortis. After these interviews were conducted, the case file was sent to Mr. Parkinson for review (on or about 02/04/13).

On 03/06/13, I sent Mr. Parkinson an e-mail, inquiring if he had received the Gonzalez case file. On 03/19/13, I received an e-mail response from Mr. Parkinson indicating he had received the case file and that he found "insufficient evidence to proceed on criminal charges against employees of Ford County in the death of Richard Gonzalez."

After this declination, the case was presented to an Illinois State Police Death Review Panel. This portion of the investigation is detailed in a separate report.

Attachments: 2 one page e-mail threads

ATTACHMENTS

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