



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: STAFFING/REVIEW TEAM

DATE: March 17, 2017

FROM: Kathleen Hoague, Chief Assistant
Johnette Hardiman, Division Chief

RE: In Custody Death Investigation
Close-Out Memo, DARREN RAINEY

OFFICER(S) INVOLVED:	Sgt. John Fan Fan (FDOC- Dade C.I.) Officer Roland Clarke (FDOC- Dade C.I.) Officer Cornelius Thompson (FDOC- Dade C.I.) Officer Edwina Williams (FDOC- Dade C.I.)
DECEASED:	Darren Rainey, B/M, DOB 11/12/1962
INJURIES:	None
DATE & TIME:	June 23, 2012, approximately 8:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	Dade Correctional Institute, Transitional Care Unit, located at 19000 SW 377 Street, Miami Dade County, Florida
WEAPON:	None
LEAD:	Detective Wilbert Sanchez, Miami Dade Police Department, Homicide Unit (30-5387)
CASE #:	PD120623238979
SAO CASE #:	86-14-38 (Special Prosecutions Intake)



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INTRODUCTION

The role of the State Attorney in this investigation and in conducting this review is limited to determining whether a criminal violation of Florida law has occurred, whether any person may be held criminally responsible, and whether such criminal responsibility can be proven **beyond a reasonable doubt** in a court of law

FACTUAL OVERVIEW

Dade Correctional Institute (hereinafter referred to as "Dade C.I.") is located at 19000 Southwest 377th Street, Miami-Dade County, Florida. It is a Florida State Prison facility that houses male inmates who have been sentenced to State Prison terms. Within the complex of buildings is a building called the Transitional Care Unit (hereinafter referred to as "TCU.") TCU (building number 46313009) is split into an east and west wing. Inmates are assigned to that unit because of their mental status or discipline status.

On Saturday, June 23, 2012, at approximately 10:09 p.m., Officer Framis Ramos of the Miami-Dade Police Department (hereinafter referred to as "MDPD") South District Station received a sick or injured call regarding an unresponsive male at Dade C.I. He arrived at Dade C.I. at 10:33 p.m. and made contact with Lieutenant Alexander Lopez of Miami-Dade Fire Rescue (hereinafter referred to as "MDFR") Engine #65, who had responded prior to Officer Ramos' arrival. At that time Officer Ramos was advised by Lieutenant Lopez that an inmate named Darren Rainey had been pronounced dead at 10:07 p.m. by his MDFR crew. Thereafter, the MDPD Homicide Bureau was contacted and MDPD Detective Wilbert Sanchez (I.D. 5387) was assigned the lead detective role in the death investigation. Detective Sanchez arrived on the scene at approximately 12:03 a.m. (Sunday morning) on June 24, 2012. At that time Detective Sanchez commenced his investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of inmate Darren Rainey, B/M, DOB: 11/12/1962, (hereinafter referred to as "inmate Rainey").

On Saturday, June 23, 2012, inmate Darren Rainey was housed in the TCU at Dade C.I. and was assigned a one man cell 1109 in the west wing of the TCU.

There were five corrections officers and one sergeant assigned to the 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. shift that day at Dade C.I. in the TCU west wing. Corrections Officer Edwina Williams was