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Status	Approved
Report Type	Patrol
Primary Officer	Tanya Adams
Investigator	None
Reported At	07/17/19 19:19
Incident Date	07/17/19 19:19 - 07/17/19 19:19
Incident Code	Jail : Jail In-House Report
Location	22 KLEIN ST, WALTERBORO, SC 29488
Zone	
Beat	Walterboro
Disposition	Closed - Converted
Disposition Date/Time	07/17/19 00:00
Disposition Comments	
Review for Gang Activity	None

Asst Officers

C537 - Adams, Tanya; C537 - Adams, Tanya; D567 - McLauchlin, Melodi

Status Indicator	
Status Change Date	

Case Comments

Dispatch Information

CFS #	191980180						
Location	22 KLEIN ST, WALTERBORO, SC						
Incident Code	C49 : Assist Fire-Rescue						
Occurred Between	07/17/19 19:19:20 and 07/17/19 19:20:22						
Assigned	19:19:20	**Enroute**	19:19:20	**On Scene**	19:19:20	**Completed**	

Original Narrative By Tanya Adams

1 CAD Information

Call#: 191980180 Beat: WALTERBORO P.D. Units.: A661 Employees:, 0000000661 ROBERTS, ANTHONY **********, ********** On July 17, 2019 I Lt.Adams was on duty in, booking along with Sgt.Rice when i went over to cell B-106 to check on, a suicide inmate Paul Johnson. Upon going to the cell door i could see, inmate Johnson laying on the bunk and breathing very loud. I Lt.Adams, then went back to the booking desk and retrieved the booking cell keys, to unsecured B-106 that house inmate Johnson. Upon entering the cell, inmate Johnson was breathing was very heavy i asked inmate Johnson was, he okay and never said anything just continued to breath very heavy. I, Lt.Adams then secured the cell door back and called Nurse to, come around to check on inmate Johnson because of his breathing. Nurse, came around to the booking area to check inmate Johnson vitals, upon checking his vitals he stated that his vitals were good as well, as his blood sugar. I, Lt.Adams then asked inmate Johnson did he want, some water and he stated yes. I, asked Ofc.Mathis to get me a cup of, water for inmate Johnson upon giving him the water he drunk the water, then he laid back down on this bunk. I, Lt.Adams then returned to the, booking desk to do some paperwork i checked on inmate Johnson again, and he was still laying down but appeared to be asleep but breathing, was still kind of heavy. I, called the Nurse back and asked if he, could give inmate Johnson a breathing treatment because he was still, breathing heavy per Nurse he would get things ready for the, treatment. Ofc.Langdale along with ofc.Vandermark went to cell B-106, to retrieve inmate Johnson for the

breathing treatment. Upon entering, the cell to get Johnson he stated I don't think i can walk around to, medical. I Lt. Adams advise ofc. Langdale to retrieve the wheel- chair, out of medical to take Johnson around to medical for the breathing, treatment. After, the treatment inmate Johnson was placed back in his, cell per ofc. Langdale and ofc. Vandermark. Shortly after he was, placed back in his cell. Nurse Henry then came around to booking and, stated that mental health was going to be seeing inmate Johnson, shortly. I, Lt. Adams advised Ofc. Langdale and Ofc. Vandermark to, escort inmate Johnson back around to medical to speak with the mental, health doctor. Once inmate Johnson was done in medical he was brought, back to booking and placed in his cell per Ofc. Langdale and Ofc., Vandermark. Nurse came back to booking shortly after inmate, Johnson came back for medical and stated that per Mental Health that, Johnson was to remain on suicide watch and just observe him. Inmate, Johnson laid back down and appeared to be asleep upon checking on him, several times. I, Lt. Adams went outside to speak with Captain Roberts, about a matter that happen in the jail. We came back in and i, proceeded to complete the testing that i was giving the officers in, booking. Captain Roberts return to booking again to speak with me, outside as i left the booking area i looked into inmate Johnson's cell, as i can around from the booking desk and he was laying down in the, same position appeared to be asleep. I, Lt. Adams came back into the, booking area from speaking with captain Roberts and proceeded to, medical to use the restroom. After, using the restroom i came back, around to booking and as i came around the corner i could see inmate, Johnson laying at the opposite end of the bunk. I, Lt. Adams then, proceeded to the cell door to see what was going on as i got to the, cell i could see Johnson slumped over at the end of the bunk and some, type of liquid substance coming from his mouth. I Lt. Adams advised, Ofc.Langdale to give me the booking keys to open the cell door and to, call the nurse to come around to booking to check on inmate Johnson. I, then called for Captain Roberts to come to booking as well then i went, back to the cell to wait for the nurse to come around to check, Johnson. Nurse Henry and several others officers along with Captain, Roberts were in the cell getting inmate Johnson to sit up. I, Lt., Adams return to the booking desk to call dispatch to have EMS to come, to the jail because we had a inmate that was not responding. EMS, arrived to the jail and entered the booking area and proceeded to cell, B-106 where Johnson was housed. EMT'S along with several officers, lifted inmate Johnson and placed him on gurney and transported him to, Colleton Medical Center. **********END OF, REPORT**********

Supplement Narrative By Tanya Adams

2 SUPPLEMENT

**********, On 7/17/19 I, ofcr. White, was doing 15 minute checks on inmate, Paul Johnson CCJ#38688. While doing checks Mr. Johnson seemed to, to be breathing hard and Sgt. Rice notified the Nurse. While I, continued to do my 15 minute checks at lunch time approximately, 12:30pm I went to serve Mr. Johnson lunch and he informed me that, he didn't want to eat at that time but I told him I would leave, lunch in his cell if he changed his mind. At approximately 1545, I was summoned into Mr. Johnson's cell by the nurse who was giving, Mr. Johnson smelling salt, trying to get a pulse reading., About three minutes later while myself and Mr. Vandermark was, holding Mr. Johnson EMS arrived and started assisting Mr. Johnson.

Supplement Narrative By Inactive Inactive

3 SUPPLEMENT

**********, On the morning of 7/17/19, I Officer Vandermark with the Colleton, County Detention Center in South Carolina, was told to take inmate, Paul Johnson to medical. Upon arriving at the cell inmate Johnson was, sitting on his bunk and stated that he was having trouble breathing., Inmate Johnson was taking quick shallow breaths and seemed tired but, showed no other signs of abnormality. Upon being told to come to, medical to get checked out, inmate Johnson stated that he didn't want, to go and that he just wanted to take a nap. Inmate Johnson was, directly ordered to go to medical by Lieutenant Adams. Lieutenant, Adams said to get a wheelchair for inmate Johnson to assist him to, medical. Inmate Johnson got into the wheelchair by himself and Officer, Langdale along with myself escorted inmate Johnson to medical. The, nurse took inmate Johnson's vital signs included heart rate, blood, pressure, pulse oximetry, and breath rate which was stated to be in, normal limits. The nurse tried to get inmate Johnson to take slower, deeper breaths but to no avail. The nurse provided a breathing, treatment with a nebulizer to help breathing but inmate Johnson, continued the quick shallow breaths. The nurse took his vitals again, which was stated by the nurse to be in normal limits. The nurse asked, to have inmate Johnson returned to his cell while he was getting in, touch with the doctor for inmate Johnsons scheduled mental health, appointment. Officer Langdale and I escorted inmate Johnson back to, his cell with the use of the wheelchair where inmate Johnson got up, and returned to his bunk. When inmate Johnson's appointment was ready, myself and Officer Langdale returned back to inmate Johnson's cell., Inmate Johnson was in the same position and condition as the first, time we entered his cell. Inmate Johnson got back in the wheelchair, then myself and Officer Langdale escorted inmate Johnson back to, medical for his appointment. During the appointment inmate Johnson was, asked a series of questions. Inmate Johnson answered some of the, questions with coherent answers such as how much and how often inmate, Johnson drinks. Inmate Johnson answered other questions with, nonsensical answers such as what was inmate Johnson's mother's name, which he responded with "bottle"; the nurse stated this was not the, name given on

the medical sheet. The doctor attempted to get inmate, Johnson so take slower deeper breaths but also to no avail. The, appointment ended and inmate Johnson was escorted back to his cell, where he got up from the wheelchair and sat back on his bed. At around, 3:30 p.m. I walked into the booking area and witnessed Captain Roberts, and Officer Langdale at the cell of inmate Johnson. I noticed that, inmate Johnson had a dark substance around the face and on the chest, area of his uniform. I put gloves on and entered the cell, noticing, that there was a blackish substance coming from inmate Johnson's mouth, down his gown. The substance was on the cell's bunk and pooled up on, the floor underneath the bunk. Captain Roberts and Officer White were, holding inmate Johnson up. I took over holding up and stabilizing, inmate Johnsons head for Captain Roberts. The nurse attempted a, sternal rub with no success. The nurse attempted to get a distal, radial and carotid pulse but could not find one. I attempted to find, both pulses while the nurse used a pulse oximeter but no vital signs, could be found. While still unconscious, inmate Johnson made gasping, motions but was not taking in breaths. EMS arrived and Officer White, and I assisted the EMT's in putting inmate Johnson on the stretcher., Inmate Johnson was then escorted out of the booking doors to the, ambulance by EMS.**********, **********END OF REPORT**********

Supplement Narrative By Joyce Rice

4 SUPPLEMENT

On July 17, 2019, I Sgt. Rice, was working in the Booking area., Inmate Paul Johnson was located in Cell B-106. At approximately 0930, I went over to cell B-106 and noticed that Inmate Johnson was, breathing heavily. I call Nurse Henry and told him that Inmate, Johnson was breathing pretty heavy. He stated that he had checked, him earlier and that all his vitals were fine., Inmate Johnson was checked on repeatedly throughout the day as per the, protocol for suidical inmates., At approximately 1540 I entered the Booking area and noticed, Captain Roberts and Ofc. Vandermark in cell B-106 that was, occupied by Inmate Johnson. Inmate Johnson was sitting on the side, of the bed. Captain Roberts and Ofc. Vandermark were in the cell, with him, one on each side, holding his arms, calling his name, repeatedly., I did notice that Inmate Johnson had a black substance on the side, of his face and also on his suicide gown., EMS had already been called and were on their way. When EMS arrived, they came into the Booking area and went to cell B-106. They, proceeded in the cell and placed Inmate Johnson on the stretcher and, Inmate Johnson was transported to the Emergency Room at Colleton, Medical Center., **********END OF REPORT**********

Supplement Narrative By Tanya Adams

5 SUPPLEMENT

**********, On July 17th, 2019 at approximately 9:15am I, Officer Langdale, entered cell B106 to aide Officer Vandermark in escorting inmate Paul, Johnson to the medical office. Inmate Johnson appeared to be, lethargic and short of breath. In order to get innate Johnson to the, medical office; Officer Vandermark got a wheelchair. Inmate Johnson, got into the wheelchair and Officer Vandermark and I transported him, to the medical office where he was examined and received a breathing, treatment. Officer Vandermark and I then escorted him back to his, cell. At approximately 10:30 I went back to cell B106 to get inmate, Johnson and escorted him back to the medical office for a psych, evaluation. Inmate Johnson still appeared to be lethargic and short of, breath. At the conclusion of his psych evaluation Officer Vandermark, and I escorted inmate Johnson back to his cell. At approximately 3:30, Lieutenant Adams checked on inmate Johnson and instructed me to go get, the nurse. The nurse entered his cell and began examining inmate, Johnson. He appeared to be unresponsive so Colleton County Fire and, Rescue was called. They arrived to the jail around 4:00. When they, arrived, Johnson was loaded onto a gurney and transported away from, the facility.**********, ********** END OF REPORT**********

Supplement Narrative By Shane Roberts

6 SUPPLEMENT

On 7/17/2019, at about 330pm, Lt. Adams contacted me via phone in, reference to a medical issue with inmate Paul Johnson. When I came, into the booking area, I found the B106 cell door open and Officer, Langdale was in the cell and inmate Johnson was in the sitting, position being held up by Officer Langdale. Inmate Johnson had vomited, on the floor. I tried to communicate with inmate Johnson and he did, not respond. The on duty nurse arrived and began evaluating inmate, Johnson. Inmate Johnson was observed to take a breath approximately, every 15-20 seconds. The nurse placed an ammonia stick under inmate, Johnsons nose in an attempt to see if he would respond. Inmate Johnson, appeared to take a breath when the ammonia stick was introduced., Inmate Johnson began to vomit again. I attempted several times to get, Inmate Johnson to responded to me. The nurse performed a sternum rub, on inmate Johnson and the inmate did not respond. The nurse stated, that inmate Johnson had a faint pulse. I was notified that CCFR EMS, had arrived and I went out side to advise them of the situation. They, came into the facility and loaded

inmate Johnson onto a stretcher and, loaded him into the ambulance. After an assessment, the ems personnel, stated that inmate Johnson was in cardiac arrest. They began CPR, procedures. Additional ems personnel arrived on scene and I exited the, ambulance. I walked back into booking and noticed that officers were, attempting to clean-up the cell. I advised them to leave the cell in, its current condition and secure it until an investigation could be, completed. The cell was secured. The cell was reopened at the request, of SLED Agent Merrell for investigation purposes. Once the agent had, completed her investigation, the cell was cleaned and reopened for, use. End of report.

Supplement Narrative By Edward Marcurella

7 SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

On July 19, 2019 I, Sgt. Ed Marcurella was requested to meet with, Capt. Roberts and Lt. Adams at Colleton Regional Medical Center in, reference to an inmate that was in Cardiac Arrest. I was advised, that the patient was Paul Johnson., I arrived at the hospital and met with Roberts and Adams outside, of the exam room. I was advised that Johnson was in Cardiac Arrest, and that medical staff were attempting to resuscitate Johnson., After a period of time we were advised that the hospital staff had, gotten a pulse on Johnson, and they were still treating him. I, departed the Emergency Department a short time later., I was then instructed to meet with SLED agent Merrill at the, Colleton County Detention Center to assist her with her, investigation., When I arrived at the detention center I met with Merrill and, was present when she took pictures of the cell that Johnson was in, at the time of this incident. I was also present when she, interviewed Capt. Roberts and Lt. Adams, and the nurse that was on, duty at the time., Once she completed the interviews we departed the detention center., This is a SLED investigation and Agent Merrill is the investigator, assigned to this case., The investigation is on going.