Inmate file 04-21-21

DIVISION OF COMPLIANCE, STANDARDS, AND INSPECTIONS
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
REPORT OF INMATE DEATH

(Sections 24-9-35 and 17-7-10, South Carolina Code of Laws)
(Standards 1047 and 1049, Minimum Standards for Local Detention Facilities in South Carolina)
(SCDC Policies/Procedures HS-18.04 and PS-10.05)

1. FACILITY: Colleton County Detention Center
2. NAME OF DECEASED: Richard Dean Sexton SCDC#
3. HOME ADDRESS:
4. DESCRIPTION: DOB HEIGHT 6-3 WEIGHT 224 HAIR Brwn
   EYES Blu SEX M RACE W SOC SEC #
5. ARRESTING OFFENSE(S): KIdnapping
   SENTENCED ☐ PRETRIAL ☒
6. DATE AND TIME OF COMMITMENT: 1-26-20
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF RELATIVE(S) OF THE DECEASED CONTACTED:
8. RECORD OF DECEASED INMATE'S PHYSICAL CONDITION UPON ADMISSION: Otherwise Normal
9. CAUSE OF DEATH: Suicide- Hanging
10. TIME AND DATE OF DEATH: ____ a.m. 8:55 p.m. 3rd day June month 2020 year
11. NAME OF DOCTOR WHO PRONOUNCED DEATH: Coroner Richard Harvey
12. NAME OF CORONER WHO ORDERED AUTOPSY: Coroner Richard Harvey
13. AUTOPSY PERFORMED BY: MUSC
14. NAME OF PERSON DISCOVERING DECEASED, TIME DISCOVERED, AND LOCATION WITHIN FACILITY:
    Officer Michael Ganyer
15. AT THE TIME OF DEATH: 70 (Actual Count) 5 (# of Officers on Duty)
16. WHEN INMATE WAS LAST SEEN ALIVE: 7:01pm

NOTIFY BY TELEPHONE AT: (803) 896-8502

MAIL OR DELIVER REPORT TO:

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
DIVISION OF COMPLIANCE, STANDARDS, AND INSPECTIONS
POST OFFICE BOX 21787
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29221

SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL MAKING REPORT

Captain- Jail Administrator
TYPED OR PRINTED TITLE OF OFFICIAL

06/04/2020
DATE OF REPORT

SCDC 8-2 (Revised July 1, 2011)

DIVISION OF COMPLIANCE, STANDARDS, AND INSPECTIONS
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
INCIDENT REPORT FOR LOCAL DETENTION FACILITIES

1. NAME & ADDRESS OF FACILITY: Colleton County Detention Center
2. NAME & HOME ADDRESS OF INMATE: Richard Sexton-
3. DESCRIPTION: SS# ___-___-____ DOB _____ HEIGHT 6-3 WEIGHT 230 SEX M RACE W
4. ARRESTING OFFENSE(S): Kidnapping
5. DATE & TIME OF ADMISSION: 1-26-2020
6. NAME OF EMPLOYEE(S) INVOLVED: Officer Ganyer; Lt Crosby; Officer Epps; Officer Hamilton; Cpl. Daniels
7. DATE & TIME OF INCIDENT: 2/3/2020 0855pm
8. TYPE OF INCIDENT: Suicide

- ☐ Escape
- ☐ Attempted escape
- ☐ Riot/Disturbance
- ☐ Sexual assault
- ☐ Battery on staff member
- ☐ Battery on an inmate requiring medical attention
- ☐ Fire (if property damage in excess of $50.00; or evacuation of a cell or any portion of the facility; or medical attention for staff member or inmate)
- ☐ Serious infectious disease within facility for which medical protocol indicates or requires special procedures
- ☒ Other (describe type or nature of incident)

9. DETAILS OF INCIDENT: On 6-3-2020 at 8:55pm Officer Ganyer was in General Population and discovered inmate Sexton with a sheet around his neck. Ofc. Ganyer contacted Lt. Crosby. Lt Crosby observed him to be decesaed. EMS was called and inmate Sexton was pronounced deceased.
10. ACTIONS TAKEN: SLED was called to conduct an independent investigation.
11. OTHER COMMENTS:
12. AT THE TIME OF INCIDENT: 70 (Actual Count) 5 (# of Officers on Duty)

NOTE: All such incidents should be reported by telephone ((803) 896-8502) to the Division of Compliance, Standards, and Inspections on the day that they occur; or, when they occur after business hours, they must be reported on the next business day. All deaths must be reported in writing within three (3) days, and other incidents must be reported in writing within five (5) days. Relevant facility/police reports(s) should be attached.

S/ A.S. A661
(Signature of Official Making Report)

S/ Captain- Jail Administrator
(Typed or Printed Title of Official)

6/4/2020
Date of Report

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

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Status	Approved
Report Type	Patrol
Primary Officer	William Janicki
Investigator	None
Reported At	06/03/20 20:53
Incident Date	06/03/20 20:53 - 06/03/20 20:53
Incident Code	C43A : Suicide
Location	22 KLEIN ST, WALTERBORO, SC 29488 (J)
Zone	Central
Beat	Walterboro
Court	None
Ereferral County	None
Disposition	Forward to Other Agency
Disposition Date/Time	02/17/22 08:00
Review for Gang Activity	None

Asst Officers

S814 - Bahrenburg, Isaiah; Crosby, Matthew; C641 - Hale, Gary; A7 - Hill, Guerry; A661 - Roberts, Anthony

Status Indicator	Administrative Filler
Status Change Date	6/3/20
Case Report Ready For Supervisor Review	Yes

Dispatch Information

CFS #	CFS2006030199						
Location	22 KLEIN ST, WALTERBORO, SC 29488						
Incident Code	C43A : Suicide						
Occurred Between	06/03/20 20:53:45 and						
Assigned	20:59:10	**Enroute**	21:00:31	**On Scene**	21:00:31	**Completed**	00:24:54

Names Mentioned in Narratives

SEXTON, RICHARD DEAN	Supplement - Supplement Janicki

Original Narrative By William Janicki

Original

On 06-03-2020 Sgt Janicki responded to an incident at the Colleton County Detention Center.

Supplement Narrative By William Janicki

Supplement Janicki

On 06-03-2020 the Colleton County Communication Center advised of an incident at the Colleton County Detention Center in reference to a possible suicide. Sgt Janicki and Corporal Bahrenburg arrived at the detention center with Medic 1, upon arrival detention officers Lt. Crosby met us outside and provided who the subject was, Richard Dean Sexton. Janicki and Bahrenburg accompanied Medic 1 and Crosby to general population where Crosby unlocked the cell door where Sexton was observed hanging from the neck with a piece of cloth wrapped tightly around his neck

unresponsive, and appeared to have a bluish color tone to his skin. Medic 1 advised no pulse was located and the scene was immediately secured all units exited the cell, it was locked upon exit, Janicki and Bahrenburg responded to the patrol vehicles parked at the salley port and obtained crime scene tape and a crime scene log notification was made to Capt. Crouse via phone. The cell was kept secure and the log started until SLED arrived, who took over custody of the scene with the Coroner. Janicki secured once they arrived.

Property / Evidence

Item #	Category	Type	Status	Location	Description
20-01898-001	Evidence	Physical	In Custody	A-07	Article - Note found in cell G110

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Status Approved
Narrative Date 06/05/20 01:10
Reporting Officer Epps, Bianca
Narrative Type Primary

Narrative
At 20:49, I Officer Epps was watching the camera's in Main Control, when I overheard an assist call for Lieutenant Crosby per Officer Ganyer. Both officers entered the GP Unit to GP cell 110, where I/m Richard Sexton had resided. Both left the scene, and I informed Corporal Daniels of the current situation.

---- Nothing further to report -------

Approval Log

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Status Approved
Narrative Date 06/04/20 12:21
Reporting Officer Ganyer, Michael
Narrative Type Primary

Narrative

On Wednesday June 3rd at approximately 2047 I, Ofc. Ganyer was working general population and was cleaning and passing ice and hot water on the bottom level of General Population when I approached General Population cell 110 to give ice and hot water to inmate Richard Sexton CCJ#23139 and let him clean his cell. Upon opening the door I could see Inmate sextons feet beside his bunk. As I walked further into the cell I, Ofc. Ganyer discovered inmate Sexton hanging by his neck from the top of his bunk. Upon my discovery I, Ofc. Ganyer, immediately exited and locked the cell and radioed Lt. Crosby to come to General population. After Lt. Crosby told me he was en route to General Population I, Ofc. Ganyer went to GP cell 105 to put up the in-house trustee, who was helping me clean the pod before I discovered inmate Sexton. Upon the arrival of Lt. Crosby, I, Ofc. Ganyer unlocked GP cell 110 so Lt. Crosby could see inmate Sexton. After Lt. Crosby had seen why I had called him down there we both exited the cell and I locked the cell back behind us. Lt. Crosby gave me instructions to secure all the inmates in my pod and all of their cell phones. I, Ofc. Ganyer secured all inmates and all cell phones and went to booking to put my clipboard, logbook and general population cell phones up. Upon exiting booking, Lt. Crosby asked me when the last time I know I saw him alive was to which I told him that I did see him alive when I first got on shift at about 1905. About the time that Lt. Crosby and I, Ofc. Ganyer finished talking, Sgt. Janicki and Cpl. Bahrenburg arrived at the detention center and secured the scene at which time I exited the pod.

At this time I, Ofc. Ganyer, have nothing further to report.
**********END OF REPORT**********

On 6/3/2020 at approximately 2049 I, Lt. Crosby, responded to General population after Ofc. Ganyer called me to assist him in the unit, once I arrived he then escorted me to cell #110 from the outside of the cell I could see inmate Sexton hanging from the side of the top bunk bed in his cell, I then instructed Ofc. Ganyer to unsecure the cell door so I could see if there were any signs of life from Sexton, at that time I observed that his skin was pale and that he was not breathing. I then instructed Ofc. Ganyer to secure the cell and secure his inmate workers. I then instructed Cpl. Daniels to call dispatch to inform them of the incident while I called Capt. Roberts and Lt. Adams to also inform them. Once EMS arrived they confirmed the subject to be deceased. Sgt. Janicki secured the scene until the coroner and Sled arrived and took over, once they were complete the coroner removed the body.
**********END OF REPORT**********

On 6/4/2020 at about 1330 I, Cpt. Roberts, met with , the wife of Richard Sexton. stated that Sexton had been sending her bizarre text messages that indicated people were trying to harm him. She stated she would send the messages to me via email.
**********END OF REPORT**********

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Narrative Date 06/04/20 23:19
Reporting Officer Daniels, Latrell
Narrative Type Primary

Narrative

I, Cpl. Daniels was working in the booking area, when I hear Officer Ganyer come around the radio asking Lt. Crosby to come to general population. Lt. Crosby than asked Officer Ganyer what was going on and that is when Officer Ganyer stated that he could not call it over the radio. I, Cpl. Daniels called into main control to Officer Epps to see if she could see what was going on in general population. A few moments later Lt. Crosby and Officer Ganyer came up to booking and informed me to call dispatch and have a medic to come over to the jail, because inmate Richard Sexton had committed suicide. That is when I, Cpl. Daniels called dispatch. **********The end of report**********

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Status Approved
Narrative Date 06/04/20 14:22
Reporting Officer Crosby, Matthew
Narrative Type Primary

Narrative

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Inmate found deceased in Colleton jail

Posted Thursday, June 11, 2020 5:00 pm

On Wednesday June 3, the Colleton County Sheriff's Office and Colleton County Fire-Rescue responded to the Colleton County Detention Center after a report of a deceased inmate.

Colleton County Coroner Richard Harvey identified the inmate as Richard Sexton, 33. His cause of death was hanging.

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SLED was immediately notified as a standard procedure and is handling the investigation.

The investigation remains open and active; further information is limited.

“The Colleton County Sheriff’s Office’s thoughts and prayers remain with the family during this difficult time,” said Sheriff Charles Ghent.

Sexton was in jail after being charged in connection with the January 25 beating of an elderly Cottageville man, who was seriously injured. The suspect was arrested after a night-long manhunt in the Cottageville area.

At the time of the Cottageville incident, Sexton was out on bond on 2017 charges of kidnapping, carjacking, first-degree burglary, armed robbery and possession of a weapon during a violent crime involving an armed robbery in Ruffin.



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