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: J. REUBEN LONG DETENTION CENTER

2. NAME OF DECEASED: BRYON JOSEPH BLAND SCDC# N/A

3. HOME ADDRESS: [redacted]

4. DESCRIPTION: DOB [redacted] HEIGHT 6'1" WEIGHT 180 HAIR BALD

EYES HAZEL SEX M RACE W SOC SEC # [redacted]

5. ARRESTING OFFENSE(S): PWID HEROIN, NEGLECT OF VULNERABLE ADULT, POSS CONTROLED SUBSTANCE 2CTS

SENTENCED ☐ PRETRIAL ☒

6. DATE AND TIME OF COMMITMENT: 05/29/17 2210 HRS

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF RELATIVE(S) OF THE DECEASED CONTACTED:

[redacted]

8. RECORD OF DECEASED INMATE'S PHYSICAL CONDITION UPON ADMISSION:

nothing unusual

9. CAUSE OF DEATH: UNKNOWN

10. TIME AND DATE OF DEATH: ____ a.m. 1610 p.m. 30 day May month 2017 year

11. NAME OF DOCTOR WHO PRONOUNCED DEATH:

12. NAME OF CORONER WHO ORDERED AUTOPSY: Darris Fowler

13. AUTOPSY PERFORMED BY: pending

14. NAME OF PERSON DISCOVERING DECEASED, TIME DISCOVERED, AND LOCATION WITHIN FACILITY:

Officer J. Elliott approx 1525 Booking cell

15. AT THE TIME OF DEATH: 28 (Actual Count) 8 (# of Officers on Duty)

16. WHEN INMATE WAS LAST SEEN ALIVE: 1508

NOTIFY BY TELEPHONE AT: (803) 896-8502

MAIL OR DELIVER REPORT TO:

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
DIVISION OF COMPLIANCE, STANDARDS, AND INSPECTIONS
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SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL MAKING REPORT

Sgt. Sandy Lowe
TYPED OR PRINTED TITLE OF OFFICIAL

05/31/17
DATE OF REPORT

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Case dismissed against jail, Myrtle Beach Police Department in lawsuit over man’s death at J. Reuben Long



By WMBF News Staff
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CONWAY, S.C. (WMBF) – The Myrtle Beach Police Department and the J. Reuben Long Detention Center have been dismissed from a lawsuit filed by a man who claims authorities failed to provide medical attention to his son while he was in jail.

According to court documents, the consent order of dismissal was filed on Aug. 27. The city of Myrtle Beach, Horry County, and the Horry County Sheriff’s Office are still named as defendants.

Michael Bland filed the lawsuit on May 30, stating his 39-year-old son Byron Bland was arrested on May 28, 2017, after ingesting a quantity of drugs, including fentanyl.

The lawsuit alleges that Byron Bland was exhibiting symptoms of being intoxicated and severely impaired by drugs and alcohol.

According to the lawsuit, Myrtle Beach police officers should have known Byron Bland required immediate medical treatment before taking him to the J. Reuben Long Detention Center.

“This shall have no effect on Plaintiff’s remaining claims for alleged negligence/gross negligence-survival and negligence/gross negligence-wrongful death,” court documents state.

Michael Bland is suing for an unspecified amount of damages.

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Investigation underway after Horry County inmate dies

by WPDE
Wednesday, May 31st 2017



Bryon Bland died while at the J. Reuben Long Detention Center on Tuesday. (Horry County Detention Center. WPDE background)

Conway, S.C. (WPDE) — A 39-year-old Myrtle Beach man died while at the J. Reuben Long Detention Center, according to a news release.

His death came after, at around 3:30 p.m., an officer found Bland unresponsive in a cell. The officer alerted medical staff who started CPR and called EMS. EMS then notified the Horry County Coroner's Office a short time later.

No foul play is suspected at this time, according to the coroner's office, but the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and the Horry County Sheriff's Office are investigating the incident as per protocol.

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An autopsy has been ordered and a report will come back in the next 90-120 days, Fowler said.

Bland was in jail for multiple drug charges and neglect of a vulnerable adult after being arrested on May 29 by Myrtle Beach police.

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YEAR	INMATE'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH	LOCATION
2015	Jerome Floyd	8/20/2015	B3
2016	Amanda Peluso	11/6/2016	Booking Cell 222
2017	Bryon Bland	5/30/2017	Booking Cell 129
2017	Jimmy Calloway	8/16/2017	B3 - 110
2018	Christopher M. Bennett	3/24/2018	CMC
2018	Sharon Envey	6/5/2018	CMC/A2
2018	Michael T Jordan (Suicide)	7/22/2018	CMC/B2
2019	Abed Naqshabandi	9/23/2019	CMC
2020	David Jonas	2/15/2020	MS-D
2020	Stephanie Quinn	7/17/2020	B2