Record of Death

Provided by LA Department of Public Safety and Corrections on 03/29/2022

2021

Offender Name: Cornelius Breaux

DOC #: 426756

Age / Race: 41 / Black

Admit Date: 2/25/2016

Sentence: 2 years

Admit Date at Last Facility: 6/28/2021

Facility / Housing Unit: Local/ Madison / Dorm 4-J

Date of Death: 9/5/2021

Cause of Death: Asphyxiation due to hanging

Category of Death: Suicide

Expected / Unexpected: Unexpected

Autopsy Ordered: Yes

Location: Madison DC

Timeline of Events

Corneluis Breaux D.O.C #426756 (Death)
SCC Lockdown Cell – J
September 5, 2021

2:15p.m. Control Center Operator Taylor Barnes notified security staff to enter SCC Lockdown J due to Offender Breaux laying on the floor with a sheet tied around his neck.
2:16p.m. C/O Monroe, Hicks and Sgt . Henry Tyler entered in SCC Lockdown J and removed the sheet from Offender Breaux's neck and then noticed he was unresponsive.
2:33p.m. C/O Ramsey called 911 due to the matter.
2:40p.m. Northeast Louisiana ambulance Services along with Madison Parish Sheriff Deputy Derrick Heard enters SCC to provide medical care to Offender Corneluis Breaux and was unsuccessful to resuscitate the Offender.
2:47p.m. C/O Shoemaker notified the Coroner Dr. Neuman and did not get an answer.
2:58p.m. Major Steven Chase notified the owners of Security Management, LLC Jackie and Trey Varner.
2:59p.m. Major Steven Chase notified Warden Chris Stinson.
3:03p.m. Major Steven Chase contacted the Coroner Dr. Neuman of the matter and he stated that he was under quarantine for COVID-19 and that the Coroner from Tensas Parish has been contacted to handle the matter.
3:08p.m. Major Steven Chase briefed major Tommy Farmer on the matter upon his arrival.
3:48p.m. Madison Parish Investigator Brandon Wiltcher arrived at SCC.
4:02p.m. Coroner David McEacharn and Deputy Coroner Rebecca Brinson (Tensas Parish) entered SCC.
4:08p.m. Coroner McEacharn advised that he received the initial call on Offender Breaux at 3:03p.m. from Deputy Heard and that will be the official time of death.
4:11p.m. Major Steven Chase notified Department of Corrections Duty Officer Camille Morgan and informed her of the death of Offender Breaux.
4:23p.m. Beckwith Golden Gate Funeral Home Morticians arrived at SCC and exits at 4:27p.m. with remains of Offender Corneluis Breaux.
4:35p.m. Major Steven Chase notified the mother of Offender Corneluis Breaux (Madeline Labbe) of his death.

Respectfully,
Major Steven Chase
Support Department LTCW,MCC/SCC

Madison Correctional Center

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT

NAME:	DOC#	DORM/CELL	DATE:	TIME
CORNELUIS BREAUX	426756	4-J-Lockdown	9/5/2021	2:30 PM
LOCATION OF INCIDENT: MCC BUIL		WITNESSES: SGT. L. ALLEN		

TYPE OF INCIDENT CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX (ES)

	ASSAULT ON STAFF		MAJOR DISTURBANCE		ROOF SHAKEDOWN		PROTECTION REQUESTED		MAINTENANCE	
	AGG. WORK OFFENSE		SEX OFFENSE		SHIFT SHAKEDOWN		VIOLENT DEATH		REPAIR REQUEST	
	AGGRAVATED FIGHT		USE OF FORCE		FRONT GATE SHAKEDOWN		DEATH DUE TO ILLNESS		FENCE CHECK	
	FIGHT		MINOR DISTURBANCE		MATTRESS SHAKEDOWN		MENTAL HEALTH		WEEKLY INSPECTION	
	ESCAPE		SEARCH OF OFFENDER		GROUNDS SHAKEDOWN	X	MEDICAL		MONTHLY INSPECTION	
	CONTRABAND		OTHER:							
	CHEMICAL AGENTS USED				MECHANICAL RESTRAINT(S) USED					

Description of incident (include all relevant information - "unusual offender behavior, staff witnesses, physical evidence & disposition, immediate action including use of force", use other side if necessary)

On Sunday September 5th, 2021, at approximately 2:30 pm I, Captain Hughes heard C/o Taylor Barnes via radio asking for Sgt. Henry Tyler to report down the hallway of building four # SCC to lockdown. I, Captain Hughes after hearing this information immediately enter into the hallway of building four # (4) SCC to investigate. I, Captain Hughes upon arriving to lockdown-J notice Sgt. Tyler alongside C/o Jesi Monroe and C/o Hosea Hicks inside the cell. C/o (Hicks) and C/o Monroe was observed laying inmate Corneluis Breaux DOC # (436756) down on the floor of the cell with a sheet tired around his neck. C/o Monroe stated to I, Captain Hughes that inmate (Breaux) was trying to hang himself. I, Captain Hughes immediately cut and removed the sheet from around inmate (Breaux) neck. C/o (Monroe) immediately started CPR on inmate (Breaux). I, Captain Hughes alongside Sgt. Tyler immediately started to assist C/o (Monroe) by helping him with CPR. Nurse Sandra Fountain also assisted officers with CPR on inmate (Breaux). Sgt. Tyler at approximately 2:31 pm instructed control center operator C/o Hazel Ramsey to call the 911 dispatcher at the Madison Parish Sheriff Department to send a ambulance to the Southern Correctional Center. At approximately 2:44 pm North East Ambulance Service reported to the Southern Correctional Center to evaluate inmate Corneluis Breaux. After evaluating inmate (Breaux) for a short period of time ambulance EMT pronouce him dead. At approximately 2:49 pm I, Captain Hughes advised C/o Chaqwella Shoemaker to call the Madison Parish Sheriff Department to send the coroner to the Southern Correctional Center. At approximately 4:01 pm the Tensas Parish Coroner officers Jon David Mceachern and Rebecca Brinson both arrived to the Southern Correctional Center to evaluate inmate (Breaux). Inmate (Breaux) at 4:11 pm was pronouced dead by the Tensas Coroner office. At approximately 4:24 pm two Beckwith Golden Gate Funeral Home employee's arrived to the Southern Correctional Center to transport inmate (Breaux) body to the funeral home.

Capt. W. Hughes
REPORTING OFFICER/TITLE

9-5-21 1906 hrs.
DATE AND TIME COMPLETED

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MADISON CORRECTIONAL CENTER & LOUISIANA TRANSITIONAL CENTER FOR WOMAN 18

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT

NAME: Cornelius Breaux	426 756	Lockdown J	DATE OF INCIDENT: 09-5-2021	TIME: 02:00 P.M.
LOCATION OF INCIDENT: LOCKDOWN- CELL "J"		WITNESSES: C/O MONROE, SGT. TYLER & CAPTAIN HUGHES		

☐	ASSAULT ON STAFF	☐	MAJOR DISTURBANCE	☐	ROOF SHAKEDOWN	☐	PROTECTION REQUEST	☐
☐	AGG. WORK OFFENSE	☐	SEX OFFENSE	☐	SHIFT SHAKEDOWN	☐	VIOLENT DEATH	☐
☐	AGGRAVATED FIGHT		USE OF FORCE	☐	FRONT GATE SHAKE DOWN	☐	DEATH DUE TO ILLNESS	☐
	FIGHT	☐	MINOR DISTURBANCE	☐	MATTRESS SHAKEDOWN	☐	MENTAL HEALTH	☐
☐	ESCAPE	☐	SEARCH OF OFFENDER	☐	GROUNDS SHAKEDOWN	X ☐	MEDICAL	☐
☐	CONTRABAND	☐	OTHER:					
	☐	CHEMICAL AGENTS USED			☐	MECHANICAL RESTRAINTS USED		

An incident had previously occurred in Delta dorm- SCC Bldg.4, which caused me and a fellow C/O member to step inside the Key and watch the cameras. Meanwhile, after investigating the previous incident, I just happened to notice one of our lockdown inmates sitting on the floor with what I assumed was a rope tied around his neck. After taking a closer look with my more experienced C/O Monroe, who confirmed that there was something around the inmate's neck. So we ran to the cell and I, C/O Hicks unlocked the door and together we made attempts to get him untangled, but we failed. By then Sgt. Tyler along with Captain Hughes had made it to the cell. We then let Captain Hughes cut the sheet that the inmate had used, from around his neck. Captain Hughes and Sgt. Tyler and C/O Jesi Monroe began to perform CPR until the Ambulance arrived at 2:44 p.m.. The inmate was revealed to be Cornelius Breaux-doc # 426756. After being evaluated by the Ambulance's EMT's, Inmate Cornelius Breaux was pronounced dead at 2:47 p.m.

End of Report

C/O Hicks

REPORTING OFFICER COMPLETED

Capt. W. Hughes

SUPERVISOR

9-5-21 8:34 PM

DATE AND TIME

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MADISON CORRECTIONAL CENTER & LOUISIANA TRANSITIONAL CENTER FOR WOMAN 18

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE REPORT

NAME: Cornelius Breaux	NUMBER: 426756	DORM: LOCKDOWN CELL "J"	DATE OF INCIDENT: 09-05-2021	TIME: 2:00 P.M.
LOCATION OF INCIDENT: SCC BUILDING FOUR		WITNESSES: SGT. TYLER, CAPTAIN HUGHES AND C/O MONROE		

☐	ASSAULT ON STAFF	☐	MAJOR DISTURBANCE	☐	ROOF SHAKEDOWN	☐	PROTECTION REQUEST	☐	
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	☐	CHEMICAL AGENTS USED			☐	MECHANICAL RESTRAINTS USED			

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT (ATTACH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF NEEDED)

A fight occurred in Delta dorm, which caused myself C/O J. Monroe and C/O Hicks to go into Control #2 to watch the cameras to try and identify the fighters. While watching for the fighters, we noticed the inmate in lockdown cell "J" sitting on the floor with what looked to be something around his neck. I then stepped closer to get a better look and realized that a sheet was around his neck. Myself and C/O Hicks ran to the cell, opened the door and attempted to get the sheet off the inmate's neck, but we could not do so. Then Sgt. Tyler and Captain Hughes arrived and Captain Hughes cut the sheet off the inmate's neck. I C/O Monroe, Sgt. Tyler and Captain Hughes performed CPR until the EMT's arrived at 2:44 p.m.. The inmate was revealed to be Cornelius Breaux- DOC # 426756. The EMT's pronounced inmate BREAUX DEAD AT 2:47 P.M.

END OF REPORT

Joi Monroe — Capt. W. Hughes — 9-5-21 9:04 PM

REPORTING OFFICER — SUPERVISOR — DATE AND TIME COMPLETED