

## **Record of Death**

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

**2021**

**Offender Name:** Marcus Castille

**DOC #:** 414673

**Age / Race:** 47 / Black

**Admit Date:** 5/7/2019

**Sentence:** 15 yrs

**Admit Date at Last Facility:** 3/18/2021

**Facility / Housing Unit:** Local/ W. Feliciana DC / non-contact visiting area

**Date of Death:** 5/13/2021

**Cause of Death:** Asphyxiation

**Category of Death:** Suicide

**Expected / Unexpected:** Unexpected

**Autopsy Ordered:** Yes

**Location:** LOCAL

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Report Number: 2100002479 000

Report Date: 05/13/2021 14:36

Report Type: MENTAL

Location: 4834 FELICIANA ST

District/Zone: ST FRAN

Division: INV

Reporting Officer: GT2170 - TANNER, GERALD

UCR Status: NOT APPLICABLE

Date: 05/13/2021

Case Status: CLOSED - NO ARREST

Date: 05/13/2021

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## -----Person 1:-----

Person Type: Other/Unknown

Person Name: MARCUS CASTILLE

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Age: 048 Report Age: 047

Social Security: [REDACTED] Sex: M Race: B Ethnicity: N

Hair Color: BLACK Eyes: BROWN Height: 6'00" Weight: 217

Address: 08383 AIRLINE HWY Apt. L  
BATON ROUGE, LA 70815

Driver License: [REDACTED] State: LA Exp. Year:

## -----Person 2:-----

Person Type: Witness

Person Name: AMOLLAYA WELCH

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Age: 033 Report Age: 033

Social Security: [REDACTED] Sex: F Race: W Ethnicity: N

Address: 4520 COOPEER LANE  
JACKSON, LA 70745

Phone: [REDACTED] Email:

Driver License: [REDACTED] State: LA Exp. Year: 2023

## -----Person 3:-----

Person Type: Witness

Person Name: LISA COPAS

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Age: 045 Report Age: 045

Social Security: [REDACTED] Sex: F Race: B Ethnicity: N

Hair Color: BLACK Eyes: BROWN Height: Weight:

Address: 00936 CEDAR TRAIL AV  
ZACHARY, LA

Phone: [REDACTED] Email:

Driver License: [REDACTED] State: Exp. Year:

## Property:

## -----Property Item 1:-----

Property Loss: Evidence

Property Type: DVD

Brand: VERBATIM

Color:

Model:

Size:

Tag No: 21-355

Value #: 1.00

Quantity: 001

Caliber:

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Date Reported: 05/13/2021

Serial Number:

Characteristics: (1) DVD CONTAINING LISA COPAS INTERVIEW

Description: PCKG: 6X9

Drug Quantity #: .

Unit Meas:

Drug Type:

Recovered By: GT2170 - TANNER, GERALD

Date: 05/19/2021

Recovery Address: 05483 HWY 61

Recovered Value: 0.00

Condition:

Property Loss: Evidence

Property Type: MISC ITEM

Brand: STRING

Color: GRAY

Model:

Size:

Tag No: 21-252

Value #: 1.00

Quantity: 001

Caliber:

Date Reported: 05/13/2021

Serial Number:

Characteristics: (1) GRAY STRING

Description: PCKG: 6X9

Drug Quantity #: .

Unit Meas:

Drug Type:

Recovered By: GT2170 - TANNER, GERALD

Date: 05/13/2021

Recovery Address: 4834 FELICIANA ST

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Recovered Value: 0.00

Condition:

Property Loss: Evidence

Property Type: CLOTHING

Brand: NONE

Color: BLUE

Model:

Size:

Tag No: 21-253

Value #: 1.00

Quantity: 001

Caliber:

Date Reported: 05/13/2021

Serial Number:

Characteristics: (1) BLUE T-SHIRT

Description: PCKG: LG BG

Drug Quantity #: .

Unit Meas:

Drug Type:

Recovered By: GT2170 - TANNER, GERALD

Date: 05/13/2021

Recovery Address: 4834 FELICIANA ST

ST. FRANCISVILLE

Recovered Value: 0.00

Condition:

Property Loss: Evidence

Property Type: DVD

Brand: VERBATIM

Color: GRAY

Model:

Size:

Tag No: 21-351

Value #: 1.00

Quantity: 001

Caliber:

Date Reported: 05/13/2021

Serial Number:

Characteristics: (1) DVD CONTAINING SECURITY FOOTAGE OF VISITATION ROOM AND HALL WAY

Description: PCKG: 6X9

Drug Quantity #: .

Unit Meas:

Drug Type:

Recovered By: GT2170 - TANNER, GERALD

Date: 05/14/2021

Recovery Address: 4834 FELICIANA ST

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ST. FRANCISVILLE 70775

Recovered Value: 0.00

Condition:

## -----Property Item 5:-----

Property Loss: Evidence

Property Type: DVD

Brand: VERBATIM

Color: GRAY

Model:

Size:

Tag No: 21-352

Value #: 1.00

Quantity: 001

Caliber:

Date Reported: 05/13/2021

Serial Number:

Characteristics: (1) DVD CONTAINING RECORDINGS FROM DISPATCH ON 05/13/2021

Description: PCKG: 6X9

Drug Quantity #: .

Unit Meas:

Drug Type:

Recovered By: GT2170 - TANNER, GERALD

Date: 05/17/2021

Recovery Address: 4834 FELICIANA ST

ST. FRANCISVILLE

Recovered Value: 0.00

Condition:

## -----Property Item 6:-----

Property Loss: Evidence

Property Type: DVD

Brand: VERBATIM

Color:

Model:

Size:

Tag No: 21-353

Value #: 1.00

Quantity: 001

Caliber:

Date Reported: 05/13/2021

Serial Number:

Characteristics: (1) DVD CONTAINING SECURITY FOOTAGE FROM THE MYRTLES

Description: PCKG: 6X9

Drug Quantity #: .

Unit Meas:

Drug Type:

Recovered By: GT2170 - TANNER, GERALD

Date: 06/03/2021

Recovery Address: 05483 HWY 61

ST. FRANCISVILLE, LA 70775

Recovered Value: 0.00

Condition:

## -----Property Item 7:-----

Property Loss: Evidence

Property Type: DVD

Brand: VERBATIM

Color:

Model:

Size:

Tag No: 21-354

Value #: 1.00

Quantity: 001

Caliber:

Date Reported: 05/13/2021

Serial Number:

Characteristics: (1) DVD CONTAINING AMOLLAYA WELCH INTERVIEW

Description: PCKG: 6X9

Drug Quantity #: .

Unit Meas:

Drug Type:

Recovered By: GT2170 - TANNER, GERALD

Date: 05/18/2021

Recovery Address: 05483 HWY 61

Recovered Value: 0.00

Condition:

**Narrative:**

Suicide

On May 13, 2021 at 1500 hours, I (Sgt. Wayne Tanner) responded to the West Feliciana Jail

(4834 Feliciana St, St. Francisville, La) in reference to a possible suicide.

Upon arrival, I met with Col. Archer Lee. Col. Lee advised the offender (Marcus Castille) was already transported to the parish hospital. Warden Grady Gagnard explained Deputy Carmette Hall discovered offender Castille in the visitation room with a gray string tied around his neck, and other end was tied to the door handle.

Deputy Hall stated he looked through the visitation window and saw Offender Castille was sitting. Deputy Hall stated he could not clearly see the offender to he retrieved the keys to open the visitation room door. Deputy Hall stated he unlocked the door, but could not open it all the way. Deputy Hall stated looked around the door and noticed a string tied to the door and around the offender's neck. Deputy Hall stated he retrieved a pair of shears and cut the string.

Deputy Hall stated he notified Warden Gagnard of the situation and began chest compressions. Chest compressions were continued by Warden Gagnard, Col. Lee, Officer Clarence Roberts, and Sgt. Jon Gentry until EMS arrived on scene. While chest compressions were being done, Lt. Darrel Roan brought in an AED. Warden Gagnard placed the AED on the offender. EMS arrived on scene and transported the offender to the West Feliciana Parish Hospital.

I photographed the visitation room and the hallway. I observed a gray shirt tied to the visitation door handle. Deputy Hall advised he had to cut the string off of Offender Castille's neck. I photographed the string and collected it as evidence. I also collected a blue t-shirt Warden Gagnard stated belonged to Offender Castille.

After processing the scene, I relocated to the hospital. Upon my arrival, medical staff were still working on Offender Castille. At one point, medical staff got a pulse on Offender Castille and were preparing to air-med him to Our Lady of the Lake Hospital. Unfortunately, Offender Castille did not recover and Dr. Mann pronounced him deceased at 1548 hours.

After medical personnel were finished, I entered the room and photographed Mr. Castille. I observed a obvious ligature mark from the right side of Mr. Castille's neck, all the way around to the left side. All photographs have been uploaded to this report.

I later learned, Mr. Castille was a work release offender. Earlier that morning (05/13/2021) at 0732 hours, deputies were called to Mr. Castille work assignment (Mrytles Plantation), because he had an unknown narcotic and stated he was going to kill himself. Offender Castille was restrained by deputies and transported to the hospital by ambulance. This incident is documented under file number 21-00002468.

According to hospital records, Offender Castille arrived at the hospital at 0819 hours. The information they received was Offender Castille had swallowed a small bag of white powder. Offender Castille's abdomen was X-rayed, which they were "unable to visualize a foreign body." A CT scan was also conducted, which also did "not yield any other information." Offender Castille denied suicidal thoughts to hospital staff, but claimed to

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have ingested fentanyl. Dr. Mann advised Warden Gagnard to keep Offender Castille in "isolation and let him pass it."

Offender Castille was discharged by Dr. Mann at 0942 hours. Offender Castille was then transported to the West Feliciana Parish Jail.

At 1256 hours, EMS was called to the Jail, because Offender Castille was complaining of chest pains. According to the EMS report, Offender Castille was uncooperative and refused treatment. EMS cleared the scene at 1330 hours.

On May 17, 2021 I attended the autopsy scheduled by Coroner Investigator Jim Groody at the East Baton Rouge Coroner's Office. The autopsy report is still pending.

On May 18, 2021, I interviewed Ms. Amollaya Welch. Ms. Welch was a co-worker of Offender Castille at the Myrtles. Ms. Welch advised she arrived at work on the morning of 05/13/2021 at approximately 0720 hours. Ms. Welch advised Offender Castille was already at work in the gift shop with Lisa Copas. Ms. Welch stated she could tell something was wrong, because Offender Castille was sweating profusely. Ms. Welch asked Offender Castille what was wrong and he asked Ms. Copas to call their boss (Morgan Moss).

Ms. Welch stated Ms. Copas pulled out her phone to call Morgan, and Offender Castille thought she was calling the "law." Ms. Welch stated Offender Castille ran out of the gift shop and she followed him. Ms. Welch stated she was trying to calm Offender Castille down. Ms. Welch advised Offender Castille stated "ya'll have called the law" and he was going to kill himself. Ms. Welch stated Offender Castille ran to the back of the property, towards Myrtles Ln. Ms. Welch stated Offender Castille repeated he was going to kill himself, and removed a "bag of white powder" out of his pocket. Ms. Welch stated Offender Castille tore a hole in the bag and began ingesting the white powder through his nose and mouth. Ms. Welch stated she observed Offender Castille do this twice.

Ms. Welch advised she was finally able to get Offender Castille seated in a rocking chair, and asked him what he took. Offender Castille refused to tell Ms. Welch what he took. Ms. Welch advised Morgan arrived shortly after with law enforcement, and she went back to her normal duties. Ms. Welch provided me with a voluntary written statement, which I have uploaded to this report. Visual and audio footage of my interview with Ms. Welch was also burned onto a DVD and submitted into evidence.

On May 19, 2021, I interviewed Ms. Lisa Copas. Ms. Copas advised she arrived at work around 0630 hours, and began making breakfast for the guest. Ms. Copas stated Offender Castille arrived at 0700 hours, which was earlier than he normally arrives. Ms. Copas stated she was there alone with Offender Castille and it made her feel uneasy.

Ms. Copas went on to state that Offender Castille told her he did not have long to live because he had AIDS. Ms. Copas explained Offender Castille stated he wanted to find a woman on the internet, who wants her husband dead. Offender Castille told Ms. Copas he wanted to be a hitman so he could leave "his boy" some money. Ms. Copas assumed Offender Castille was referring to a son, but was not sure.

After this Ms. Copas stated she went to the restaurant to get some milk. While at the restaurant, she called a male coworker to come to work, so she wouldn't be alone with Offender Castille anymore. Ms. Copas stated Amollaya Welch (Molly) arrived at work and she too could tell something was wrong with Offender Castille.

Ms. Copas stated Offender Castille asked her to call Morgan (the owner) so he could speak with him. Ms. Copas stated she text Morgan, but stepped out the room and called work release to come pick up Offender Castille.

Offender Castille accused Ms. Copas of "calling the law" and ran out the back door. Ms. Copas stated Molly followed him and she went back to cooking breakfast. Ms. Copas stated moments later she received a phone call from Molly stated Offender Castille was trying to kill himself. Ms. Copas stated that's when she called 911.

Ms. Copas stated Offender Castille did not make any suicidal statements in her presence. Ms. Copas did advised on Tuesday (5/11) Offender Castille was sent back to work release early for being "high."

According to Work Release records, when Offender Castille returned on 5/11 he did not appear to be impaired.

On June 3, 2021, Mrs. Lizzie Moss emailed me security footage from the kitchen at the Myrtles where Ms. Copas was cooking breakfast. I burned the security footage onto a DVD, which has been submitted to evidence.

I collected Mr. Castille's medical records from the hospital, EMS reports, documentation from Work Release, UOR's, and logbook entries from the jail. All documentation has been uploaded to this report as attachments.