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Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections
Standardized Death Report

Unit Name: Vermilion Parish Corrctional Center

DATE OF REPORT: 12-17-2024

TO: James M. Le Blanc
Secretary

FROM: Captain Sammy LaPorte
Unit Head or Designee

Warden
Title

RE: Mitchell Paul Bertrand
Inmate's Name

Inmate's DOC #

Housing Unit

Age: 53 Race/ Gender: W/M

DATE OF DEATH: 12-17-2024

☐ Expected Death ■ Unexpected Death

Autopsy Requested: ■ Yes ☐ No

If no, explain:

Medical Diagnosis:

DETAILED NARRATIVE OF EVENT:

On 12-17-2024 at approximately 0255 hours, Correctional Officers were made aware of a medical emergency in the 4-man holding cell. When Correctional Officers unlocked the door, it was discovered that Inmate Mitchell Bertrand was unresponsive, laying in his bunk. Sgt Justin Pham instructed Cpl. Miriah Menard to retrieve the AED and have the dispatcher contact Acadian Ambulance to respond. Sgt. Pham immediately turned Inmate Bertrand on his back and began chest compressions. Shortly after, Patrol Deputy Trevor Baudoin arrived and assisted Sgt. Pham with taking the inmate off the bed and took over chest compressions until Acadian Ambulance arrived.

Review of video cameras in the 4-man cell showed that Inmate Bertrand was sleeping when at approximately 02:54:32 hours, sits up in his bunk until 02:54:54 when he falls back in the bunk to his left. Another inmate housed in the 4-man was alerted by Inmate Bertrand that he was having a hard time to breath and witnessed Inmate Bertrand sit up and fall back. That inmate then walked to the door, banging on it to alert Correctional Deputies.

Acadian Ambulance unit 21 transported inmate Mitchel Bertrand to Abbeville General Hospital where he was later pronounced deceased. Vermilion Parish Detectives were notified of the incident and requested to respond to investigate.

Upon arrival at AGH, life saving measures continued until Inmate Mitchell Bertrand was declared deceased at 0342 hours. An autopsy was requested and scheduled for Thursday 12-19-2024.

Detective Jerrod Broussard was assigned as lead investigator and was assigned case number 24-0011575.

Sgt. Chad Touchet attended the autopsy and advised that the results of the autopsy revealed that Inmate Bertrand passed as the result of a Bilateral Pulmonary Embolism.