

Hernando County Sheriffs Office

Investigation Report

Case Type: Administrative Inquiry **Case #:** 2022-AI-004
Call Type: Other **Incident Date:** 04/15/2022 **Time:**
Origin: Internal - Administration **Date Reported:** 04/15/2022 **Time:** 11:36
Report #:
Location:
Address:
District: **Zone:** **Shifts:** **Unit:**
Status: Closed **Date Closed:** 12/19/2022

Witness(es)

Witness: Towns, Jacklyne G **Employee ID:** 1188
Address:
City: **State:** **Zip:**
Notes:

Witness: Rosario, Ivan **Employee ID:** 1247
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City: **State:** **Zip:**
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Witness: Kito, Derek **Employee ID:** 1814
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Witness: Dandrea, Beverly **Employee ID:** 1846
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E-Mail Address bdandrea@hernandosheriff.org

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Witness: Becker, Anthony **Employee ID:** 1914
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E-Mail Address abecker@hernandosheriff.org

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Witness: Biron, Brianna **Employee ID:** 1944
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City: **State:** **Zip:**
E-Mail Address bbiron@hernandosheriff.org

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Witness: Maniscalco, Laura **Employee ID:** 1983
Address:
City: **State:** **Zip:**

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Witness: Velez, Joshua **Employee ID:** 2087
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City: **State:** **Zip:**

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Employee(s)

Employee: Carr, Sharlene **ID:** 1831 **Badge ID:**

Supervisor: Wisgarda, Gary **ID:** 1570

Notes:

Employee: Hoffman, Jonathan **ID:** 1742 **Badge ID:**

Supervisor: Beetz, Justin **ID:** 1432

Notes:

Employee: Mendez, Jonathon **ID:** 1627 **Badge ID:**

Supervisor: Paoella, Michael **ID:** 1238

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Employee: Pabon, Jose **ID:** 1170 **Badge ID:**

Supervisor: Carriveau, Daniel **ID:** 1176

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Employee: Zasimovitch, Robert **ID:** 1744 **Badge ID:**

Supervisor: Wisgarda, Gary **ID:** 1570

Notes:

Details

Investigator:

Assignments

Notifications

Exhibits

Narrative:

Please pull an AI for inmate death. Inmate name Timothy Peters. Date 4/15/2022
Number issued to Insp. Stephens

MEMO TO FILE

Memo authored by Colonel Kenneth Hayden, dated December 19, 2022
Administrative Inquiry 202241-03 was initiated on April 16, 2022, in regards to a series of events which began with the arrest and booking of Timothy Peters. A review of the actions taken by Hernando County Sheriffs Office personnel involved has been completed. In regards to SOP 7050.28, Use of Physical Restraining Device and General Order 7050.57, Use of Physical Force, no violations of these policies were found during the in-house investigation.

SYNOPSIS

On 04/13/2022, at approximately 0549 hours, Timothy Peters was arrested at 4444 Golf Club Lane by [REDACTED]. The charges were for Aggravated Assault, Resisting an Officer with Violence, Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer, and Trespass after Warning. While interacting with deputies, Mr. Peters appeared intoxicated and made incoherent statements. During the arrest, Mr. Peters attempted to strike [REDACTED] with a beer bottle. He was taken to the ground and continued to resist being placed into handcuffs. Once in handcuffs, Mr. Peters was placed into the rear of the patrol vehicle. He managed to free his hands from the handcuffs and began striking the window with his hands. [REDACTED] assisted with restraining Mr. Peters, this second time, and he kicked her in her right leg two times, which did not cause injury. Mr. Peters continued to attempt to kick deputies until he was placed in shackles and a hobble restraint. Hernando County Fire Rescue responded and evaluated Mr. Peters, and he was cleared to be transported to the Detention Center.

On 4/15/2022, Mr. Peters was still incarcerated in the Medical Wing of the Detention Center. Due to erratic behavior, he was to be transferred to an impact resistant cell. Detention Deputies entered the cell to assist Mr. Peters in cleaning up. At this point, he was covered in his own fecal matter. He was placed into a wheelchair and brought to the shower. While cleaning Mr. Peters up, he began resisting placement in the Pro-Strait Chair. Mr. Peters had a spit mask placed over his face, as he was attempting to spit on deputies. At some point, Mr. Peters went limp and stopped responding. Upon noticing this, deputies began life saving measures. Mr. Peters was brought to the hospital where he ultimately expired.

This inquiry will be to review the incident and specifically, SOP 7050.28, Use of Physical Restraining Device; and General Order 7050.27, Use of Physical Force. The inquiry will also be to ensure all Sheriff's Office policies and procedures were followed.

FINDINGS

Following are the findings of this Internal Affairs investigation, based on sworn testimony, evidence and investigation:

SOP 7050.28, Use of Physical Restraining Device

General Order 7050.27, Use of Physical Force

Deputies followed all policies and procedures established by the Hernando County Sheriff Office involving the intake, care, and custody of Mr. Peters.

There were no violations of the above policies or procedures in reference to this incident. There is a recommendation the policy regarding spit masks be modified to disallow the use of multiple masks unless exigent circumstances are involved.
