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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Internal Investigations Unit

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Timothy C. Ward
Commissioner

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

CASE NUMBER: II-2018-4960
INVESTIGATION TITLE: Staff Compromise (DFU)
FACILITY: BALDWIN STATE PRISON
LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Baldwin SP
REGION: NORTHERN
INVESTIGATOR(S): HUNT, ANGELIA (INTERNAL INVESTIGATOR) : 11/19/2018 - PRESENT
LEWIS, HENRY (INTERNAL INVESTIGATOR) : 11/19/2018 - PRESENT
ADKERSON, NATHAN (INTERNAL INVESTIGATOR) : 11/19/2018 - 11/19/2018
VICTIM(S):
COMPLAINANT(S):
SUBJECT(S): BURTON, LAGENNIE J
WITNESS(ES):
TYPE OF ALLEGATION: PERSONAL DEALINGS/CONTRABAND
ALLEGATION SUBTYPE: OTHER
DATE CASE OPENED: 11/19/2018
FINAL DISPOSITION DATE:
STATUS: ASSIGNED TO INVESTIGATORS

PREDICATION: Attached is information related to a DFU report from a cellphone confiscated from Baldwin SP. The collective intelligence indicates staff compromise with CO Lagennie Burton.

Original email message:

Facility: Baldwin SP

Location: The device was found in the G-3 shower area in a hole in the wall.

Collective intelligence indicates the primary user of the contraband cellular device is Inmate (IM) Trenton Alexander FREEMAN GDC ID: 1000185338. Image intelligence provides a positive identification of IM FREEMAN. IM FREEMAN was released on probation on 09/03/2018. IM Travarius JACKSON GDC ID: 1001163770 is identified as a secondary user on the device. Image intelligence provides positive identification of IM JACKSON and he self-identifies as "Bay Bay" in the device. IM JACKSON is a validated member of the Security Threat Group (STG) G-Shyne. Image intelligence shows photos of at least three other unidentified inmates.

SMS intelligence indicates that IM FREEMAN and IM JACKSON is conspiring with phone contacts "Taliban" and "Lani" in order to use personal identifying information to open fraudulent credit card accounts. SMS messages indicate that IM FREEMAN is conspiring to open several accounts at various banks, including USAA and Wells Fargo, and then overnight a credit card to outside associates. Image intelligence shows photos of banking information, including names of bank, type of account, and addresses associated with that account. "Lani" is associated with phone number 470-550-0902 and "Ej" is associated with phone number 706-461-6008. See exported conversation for further details.

SMS intelligence indicates that IM FREEMAN and IM JACKSON are performing drug transactions for marijuana, tobacco products, and methamphetamine with fellow IM Kenneth PARTEE. IM PARTEE was identified through THREADS using phone number 470-891-0256, which he had previously been associated with during case GDCDFU2018-1424. Image intelligence shows photos of marijuana and methamphetamine within the facility. See exported conversation for further details.

SMS and MMS intelligence indicates that IM FREEMAN is conspiring with Civilian (CIV) Flora FREEMAN in order to perform monetary transactions. CIV FREEMAN was identified through JPay account: 10407642 using phone number 770-845-1709. CIV FREEMAN is listed as "Mother" under IM FREEMAN's contact list in the GDC internal database and is known as "Ma" in the device. See exported conversation for further details.

SMS intelligence also indicates that IM FREEMAN is conspiring with Correctional Officer (CO) Lagennie BURTON, who is currently listed as working at Baldwin State Prison, in order to perform monetary transactions. CO BURTON was identified through a Cash App ID: \$lagennieburton that IM FREEMAN provided to CIV FREEMAN, so that CIV FREEMAN can transfer money to CO BURTON. A search in TLO of CO BURTON's name and date of birth returns a series of phone numbers. Phone number 478-363-7632 from the report was texted by IM FREEMAN. IM FREEMAN also has screen shot photos of CO BURTON's Facebook account where she is known as "Redd Nell." A search of this name did not return any results.

Additional SMS intelligence indicates a user of the device who identifies himself as "100" is conspiring with CIV James BRANDON in order to obtain, wrap, and introduce unknown contraband into the facility. SMS messages show the user of the device instructing CIV BRANDON on how to wrap the contraband with tape and then apply Vaseline to the outside in order to grease it for easier insertion. CIV BRANDON was identified through the Securus Call Platform using phone number 678-558-4633.

Respectfully,

Romita L. Keen

Criminal Intelligence Analyst

Criminal Intelligence Unit

Office of Professional Standards

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FINAL SUMMARY

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION
CASE FILE CHECKLIST

Case Number: II-2018-4960

Date Presented to Legal: _____

Date Presented to Judicial: _____

A. Statements

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|---|------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complainant | _____ Personnel EAP Referral |
| _____ Victim | _____ Medical Personnel |
| _____ Initial Complaint Witness | _____ Other |
| _____ Identified Witness | |
| _____ Eye Witness | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subject (s) | |

B. Reports / Documentation

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Request for Investigation / Assigning Documentation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warrants |
| _____ Follow up Reports / Documents | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affidavits for Warrants (if applicable) |
| _____ Incident Reports / Use of Force Reports | _____ Criminal Records Reports |
| _____ Advisement Forms (Miranda Warnings, Polygraph Directive and Polygraph Forms) | _____ Reports from Other Agency (s) |
| _____ Disciplinary Reports | _____ Death Certificate |
| _____ Inmate Accountability Roster | _____ GBI Forensic Lab Reports |
| _____ Post Assignment Roster | _____ Evidence Inventory and Location Stored |
| _____ Medical Documents | _____ Witness Roster |
| _____ Personnel / Management Records | _____ YES _____ NO Surveillance Log |

C. Evidence

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| _____ Clothing of Inmate | _____ Photographs of Evidence |
| _____ Clothing of Staff | _____ Other Physical Evidence (Video-tapes, CD, Clothing) |
| _____ Diagram of Crime Scene | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio Tape(s) |
| _____ Crime Scene Pictures | |

Recommend Case Be Closed
Recommend Case Be Reviewed by Legal Services
Recommend Case Be Referred to District Attorney

SIC Initials / Date
_____/_____

JJ / 2-19-20 forwarded to DA

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
CASE REPORT FACESHEET**

INCIDENT TYPE DFU – Compromised Staff CASE NUMBER II-2018-4960
PREA: NO NUMBER OF VOLUMES 1
 REGION/UNIT North / CID
 DATE OPENED 11/19/2018
 DATE CLOSED 02/10/2020
 EVIDENCE ROOM CLEARED Y
 CRIME LAB CONTACTED Y

INCIDENT DATE/TIME (Military Time) 11/19/2018 TO _____

INCIDENT LOCATION North Region

INCIDENT FACILITY Baldwin State Prison

VICTIM (1)	RACE	SEX	DOB	GDC/EID	PHONE: CELL	BUSINESS
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State of Georgia

ADDRESS _____

OFFENDER/SUBJ	RACE	SEX	DOB	GDC/EID	PHONE: CELL	BUSINESS
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Lagennie Janel Burton B F 0098707

ADDRESS _____

PROPERTY VALUE INFORMATION

STOLEN _____ RECOVERED _____ CONTRABAND _____

CASE AGENT SA Henry Lewis III SUPERVISOR SAC Tomekia Jordan

FILE REVIEW	DATE/INITIALS	DISTRIBUTION	DATE/PERSON
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CLOSING STATUS

FINAL INVESTIGATIVE ACTIONS:

_____ INVESTIGATION COMPLETE/NO ACTION TAKEN	_____ EXCESSIVE DELAY IN PROSECUTION
_____ JUDICIAL DISPOSITION	_____ REFERRED TO:
_____ NO JUDICIAL ACTIONS TAKEN BY PROSECUTOR	_____ OTHER:

Remarks: _____

NARRATIVE:

A DFU report from a cellphone confiscated from Baldwin SP, revealed collective intelligence indicating a compromised staff member, later identified as CO Lagennie Burton.

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On Tuesday, November 6, 2018 SPECIAL AGENT (SA) HENRY LEWIS III received an electronic communication from SAC DONALD JONES, advising of a compromised staff member at Baldwin State Prison. SA LEWIS initiated an investigation into the matter, which revealed the following facts and findings.

OPS Criminal Intelligence Analyst ROMITA KEEN, reported that a cell phone was located at Baldwin State Prison Dormitory G-3 in the shower area. The phone was concealed inside of a hole in the wall. A forensic examination of the device revealed communications between inmates and staff regarding illegal activity.

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On Monday, January 27, 2020 SA LEWIS was located at Baldwin State Prison, located at 140 Laying Farm Road, in Hardwick, Baldwin County, Georgia in reference to this investigation.

While at this location, SA LEWIS made contact with Georgia Department of Corrections Officer LAGENNIE JANEL BURTON (EIN# 0098707), for the purpose of conducting an interview. The interview was overtly recorded and began at approximately 1116 hours and ceased at approximately 1152 hours.

After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and nature of the interview, BURTON essentially stated the following information:

BURTON has been employed with GDC since 2015. During her employment at Baldwin State Prison, BURTON was assigned to dormitory G-3 (the location of the recovered contraband phone). While working this dormitory, BURTON stated that she became associated with inmate FREEMAN and inmate PARTEE.

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At some point during her inmate interaction, BURTON testified that FREEMAN offered her a way to make "extra money". Inmate FREEMAN told BURTON that if she would provide him with an account, inmate FREEMAN would have money transferred to her account.

BURTON testified that she initially believed that she wasn't doing anything wrong because she didn't physically bring any contraband into the facility. However, BURTON knew that what she was doing was wrong and illegal, "but not that serious".

When BURTON was asked if her cash app account was "\$lagennieburton" she replied, "Yes". BURTON stated that she received approximately \$500-\$1000 from civilian FLORA FREEMAN, the mother of inmate freeman. When BURTON was asked who she sent money for purchasing illegal contraband, BURTON stated that she had no idea who the receiver was but did testify that she would send the money at inmate FREEMAN'S direction.

Based on SA LEWIS'S knowledge, training, and experience with investigating the illegal contraband trade in a correctional setting, SA LEWIS explained the conspiracy to BURTON, although she claimed to only have participated one time.

SA LEWIS explained to BURTON that inmate FREEMAN would direct her to send money to an unknown civilian for the purpose of obtaining contraband and bringing it to the prison. Another individual would smuggle it into the prison. BURTON'S role was to pay the individuals who purchased the contraband and the individuals who smuggled the contraband inside of the facility.

BURTON denied that she possessed any direct knowledge of who was purchasing contraband or what they were purchasing. However, BURTON stated that she understood that what she was participating in was illegal.

BURTON concluded her statement by saying that she received approximately \$1000.00 (One Thousand in U.S. Currency) for her part in the conspiracy.

The above is a summary of the interview. It is not intended to be a verbatim account and does not memorialize all statements made during the investigation. Communications by the parties present for the interview were electronically recorded. The recording captures the actual words spoken. For complete details of the interview, please see the attached audio recording.

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Due to BURTON'S role in the illegal activity of smuggling contraband into a state facility, in violation of O.C.G.A. 16-4-8 (Conspiracy) and O.C.G.A. 16-10-1 (Violation of Oath), BURTON was arrested, charged, and housed at the Baldwin County Detention Center. Warrants were secured and delivered to the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office.

At this time, SA LEWIS respectfully requests that this case be determined **SUBSTANTIATED** and placed in a closed status pending any new developments and further court proceedings.

No evidence was stored at the GDC North Region Evidence Room, nor was any evidence submitted to the GBI DOFS Crime Lab.

No further investigative actions were taken at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

SMS Reports
DFU Intelligence Report
Compact Disk

ID DATA

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SPECIAL AGENT H. LEWIS 01/27/2020

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**STATE WARRANT AND MITTIMUS
GEORGIA, BALDWIN COUNTY**

Personally came SA HENRY LEWIS III who on oath says that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, LAGENNIE JANEL BURTON did in the County aforesaid, commit the offense of, TO-WIT: (Fel) (O.C.G.A) 16-10-1 VIOLATION OF OATH in said County, between the hours of 9:00 pm and 10:00 pm on the 16TH day of APRIL, 2018 The place of occurrence of said offense being BALDWIN STATE PRISON, 140 LAYING FARM ROAD, HARDWICK, BALDWIN COUNTY, GA And against THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA Said offense being described as The accused, together with Trenton Freeman (GDC# 1000185338), did conspire to introduce contraband into Baldwin State Prison. Specifically, the accused did transfer approximately \$500-\$1000 in U.S. Currency to finance the illegal introduction of contraband into Baldwin State Prison as directed by Mr. Freeman, in violation of her oath.

And this deponent makes this affidavit that a warrant may issue for his arrest.

[Signature] #338

Affiant.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of JAN, 20 20

[Signature]
MAGISTRATE / SUPERIOR

GEORGIA, BALDWIN COUNTY

To the Sheriff or his deputy, Coroner, Constable, or Marshal of said State, GREETINGS:

For sufficient causes made know to me in the above affidavit, you are hereby commanded to arrest the defendant named in the foregoing affidavit charged by the prosecutor therein with the offense against the laws of this State named in said affidavit and bring him before me or some other Judicial officer of this State to be dealt with as the law directs.

Herein fail not, This January 27 20

[Signature]
MAGISTRATE / SUPERIOR

GEORGIA, BALDWIN COUNTY

After hearing the evidence in the above case, it is ordered that said defendant be bound of _____ Dollars for his appearance on the first day at the _____ next term or session next after this day of the _____ Court of _____ to be held in and for said County to answer the charge of _____

In default thereof that he be committed to the common jail of said County, there to be safely kept until thence delivered by course of law.

Given under my hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 20 _____ (L. S.)

MAGISTRATE / SUPERIOR

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[Signature] # 37B

Affiant.

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[Signature]
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Given under my hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

(L. S.)

MAGISTRATE / SUPERIOR

Lagennie Burton

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
OATH OF OFFICE

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America and the State of Georgia, and that I will faithfully perform and discharge the duties of my office without malice or partiality, to the best of my ability.

I further swear (or affirm) that I am not the holder of any unaccounted for public money due this state or any political subdivision or authority thereof; that I am not the holder of any office of trust under the government of the United States, any other state, or any foreign state which I am prohibited from holding under the laws of the State of Georgia; and that I am otherwise qualified to hold office according to the Constitution and laws of Georgia.

Lagennie Burton

Print Name

Lagennie Burton

Signature

8/10/15

Date


Baldwin

Work Site

IN WITNESS THEREOF this oath is witnessed and subscribed to by the following person who has affixed his or her seal, this 10 day of August, 2015.

Quinn Harrison

Witness/Notary Public



Lagennie Burton

SOPIVO14-0001
Attachment 1
Revised 12/15/06

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Employee Standards of Conduct
ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT

This is to acknowledge that I have read the Department's procedure governing employee standards of conduct. As a condition of employment, I will abide by the terms and conditions of this procedure. I understand that any violation of this procedure, including any of the standards contained therein, may be the basis for disciplinary action, including dismissal. I also understand that disciplinary action can be taken for matters not covered by this procedure and that it does not create any new rights for me or for any other employee of the Department of Corrections.

Lagennie Burton 8/10/15
Employee Signature Date

Lagennie Burton
Type/Print Employee Name

Employee ID: _____

Record Retention: Retain permanently in the local and official personnel file.

Lagennie Burton

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING A CODE OF ETHICS FOR EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - Effective January 10, 2011

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

This is to acknowledge that I have read the Governor's Executive Order Establishing a Code of Ethics for the Executive Branch Officers And Employees. I understand that this Code of Ethics applies to me. As a condition of employment, I will abide by the terms and conditions of this Code of Ethics. I understand that any violation of this Code of Ethics, including any of the standards contained therein, may be the basis for disciplinary action, including dismissal. I understand that the standards contained in this Code of Ethics do not replace the Department of Corrections Employee Standards of Conduct nor any existing statutory requirements, but is in addition thereto. I also understand that disciplinary action can be taken for matters not covered by this procedure and that it does not create any new rights for me or for any other employee of the Department of Corrections.

Lagennie Burton

Type/Print Employee Name

Lagennie Burton

Employee Signature

8/10/15

Date

Employee ID