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Tampa, Fla. – On Thursday, April 28, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) announced the arrest of three correctional officers involved in the death of an inmate on Feb. 14. The inmate was to be transferred to Lake Correctional Institute. FDLE has reported that he was severely beaten by officers and later found dead inside the transport van.

Representative Dianne Hart (D-Tampa) issued the following statement:

“It is sad that this is the level of abuse that many who are incarcerated face on a daily basis. I applaud FDLE for their thorough investigation and for apprehending those involved. I thank Secretary Dixon for his quick response on this case and for his efforts to try and change this culture of abuse. We as a state must do better as it relates to our criminal justice system, this type of abuse and neglect is not to be tolerated and those who perpetuate it should be rooted out and removed. Lawmakers and the Department must work together to address these abuses once and for all.”

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