

# Incident Report IDAHO STATE POLICE



## M12000142

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# ORIGINAL

Reported Date  
10/15/2012  
Nature of Call  
**SEX OFFENC**  
Officer  
**HOPKINS, TIMOTHY**

Administrative Information						
Agency <b>IDAHO STATE POLICE</b>	Case No <b>M12000142</b>	Supplement No <b>0017</b>	Reported Date <b>10/15/2012</b>	Reported Time <b>15:51</b>	Status <b>INVESTIGATION</b>	
Nature of Call <b>PORN, RAPE, FOND, INCEST, ST RAPE, SOD,</b>			Report Title <b>GRIMM INTERVIEW</b>			
Location <b>IDJC</b>						
Officer <b>3417/HOPKINS, TIMOTHY</b>			Assignment <b>DETECTIVE REG 3</b>	Entered by <b>3417</b>		
Assignment <b>DETECTIVE REG 3</b>	RMS Transfer <b>Successful</b>	Prop Trans Stat <b>Successful</b>	Property? <b>Yes</b>	Approving Officer <b>2717</b>		
Approval Date <b>10/26/2012</b>	Approval Time <b>12:13:38</b>					

## Summary Narrative

On October 11, 2012, Idaho State Police Detectives Tim Hopkins and Bret Kessinger interviewed Superintendent of the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections (IDJC) Betty Grimm about her knowledge of the criminal allegations contained within the Complaint filed against the IDJC. The interview took place at the IDJC facility located at 1650 11th Avenue North in Nampa, Idaho.

## WITNESS 1: GRIMM, BETTY

Involvement <b>WITNESS</b>	Invl No <b>1</b>	Type <b>Individual</b>	Name <b>GRIMM, BETTY</b>	MNI <b>586368</b>	RMS Transfer <b>Empty field</b>
Property					
Item <b>1</b>	Involvement <b>EVIDENCE (Non-Drug Items)</b>	In Custody? <b>Yes</b>	Tag No <b>120002714</b>	Item No <b>1</b>	
Description <b>exh 15 grimm interview</b>				Typ <b>A</b>	Cat <b>RECORDINGS</b>
UCR Type <b>RECORDINGS - AUDIO, VISUAL</b>			RMS Transfer <b>Empty field</b>		
Link <b>OTH</b>	Involvement <b>WIT</b>	Invl No <b>1</b>	Name <b>GRIMM, BETTY</b>	Race	Sex <b>DOB</b>

## Narrative

1. On October 11, 2012, at approximately 1:50 p.m., Idaho State Police Detective Bret Kessinger and I interviewed Superintendent of the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections (IDJC) Betty Grimm about her knowledge of the criminal allegations contained within the Complaint filed against the IDJC. Grimm told us the following:

a. She has been the superintendent of IDJC for approximately four and a half years. Prior to that, she was the nurse manager for the Nampa facility. She has worked for IDJC for a total of 18 1/2 years.

b. The policy relating to action taken in the event of a battery on a juvenile or staff member is very clear. The first thing they do is separate the victim from the aggressor and make sure both are safe.

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- c. They talk to the victim and make it clear they have the option to file charges against the aggressor.
- d. The staff that was present for the battery would complete an incident report.
- e. The duty officer would be notified about the assault, and then the duty officer would call her.
- f. Anyone can call Nampa Police Department to take a report and file charges. A video of the incident is downloaded and given to the NPD responding officer.
- g. NPD is the agency that usually responds to IDJC for incidents that occurs inside the facility.
- h. PREA is handled a little different than a battery or an assault. The staff that takes the report from a juvenile must complete the PREA form and contact several people listed on the form. It is then passed to the PREA Coordinator, Ashley Jorgensen. In the event Jorgensen is unavailable, the state PREA coordinator will take the incident.
- i. Jorgensen has been the PREA coordinator for approximately three months. Prior to that, Eric Cotton held the position for a few months. Prior to Eric Cotton, Tom Knof was the PREA Coordinator. The PREA Coordinator position can be very time consuming.
- j. There was an incident where a juvenile named [REDACTED] allegedly touched a [REDACTED] juvenile named [REDACTED] on the breast. At the time of this incident, PREA Coordinator Eric Cotton was out on leave. Laura Roters was notified of the incident during [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] physical education class. Roters spoke with [REDACTED] about [REDACTED] options, [REDACTED] elected to stay in the gym and sit next to the Rehab Techs/teachers in the gym. Roters took [REDACTED] out of the gym, moved his room, and completed the PREA form.
- k. During Roters' investigation, she viewed the video of the incident. On the video it looked as if [REDACTED] could have touched [REDACTED] on the breast. The alleged touch took place in a classroom prior to PE. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] should have been separated at that time.
- l. [REDACTED] was a deaf child [REDACTED] was never taught proper sign language. [REDACTED] made up [REDACTED] own signs at home and used them to communicate.
- m. A day after the incident, she received a grievance from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] felt that Roters did not take the incident seriously enough. All grievances are logged and handled by the sections supervisor. Roters was the supervisor over the section [REDACTED] was housed in, so she instructed Roters to handle her own grievance.
- n. Once a grievance is handled, she reviews it and makes a determination to sign off on it or ask for further action. She reviewed [REDACTED] grievance after Roters handled it. After her review, Mrs. Carnell was very angry and complained about how the grievance was handled. Mrs. Camell knew the incident was a PREA incident and Roters did not handle it properly.
- o. She met with [REDACTED] herself about the incident and grievance. [REDACTED] told her [REDACTED] was not upset with Roters and was satisfied with the way the incident was handled and the way the grievance

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was handled. After the conversation she had with [REDACTED] she typed her own report and turned it in with the grievance to Mrs. Rogers. Mrs. Rogers places all documentation into the juvenile's file. In addition, she contacted the department attorney about the incident and discussed with them how she handled it.

p. Mrs. Carnell resigned several weeks ago and went back to work for Idaho Department of Corrections (IDOC).

q. She and Mrs. Rogers are the only ones that have a key and can check the grievance boxes. They handle approximately twelve grievances a month.

r. They have not had any juveniles battering staff in quite some time. They did have a problem within the Observation and Assessment (O&A) Unit in the recent past. There was a common denominator within the staff in O&A causing a problem and being aggressive toward the juveniles.

s. She assigned the supervisor at the time, Tom Knof, to find the common denominator and alleviate the problem. Tom Knof was let go and did not seem to find the person responsible. Laura Roters is now the O&A Unit supervisor. Roters has gained control of the unit and is working with the staff.

t. When the juveniles commit a battery on another juvenile or staff member, they are put in their rooms and required to complete a re-entry contract.

u. Approximately one year ago, they saw an increase in assaults, but they also saw a change in the type of juveniles that were committing crimes and being housed in the facility. They have seen more gang members and more mental health juveniles as well.

v. The types of sexual batteries they handle at the facility are things like "he touched me on the butt, or, he touched me on the boob."

w. There was something brought up in the law suit about one of the staff members having a sexual relationship with one of the Choices juveniles.

x. [REDACTED] a prior juvenile inmate, allegedly had a relationship with Francine Diaz while [REDACTED] was working as a cook at the facility. She was asked if she was aware that the two were seeing each other. She was not aware of [REDACTED] and Diaz, nor was she aware the two might be living together.

y. [REDACTED] was still on probation while he was employed as a cook at the facility.

z. She contacted her legal department about the alleged relationship. She also met with [REDACTED] and Diaz separately to discuss their relationship and their conduct while at work.

aa. Sometime later [REDACTED] was put on administrative leave for allegedly having sexual contact with a [REDACTED] juvenile. [REDACTED] denied having sexual contact with the juvenile, but admitted to seeing a movie with the juvenile and texting [REDACTED]

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bb. They are very skeptical and careful about hiring prior juvenile inmates to work at the facility. Ed Pisano was a previous inmate at the facility who was later hired as a Rehab Tech. Pisano was still an active gang member and was found to have been grooming the juveniles he worked with within the Choices program.

cc. The staff is discouraged from having any contact with the juveniles outside the facility. When [REDACTED] was hired as a cook, [REDACTED] was an adult and no longer in the custody of the juvenile department.

dd. When there is a rumor of a staff member spending too much time with a particular juvenile, she will attempt to corroborate the rumor by watching video of the staff member and/or the juvenile. She would then have a verbal counseling session with the staff member. An investigator will then be called if the rumor is substantiated. An independent investigator from an outlying facility will always be called in to investigate the matter.

ee. The incident report system used within IDJS is called IJOS. Each incident report is approved by the staff member who wrote the report, their supervisor, and her. Once the incident report is approved throughout the chain of command, it cannot be changed. Other staff members have the ability to add an addendum, or supplemental report to an incident report. The only people/employees that have the ability to delete an incident report in IJOS work in the IT department. They will only delete an incident on direction of the legal department. The IT department would be able to answer any questions about the IJOS system.

ff. There are no current juvenile inmate escapees from the Nampa facility. Most of the escapes they encounter are juveniles not returning on time from a home pass or work release. If the kids do not arrive on time, an escape warrant is put out for them. Once the juvenile returns, the warrant is stopped or served. She is called for all escapes day or night. She is also obligated to notify the director of all escapes.

gg. They had three escapes the prior weekend. One returned within the hour of the escape being called, the other two returned in the early hours of morning.

2. The interview was concluded at approximately 3:17 p.m.

3. During the interview, Grimm showed Det. Kessinger and me examples of the incident reports contained in IJOS on her computer.

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