

Incident Report IDAHO STATE POLICE

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Officer
HOPKINS, TIMOTHY

Administrative Information

Agency IDAHO STATE POLICE	Case No M12000142	Supplement No 0010	Reported Date 09/14/2012	Reported Time 09:50	Status INVESTIGATION
Nature of Call PORN, RAPE, FOND, INCEST, ST RAPE, SOD,			Report Title REDFORD INTERVIEW		
Location IDAHO STATE POLICE					
Officer 3417/HOPKINS, TIMOTHY			Assignment DETECTIVE REG 3	Entered by 3417	
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Summary Narrative

On September 12, 2012, Idaho State Police Detectives Bret Kessinger and Tim Hopkins interviewed Rhonda Ledford about her knowledge of the criminal allegations contained within the Complaint filed against the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections. The interview took place at the Idaho State Police Facility located at 700 South Stratford in Meridian, Idaho.

WITNESS 1: LEDFORD, RHONDA

Involvement WITNESS	Invl No 1	Type Individual	Name LEDFORD, RHONDA		MNI 582119	Race [REDACTED]
Sex [REDACTED]	DOB [REDACTED]	Age [REDACTED]	Juvenile? No	RMS Transfer Empty field		
Property						
Item 1	Involvement EVIDENCE (Non-Drug Items)		In Custody? Yes	Tag No 120002496	Item No 1	
Description exh 10 redford interview					Typ A	Cat RECORDINGS
UCR Type RECORDINGS - AUDIO, VISUAL					RMS Transfer Empty field	
Link OTH	Involvement WIT	Invl No 1	Name LEDFORD, RHONDA		Race [REDACTED]	Sex [REDACTED]
DOB [REDACTED]						

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1. On September 12, 2012 at approximately 5:51 pm Idaho State Police Detectives Bret Kessinger and I interviewed Rhonda Ledford about her knowledge of the criminal allegations contained within the Complaint filed against the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections. The interview took place at the Idaho State Police Facility located at 700 South Stratford in Meridian, Idaho. During the interview Ledford supplied Det. Kessinger and me with several incident reports from the Idaho Department of Juvenile Correction (IDJC) reporting system IJOS. Also included within the supplied documentation are several emails. Throughout the interview Ledford told us the following:

a. She has been employed at IDJC as a safety and security officer to include transport duties for approximately 5 years. Her employment with IDJC is split. She worked as a part time safety

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and security officer in November 2006 to July 2007, and then was hired to her current position in June 2008. Her hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

b.The documentation she brought includes sexual misconduct, failure to document incidents correctly, and assaults. She did not bring any documentation pertaining to escapes.

c.They have a lot of absconders from Idaho. Ada County has a back log of approximately 400 absconders which are the responsibility of the state to extradite from the states they currently reside.

d.Within the time frame she has worked at the Nampa facility she remembers one escapee who was caught. His name was [REDACTED]. She does not know of any juveniles who have ran and not been caught.

e.In the event of a fight between juveniles, as an appropriate use of force Instructor, she is to respond to the fight and observe any staff member who is restraining a juvenile to make sure the staff members are using the appropriate use of force.

f.The procedure the staff members use with the juveniles now is to not go "hands on" but to allow the juvenile to process. The Staff members are to follow the juvenile around, or stay with the juvenile and process and talk with them.

g.Going hands on with the juveniles does not look good to the restraint standards and PBS (performance based standards).

h.PBS started coming into play with the IDJC approximately four years ago the same time things started to take a downward turn.

i.PBS comes from a national level from the CJCA (Council of Juvenile Corrections Administrators). The CJCA runs PBS. Since Sharon Harrigfeld became the director of IDJC she has implemented PBS and it has become a huge deal. Director Harrigfeld was the regional director of the CJCA until approximately one and a half months ago. Director Harrigfeld is now the vice president of the CJCA.

j.The CJCA pulls reports and sends questionnaires out to the staff of the facility twice a year for a review process. It is a voluntary review which is based on the PBS guidelines. A lot of this comes down from the CJCA getting federal funding which affects interest in facilities using PBS. Each department pays thirty to forty thousand dollars to do the volunteer review. The money goes to the CJCA.

k.Because of PBS a lot of the things they put into reports gets changed like they didn't restrain a juvenile they escorted the juvenile to their room. She has an example of a report getting changed which is the incident report for the Sabrina Payne incident.

l.It is very highly discouraged to ask the juveniles battery victims if they want to press charges. William Morris was a special education instructor who overheard program manager Dave Rohrbach talking to a [REDACTED] juvenile who wanted to press charges. Rohrbach talked to the juvenile for over an hour and convinced [REDACTED] not to press charges. This took place in

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approximately 2009.

m. Staff has been told by leadership that prosecutors will say they don't want the juveniles to press charges because they are already locked up so there is nothing else they can do. Calling Nampa Police Department is up to the staff, the juveniles do not have a say if the police are called. Supervisors make the decision about calling NPD to respond to the facility. They are not to talk to anybody outside the facility about any fights.

n. Betty Grim or the duty officer / superintendent designee is involved in the decision to call NPD. NPD is not called very often when comparing the number of assaults to the number of times NPD is called.

o. The aggressor is usually put into his or her room for a short amount of time. They have juveniles fearing for their safety because the aggressors are brought back to the groups.

p. She has been advised of juveniles fearing for their safety within pass downs. Pass downs are documentation of the previous shifts incidents. She was notified through a pass down by a juvenile named [REDACTED] was afraid for [REDACTED] life. She is not sure what they ended up doing with [REDACTED] however the IR said [REDACTED] was moved to a different physical education class. [REDACTED] is currently in the choices program.

q. A lot of the juveniles fear a juvenile named [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has committed several batteries on several different juveniles. She is aware of [REDACTED] being prosecuted for one battery.

r. [REDACTED] is a juvenile that was attacked by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] punched [REDACTED] with dominos in his hand. It is only the juveniles that are very persistent about filing charges that get the opportunity to file the charges, like [REDACTED]

s. The juveniles don't go to the staff or supervisors because they don't trust the staff. When the juveniles are in custody they feel like they cannot speak up.

t. Sometimes there will be emails about a juvenile attacking another juvenile but there will not be an incident report about it.

u. They have two types of codes, a code red and a code yellow. When they have a code red a juvenile is assaulting a staff member or other juveniles. Within a time frame four months they had one hundred and fourteen code reds. Last Thursday they had eight codes in between the hours of 8am to 4pm. They spend more time with ten staff members following a juvenile; restrain a juvenile or trying to get the juvenile into a room instead of attending to the other juveniles. This leaves the staff to juvenile ratio lopsided for extended periods of time.

v. There policy says if the situation is under control then the staff is to return to their scheduled post. They had a code yellow where [REDACTED] walked out of class because [REDACTED] wanted to change his pants. The juveniles will walk out of class all day long. [REDACTED] told the staff [REDACTED] would go back to class throw a chair around to create a code red so [REDACTED] could get [REDACTED] way and go to [REDACTED] room, because that is the way it happens, which is exactly what happened.

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w.It is becoming very dangerous for the juveniles and the staff. Staff members become targets to the juveniles because they give in to the juvenile's demands and send them back to their rooms.

x.The Sabrina Payne case is one where there was a criminal battery committed and there are no incident reports for.

y.She cannot say if the police were called and charges were pressed for any of the one hundred and fourteen code reds within the past four months. She does not have time to go through all of the incident reports and pass downs. She does not work directly with the juveniles. She did work as a rehab tech on the solutions unit for approximately one year in 2008 prior to moving to safety and security officer position. She is now the transport coordinator for safety and security.

z.They get a number of incidents where a juvenile will hit another juvenile in the head, a code is called, the two are separated and the aggressor goes to his or her room to complete room time. She does not know if the victim is asked about pressing charges. She would advise the juveniles she transported of their rights to press charges after an assault. If you are talking a juvenile out of pressing charges you are taking their rights away.

aa.When she uses the term assault she means an unwanted physical aggression. The term assault is used in the incident reporting system at the IDJC. She was a police officer many years ago. It has been several years since she handled an assault or battery.

bb.During one incident there were four juveniles that assaulted one juvenile. [REDACTED] was assaulted by [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]. She is not aware if NPD was called for this incident.

cc.The staff members to talk to about making the decision to call NPD for assault incidents would be Laura Roters who a lot of employees have a problem with, Tim Rigsby, Betty Grimm, Ashley Jorgenson, Manuel Carvasos, Nicholas Tinker, Jeff Underhill, Mark Freckleton, and Eric Cotton.

dd.Today she received the grievance filed by [REDACTED] about [REDACTED] touching [REDACTED] breast.

ee.During one incident in 2008 [REDACTED] choked another juvenile named [REDACTED] was given 72 hours of lock down and a level freeze for ten days.

ff.There was a juvenile named [REDACTED] who gave [REDACTED] two black eyes and threatened suicide. Was transported to a different facility up north where [REDACTED] hung [REDACTED] the next day. [REDACTED] records have been deleted from IJOS. Gracie Renya, Diana Carnell, LaMark Judkins, Philip Gregston, and Lisa Littlefield were all present for [REDACTED] threats of suicide. [REDACTED] was of age and was being transported to an adult facility. The staff was ordered to not talk about [REDACTED] or his suicide.

gg.[REDACTED] is a juvenile they have in custody. [REDACTED] was sent to Syringa house where [REDACTED] escaped. [REDACTED] remained on escape status for a while. They received a call from Oregon about a [REDACTED] body found matching [REDACTED] description. Miles took the call

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and then informed Betty Grimm of the situation. Grimm advised Miles not to talk about the incident. When Miles looked for [REDACTED] records in IJOS they were gone.

hh.All juvenile records are supposed to be kept at the facility for three years, and then sent to archives for ten years. The only records that are being pulled out are the juveniles who have committed suicide or who have killed someone else.

ii.Bobby Rogers told her there room check log books and loose leaf paper logs, as well as transport logs are legal documents and they have to be kept.

jj.During one incident [REDACTED] broke [REDACTED] arm. There is no incident report about [REDACTED] breaking [REDACTED] arm, but [REDACTED] was transported to the hospital for an x-ray and a cast. There is an incident report about [REDACTED] being restrained. [REDACTED] complained about [REDACTED] arm hurting. The next day [REDACTED] was hit in the face with a ball on the recreation field. That day [REDACTED] was transported away from the facility and came back with [REDACTED] arm in a cast. She was on leave when this incident took place. If [REDACTED] was injured during a restraint the IDJC is responsible for that.

kk.If a juvenile is responsive they are not to be restrained any further. If the juvenile acts out the staff can restrain them again.

ll.She has reported the staff twice for not following the proper protocol during restraints.

mm.Staff members had to restrain a [REDACTED] juvenile who had to be moved. During the restraint the juveniles shoulder popped. Staff said the juveniles shoulder was fine. The staff members are not medically trained and should not make that call. The [REDACTED] juvenile was eventually examined four hours later by Nurse Frank Farnworth. Farnworth found nothing wrong with the juveniles shoulder.

nn.The only person who would have access to delete any records from IJOS is the superintendent or anyone in the IT department. Lindsey Anderson is the IJOS person.

oo.Sabrina Payne is a teacher who was kicked in the head by [REDACTED] a juvenile. The incident report says Vick Clapp was shoved by [REDACTED], and McNally, who is now Payne, was called a bitch. There is no mention of Payne being injured during the incident however Payne has sent emails to the staff giving updates on her recovery from the injury she sustained. This incident occurred on May 18, 2010 and Payne's emails were sent on May 31, 2010 and June 24, 2010. She is unaware if Payne talked to the police or a lawyer about filing charges. She was working up in the booth when Payne was injured and taken out of the facility. [REDACTED] was in a group called the Aztecs at the time.

pp.When she discovered there was nothing in the incident reports about Payne being injured is when she was told about [REDACTED] arm.

qq.The Payne incident is what started the lawsuit. No one was given a raise for a couple years working for the state. Robin Smyth check the Idaho Report web site and discovered in 2011 two employees for IDJC were given merit increases Sabrina Payne and public relations coordinator Monty Prow. It was almost a year to the day that Payne was given a merit increase.

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rr. There are no other attacks on staff members by juveniles that are as severe as Payne's incident. She has been told by staff members they are discouraged from pressing charges on the juveniles that attack them. The superintendent and supervisors will tell the staff members the juveniles are already locked so there is nothing else they can do to them. They have not been told this by prosecutors or judges, just staff supervisors.

ss. [REDACTED] is the name of the [REDACTED] juvenile who [REDACTED] had inappropriate contact with at the facility. [REDACTED] was given the option to resign in May over the incident.

tt. At one point she walked into the kitchen and observed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] very close to each other. [REDACTED] said he was having a marker fight with [REDACTED]. She told them their actions not appropriate, especially off camera. There is a small location in the kitchen that is not covered by the camera. [REDACTED] is not supposed to be alone with a [REDACTED] in the kitchen. [REDACTED] was approximately seventeen years of age when [REDACTED] was released. Cheryl Knox was the food supervisor and was shocked to hear what was going on.

uu. Prior to [REDACTED] working as a cook at the facility [REDACTED] was a juvenile inmate in the choices program. She does not know anything about [REDACTED] relationship with Francine Diaz. When she left the facility in 2007 [REDACTED] was a juvenile inmate, and when she returned in 2008 [REDACTED] was had been hired as a cook. [REDACTED] was still on probation while [REDACTED] was a cook at the facility. She knows this because [REDACTED] wanted to attend POST (Police Officer Standard in Training) to become an AUF instructor but could not because of [REDACTED] probation status. The superintendent knew [REDACTED] and Diaz were living together after [REDACTED] was released.

vv. It is an IDJC policy that the staff members cannot have contact with the juveniles outside of the facility, while on a home pass or after they are released. She knows some of the staff members are friends with the juveniles on facebook. It is her understanding that some of the juveniles have called staff members on their personal phones after being released.

ww. Diaz is a rehab tech in the Choices Unit. Diaz was move from Choices to Solutions, back to Choices because of her relationship with a coworker Jessie Hinkle. She cannot think of any reason why [REDACTED] would move in with Diaz. Diaz and [REDACTED] broke up while [REDACTED] was employed as a cook. The people that might have seen Diaz and [REDACTED] together are James Fosdick, Greg Levitt, Diane Floyd, Lisa Bradley, and Mike Denny.

xx. She has heard the rumors of Diaz and [REDACTED] going into the laundry room. The staff should not be inside the laundry room with a juvenile unless they are the same sex or the staff is doubled up. The staff members should stand at the door way in the view of the camera and observe the juvenile while he or she does laundry.

yy. Julie McCormick is the only other staff member she knows of that will go into the laundry room with a juvenile. The only time a staff member should be alone with a juvenile is during a clinician which would take place inside the staff members' office.

zz. Transports have to be same sex or two staff members to one juvenile.

aaa. An allegation of sexual contact between a juvenile and a staff member would be handled internally by the superintendent Betty Grimm. Grimm would then make the decision to report the

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matter to an outside source. The superintendent's opinion of the staff member will determine her action when dealing with allegations. If the issue is something that someone screams and hollers about they either get rid of the person or handle it.

bbb. There are several issues and rumors of staff members spending too much time with juveniles. She looks for a change in behavior in a staff member when entering a room, or excited utterances. She gets feelings in her gut about some things being not right.

ccc. Bob Glenn who works in solutions on the female side spends a little too much time with a juvenile named [REDACTED]. Diane Miles noticed and reported it to a supervisor.

ddd. Susan Cortez is another staff member who is rumored to spend too much time with a juvenile named [REDACTED]. This rumor has been addressed with a number of staff members. She does not know at what point the superintendent would step in to handle the allegations, or rumors. She believes it took the lawsuit to bring the superintendent to handle the allegations.

eee. They received training in POST about developing relationships with inmates and having sexual contact with inmates and how that would be a violation.

fff. She believes Lara Roters is getting rid of some of the paperwork and incident reports. Roters took a position as the PBS coordinator. As the PBS coordinator Roters would review everyone's incident reports. Roters would send back reports asking them to be changed. For example with suicide checks Roters would have the level of the suicide watch on a juvenile changed to a lower level in the report, but keep the time checks at the higher level. Roters was eventually promoted to Unit Manager. Human Resources reviewed the promotion and discovered Roters was not qualified for the position. Roters was moved back to her position as the PBS coordinator. Roters and McCormick were then sent to a supervisor's training course at post and once again promoted to a revised position of Unit Manager. She believes Roters was doing a favor to Director as the PBS coordinator and was rewarded with the promotion.

ggg. Cesar Lopez was hired as a safety and security officer in 2007. Lopez then moved to the position of rehab tech in the choices unit in 2008. In 2010 Lopez was charged with domestic battery he was subsequently arrested four times for violation of a no contact order. One arrest took place at the IDJC facility in Nampa. At one point Lopez was working with a GPS ankle bracelet. What eventually got Lopez fired was an incident with a juvenile and Lopez not using a proper AUFA hold.

hhh. Dr. Richard Pines is a doctor that has worked with several of the juveniles at the IDJC facility in Nampa. Dr. Pines is alleged to have sexual contact with a former foster child of his who was a senior in high school. Dr. Pines told police he had engaged in sexual contact with the patient while at his cabin in Garden Valley. Dr. Pines is also alleged to have sexual contact with a fourteen year old at his cabin in Garden Valley. Dr. Pines was visiting a juvenile named [REDACTED] showing on the visit he is [REDACTED] foster parent after the allegations came out. Dr. Pines' foster parent status has been revoked due to the allegations. Betty Grimm was made aware of possible inappropriate contact between [REDACTED] and Dr. Pines.

lii. On one occasion [REDACTED] was on a home pass with Dr. Pines. Dr. Pines' son, Aaron, called the facility and told staff members [REDACTED] had verbal permission to stay an additional night with Dr.

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Pines. They do not give verbal permission for juveniles to stay additional nights on home passes. [REDACTED] is still being held at the Nampa facility.

jjj. She heard from Robert Gunyon about a staff member at the facility saying someone needs to hire a hit man to take care of her. She does not feel threatened by the statement; however, she does know people will go off the deep end for less than this and what people will do when they are backed into a corner. Frank Farnworth also heard the about the threat. Farnworth has heard from a couple different staff members that Darla Crespin a nurse at IDJC made the statement someone should hire a hit man to take care of her. Crespin is very pissed off at her because of the lawsuit. She feels that Crespin and McCormick are the types of people that would do something vindictive to retaliate against her.

2. The interview was concluded at approximately 8:34 pm.

3. On September 19, 2012 I contacted Lt. Nicholas of the Boise Police Department to notify him of the possibility of an additional victim of Dr. Richard Pines. Lt. Nicholas advised me he would have the BPD Sergeant working the Dr. Pines investigation contact me.