

Incident Report IDAHO STATE POLICE

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Reported Date
09/17/2012
Nature of Call
SEX OFFENC
Officer
KESSINGER, BRET

Administrative Information						
Agency IDAHO STATE POLICE	Case No M12000142	Supplement No 0011	Reported Date 09/17/2012	Reported Time 00:01	Status INVESTIGATION	
Nature of Call PORN, RAPE, FOND, INCEST, ST RAPE, SOD,			Report Title MCKINNEY INTVW			
Location IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS			County CANYON COUNTY	Region B3	From Date 09/17/2012	
From Time 08:54	Officer 2858/KESSINGER, BRET		Assignment DETECTIVE REG 3		Entered by 2858	
Assignment DETECTIVE REG 3	RMS Transfer Successful	Prop Trans Stat Successful	Property? Yes	Approving Officer 2717		
Approval Date 09/26/2012	Approval Time 10:27:59					

Summary Narrative
On September 12, 2012, Detectives Bret Kessinger and Tim Hopkins of the Idaho State Police interviewed Jo McKinney regarding an investigation into criminal activity at the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections (IDJC) Office in Nampa, Canyon County, Idaho.

SUSPECT 1: OFCR SHARON HARRIGFELD						
Involvement SUSPECT	Invl No 1	Type Individual	Name OFCR SHARON HARRIGFELD		Race	Sex
Ethnicity	Res Status RESIDENT	OFN_INVL 1	RMS Transfer Empty field			

WITNESS 1: MCKINNEY, JO						
Involvement WITNESS	Invl No 1	Type Individual	Name MCKINNEY, JO		MNI 582444	Race
Sex	DOB	Age	Juvenile? No	RMS Transfer Empty field		

Property						
Item 1	Involvement EVIDENCE (Non-Drug Items)		In Custody? Yes	Tag No 120002546	Item No 1	Value \$1.00
Description EX 09 CD Audio Jo McKinney Intvw					Typ A	Cat RECORDINGS
UCR Type RECORDINGS - AUDIO, VISUAL			RMS Transfer Empty field			
Link OTH	Involvement WIT	Invl No 1	Name MCKINNEY, JO		Race	Sex DOB

Narrative
1. On September 12, 2012, at approximately 5:14 p.m., Detective Tim Hopkins and I interviewed Jo McKinney regarding an investigation into criminal activity at the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections (IDJC) Office in Nampa, Canyon County, Idaho.
2. In interview, McKinney stated:
A. She has worked for the IDJC for approximately five years in the administrative office as a secretary. Her entire tenure at IDJC has been in the administrative office. Her shift runs

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approximately 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. She does not work weekends.

B. She has not actually seen juvenile fights at IDJC, but has heard of many instances.

C. [REDACTED] a juvenile that had been at IDJC about three years ago, had [REDACTED] cheek crushed in and teeth broken when juvenile [REDACTED] hit him. [REDACTED] needed reconstructive surgery to repair the damage. Choices "A" Pod staff transported [REDACTED] to the hospital. Later, investigation showed that juvenile [REDACTED] had encouraged [REDACTED] to hit [REDACTED]. Two to three days after the fight, [REDACTED] was shipped out to the IDJC facility in St. Anthony, Idaho. [REDACTED] is no longer at IDJC. There was no indication in IJOS, the IDJC electronic record of all juveniles in IDJC's custody, that charges were filed on [REDACTED]. She did not know if [REDACTED] was offered the option to press charges against [REDACTED]. The Choices Program primarily deals with alcohol, drug, or gang related juveniles.

D. Sabrina Payne, a teacher at IDJC, her last name was McNalley at the time of the incident, suffered brain damage when she was kicked in the head by juvenile [REDACTED] as they held class in one of the classrooms. Payne could not speak or walk for awhile after the injury. As far as she knew, no charges were filed against [REDACTED]. According to the incident report, Payne had been shoved by [REDACTED]. Payne was promoted to special education teacher shortly after her return to work. She was unsure if it is noted in IJOS that Payne pressed charges.

E. On a weekly basis, IDJC holds a staff meeting where they are updated on staff and juvenile statuses at IDJC. IDJC intimidates their employees to prevent them from asking too many questions regarding how juvenile and staff situations are handled.

F. There are two types of disturbances or "codes": code yellow and red. An example of a code yellow, is when a juvenile is verbally confrontational to a juvenile or staff. A code red is called when there is contact during a confrontation. In the instance of a code red, all available staff respond. During any code, the juveniles are separated and the staff evaluates the situation between the two juveniles. If the juveniles are still combative, they will move one of them away to another pod. Some of the staff are injured separating the fighting juveniles.

G. When juveniles press charges, Nampa Police Department must be called. Not all the juveniles are aware of their rights. Many incidents of battery are not reported to the Nampa Police. She rarely sees Nampa Police called after a fight. She estimates that Nampa Police are called to IDJC approximately twelve to fifteen times a year.

H. She mentioned that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], had been juveniles at IDJC, committed suicide in the past, and the IDJC covered the suicides up. She clarified that [REDACTED] had committed suicide at [REDACTED] mother's home approximately two to three years after being released from IDJC custody. Years before [REDACTED] suicide, [REDACTED] had committed suicide in another detention facility, possibly a county jail, in northern Idaho. Her primary concern was that both of the deceased's files are now missing. After asking IDJC Legal for permission to release [REDACTED] medical file to [REDACTED] family, the file was no longer at the Nampa, Idaho office. She feels the IDJC Administration got rid of the file in order to avoid potential lawsuits from the families of those who committed suicide.

I. With the exception of a juvenile's education and medical files, a juvenile's record at the IDJC

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is shredded after the juvenile turns twenty two years old. The education and medical files are kept always in IDJC archives.

J. Nampa Police Department is not called to IDJC for suicide attempts. Superintendent Betty Grimm is the one that ultimately decides to call police in on an IDJC incident. However, Grimm is hesitant to call the police on anything and is hesitant to trust anyone who has filed a lawsuit against IDJC. As an example, [REDACTED] she knew the initial but not the last name, attempted suicide two nights ago by trying to hang [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] bra; the police were not called.

K. Regarding sexual contact between juveniles and staff, she said that she has seen Safety and Security Officer (SSO) Julie McCormick consistently alone with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] two juveniles. She saw [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in McCormick's office with the door shut. [REDACTED] is still in Solutions and [REDACTED] has been released from IDJC custody. She remembers thinking, "Is he [the juvenile] ever in school?"

L. At about 12:00-12:30 p.m., most days, she goes to her friend Patty Hansen's office to eat lunch. Hansen is the IDJC Juvenile Services Coordinator. When lunching with Hansen, she would walk past the SSO office on the way to Hansen's office. When she would walk past the SSO's office, she would see one of the two juveniles in McCormick's office. She did not think anything of this and stated that employees are actively discouraged from questioning supervisor's actions. Hansen pointed out that something was going on in McCormick's office. She could not recall a time frame, but felt that they would be in McCormick's office for awhile.

M. In a separate incident, she advised of a relationship between juvenile [REDACTED] and IDJC Rehabilitative Technician Francine Diaz. Diaz worked in the choices program. [REDACTED] moved in with Diaz at her residence in [REDACTED] within a week of his release. She knew about them living together when Diaz and [REDACTED] came to visit her at her side business, a tattoo parlor that she runs in Kuna, Idaho. Diaz and [REDACTED] came in together and talked with her. McCormick did not tell Grimm about Diaz and [REDACTED] living together. Diaz and [REDACTED] were together for about two years. She thinks [REDACTED] was eighteen years old when [REDACTED] moved in with Diaz; [REDACTED] was released from IDJC in approximately 2007. [REDACTED] records are still at IDJC.

N. Grimm hired [REDACTED] as an IDJC cook in about 2008 or 2009. In about 2010, [REDACTED] resigned in lieu of being fired after starting some kind of relationship with a [REDACTED] juvenile while [REDACTED] worked in the kitchen. Any sexual contact reports should be reported to the police by Superintendent Betty Grimm.

O. If the IDJC Administration knows she has looked at a file, that file suddenly disappears; hard files and IJOS files. IJOS is the main electronic database on juveniles, not just incident reports but data about the juveniles.

P. Police would serve subpoenas for the juveniles at the IDJC constantly. IDJC front desk clerk would sign for the subpoenas and then they would be distributed to the IDJC Staff Group Leaders. The group leaders failed numerous times to deliver the subpoenas to the juveniles. All legal documents must be saved in the juveniles' files. However, the subpoenas are not saved in the juveniles' files. She is unsure if juveniles are missing court due to the lapse in service of subpoenas.

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Q. She does not know of any escapees from the IDJC Nampa, Idaho facility that have not been captured.

3. The interview was concluded at approximately 5:52 p.m.