

Incident Report IDAHO STATE POLICE

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09/06/2012
Nature of Call
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Officer
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Administrative Information

Agency IDAHO STATE POLICE	Case No M12000142	Supplement No 0006	Reported Date 09/06/2012	Reported Time 00:01	Status INVESTIGATION
Nature of Call PORN, RAPE, FOND, INCEST, ST RAPE, SOD,			Report Title REYNA INTERVIEW		
Location IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS		County CANYON COUNTY	Region B3	From Date 08/21/2012	
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 09/12/2012	Approval Time 16:52:14				

Summary Narrative

On August 31, 2012, at approximately 10:01 a.m., Detectives Bret Kessinger and Tim Hopkins of the Idaho State Police interviewed Gracie Reyna 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 [REDACTED]	Sex [REDACTED]
Ethnicity [REDACTED]	Res Status RESIDENT	OFN_INVL 1	RMS Transfer Empty field		

WITNESS 1: REYNA, GRACIE

Involvement WITNESS	Invl No 1	Type Individual	Name REYNA, GRACIE	MNI 581890	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 120002419	Item No 1		
Description EX 03 CD Audio Reyna intvw			Typ A	Cat RECORDINGS	Exhibit No EX 03	
UCR Type RECORDINGS - AUDIO, VISUAL		RMS Transfer Empty field				
Link SUS	Involvement SUS	Invl No 1	Name OFCR SHARON HARRIGFELD	Race [REDACTED]	Sex [REDACTED]	DOB [REDACTED]

Narrative

1. On August 31, 2012, at approximately 10:01 a.m., Detective Tim Hopkins and I interviewed Gracie Reyna regarding an investigation into criminal activity at the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections (IDJC) Office in Nampa, Canyon County, Idaho.

2. In interview, Reyna stated:

A. She works as a rehabilitation technician or rehab tech at the Idaho Department of Juvenile

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Corrections (IDJC) in Observation and Assessment (OA). She has been working at IDJC for over six years; two years in Choices and approximately four years in OA.

B. OA is the intake unit of the IDJC where the incoming juveniles are evaluated and tested. OA consists of three pods with eight bedrooms each: a total of twenty seven beds. Special Management (SM) is known as the North Pod now and is a three bed facility for juveniles out of compliance or sick. IDJC is going to begin construction soon to expand the number of beds. On average, twelve to twenty-four male and female juveniles will be housed in OA at any given time; it varies widely from week to week. Usually, there are more males than females. Female juveniles and sex offender juveniles are typically kept in the east pod unless there are other reasons to keep them in the other pods.

C. About two months ago, [REDACTED] a [REDACTED] juvenile, came to her at the beginning of her mid-day shift. At approximately the lunch hour, about 11:40 a.m., [REDACTED] came to her shaking and crying and told her that another juvenile, [REDACTED] had grabbed [REDACTED] breast line. [REDACTED] told her that [REDACTED] felt very violated. [REDACTED] had been the victim of a rape not long before this incident. Numerous IDJC staff observed the offense in the cafeteria during lunch. She did not recall what IDJC staff saw it happen and she did not observe the incident. She did not write an incident report because she did not observe the incident. Usually, the person that calls a code or observes the incident is the one to write the incident report.

D. [REDACTED] reported this incident to Laura Roder, the shift supervisor. Roder told [REDACTED] that it did not rise to the level of a Prison Rape Eradication Act (PREA) incident and told [REDACTED] there was nothing that could be done. [REDACTED] was instructed to stay away from [REDACTED] and that was the end of it. [REDACTED] is a returning juvenile and felt that by Roder saying that nothing could be done, that [REDACTED] had been deprived [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] rights.

E. [REDACTED] filed a grievance against Roder as consequence. Roder was allowed to handle the grievance against herself. She felt that Roder handling the grievance herself was strange. Roder spoke with [REDACTED] about the grievance. [REDACTED] requested a follow up on the grievance against Roder and she signed some paperwork accompanying the incident report. However, that incident report has disappeared along with any paperwork signed by [REDACTED]. Normally, the juvenile gets a copy of the incident report, but [REDACTED] did not.

F. She has tried to find hard copies of the [REDACTED] incident report but has been unsuccessful. Normally, a hard copy is kept in a file on [REDACTED] but she has not found a report in [REDACTED] file or on file with IDJC Human Resources either. This is a perfect example of lost IDJC documents. Jo McKinney, a secretary for IDJC, has tried to find the report as well, without success. She is unsure if this was reported to Nampa Police Department. She is unsure who has the responsibility to report incidents to police. Phillip Gregson is aware of this incident with [REDACTED]. She is aware of another [REDACTED] juvenile victim reporting a grievance regarding an incident of sexual abuse from another juvenile but there was no report or consequence. Rhonda Ledford has records of this incident as well.

G. [REDACTED] has made sexual gestures towards her as well. [REDACTED] put a V up to [REDACTED] mouth and stuck [REDACTED] tongue out at her. IDJC staffer, Maro Pile, told Roder what [REDACTED] did to her. Roder instructed Pile that she should stay away from [REDACTED]. Pile wrote a statement about this incident. If she had made a sexual gesture to a juvenile, she would have been fired. The

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administration allows and rewards bad behavior. The bad behavior builds and is enabled until, when the juveniles act out, the staff is punished for allowing the incident to happen despite prior reports stating staff concerns.

H. When she was new at IDJC and working in Choices, "A"-pod, there were rumors that Francine Diaz, a staff teacher in the "Incas" C-pod, had some kind of a relationship with [REDACTED] who was a student in the Incas group. Jim Smuttony, who now no longer works at IDJC, was the supervisor at that time. Back then, there were not as many cameras in place covering the facility as there are today. The current camera setup that now exists at IDJC was installed about three years ago.

I. [REDACTED] was in the reinstatement group and, as a result, had extra privileges. [REDACTED] had the privilege of going to do laundry at six in the morning. The Choices laundry room is way in the back of the IDJC. Diaz would escort [REDACTED] to the laundry every day. You could go anywhere inside IDJC, without any record of associations with juveniles or movement.

J. About five years ago, approximately spring or summer, she went to Shari's with her kids and she saw [REDACTED] and Diaz eating together. They saw her and her family and looked very surprised. [REDACTED] tried to talk about how they were looking at and talking about houses and taking a meal break. [REDACTED] was approximately eighteen at that time. [REDACTED] was released from IDJC but was still on probation.

K. She has heard that Julie McCormick and two other juveniles [REDACTED] she was unsure of the correct name or spelling, who was just released from Solutions approximately a month ago, and [REDACTED] who is currently in Solutions, have had a relationship.

L. She did not know Nampa Police Department is investigating this incident. She heard that staff from Solutions signed some kind of non-disclosure agreement regarding the McCormick investigation. McCormick initially stepped down from her office and then she received an email from Betty Grimm addressed to the IDJC staff that McCormick has left employ with IDJC; the email was without explanation.

M. She has heard of a juvenile battering IDJC Staff Teacher Sabrina Payne about a year ago. Payne was injured to the point that she lost her voice and could not speak. There should be an incident report on that incident. She did not know if Nampa Police Department is investigating this incident.

N. She saw Mrs. Smith, she did not know her first name, a rehab tech, had a black eye and injuries to her face. She is unsure of any of the circumstances of her injuries but heard that perhaps a juvenile had punched her. She did not actually observe the incident.

O. She has not witnessed an escape from IDJC. She has heard of escapes. Usually, it was the result of a juvenile with a home pass failing to return. She has not been involved in searching for escaped juveniles. The escapees usually don't get far.

P. She has helped break up more than fifteen fights in her six years. [REDACTED] is a juvenile that fights a lot but is always rewarded by the administration. [REDACTED] makes verbal threats and has punched and left bruising on many juveniles. [REDACTED] is currently incarcerated in

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some county jail in the state. She is unsure how [REDACTED] got away with the violence.

Q. The administration appears to discipline the juveniles in a very haphazard manner. They pick and choose who and how they will punish. There is no consistent punishment. It used to be that a violent juvenile would be locked down for seventy two hours. Now, the juvenile completes a re-entry contract, forms that make the juvenile state what they did, their motivation, how to correct the issue, and a commitment not to do it again. This takes about an hour and then the juvenile is then released back in to population. As a punishment, the juvenile gets their level dropped; which is not much punishment at all. In the case of [REDACTED] consistently verbally threatens and hits again. [REDACTED] has made shanks. IDJC Staff member Diana Camell has witnessed the last shank [REDACTED] made from a toothbrush. Now, that incident report and the shank is nowhere to be found. She tried to help find the report but it is gone.

R. [REDACTED] is another of the juveniles that is a fighter and has a history of assaulting staff. [REDACTED] was kicked out of a program in Utah for assaulting staff. [REDACTED] is in OA and is doing an outside program and is transported back to IDJC in the evening. [REDACTED] has been a juvenile that is difficult to place in IDJC's programs. [REDACTED] has perpetrated numerous incidents of battery on juveniles and staff. Has a short temper and [REDACTED] throws and breaks things. [REDACTED] has been incarcerated since [REDACTED] was ten and is now eighteen. [REDACTED] file only covers a year back. Over the years, the administration has rewarded [REDACTED] behavior with a Nintendo DS, a Gameboy, and money. Grimm awarded [REDACTED] money as a gift certificate for no apparent reason. Staff has asked Grimm about it, but Grimm just shuts out the questions. She tells the IDJC employees that if they don't like what she or Roder does, they can go get another job.

S. Incident reports used to be a Word document. Now, they use IJOS, IDJC's software for users to log in using their username and password that creates an Incident Report number and allows the user to write incident reports. IJOS has been around a long time and has always been used for incident reports. The software architecture allows the user to create and edit reports under their account and, to her knowledge, once closed will not allow anyone else to edit or delete reports from the system. Supervisors do review the reports and advise staff of changes needed in reports. Anyone can log in and read reports but changes can only be done by the writer. The new system and format was updated a year ago. However, now incident reports are disappearing.

T. David Clayson or Laura Roder review the incident reports. Supervisors can go in and delete incident reports. She has experienced incident reports she had written being deleted from her IJOS account. Rhonda Ledford has records of lost or deleted incident reports. Now, she prints her incident reports and keeps the printed record.

U. She and other employees have attempted to file an employee grievance, but it was shut down. IDJC Human Resources officers and the IDJC director came out to IDJC. The employees all voiced their issues and grievances to the director, but nothing changed.

V. They are always short on staff. Sometimes, county jail staff comes in to take up the slack.

W. Betty Grimm's position has been opened to employment with the state. The rumor is that she is trying to walk out of her position.

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3. Interview was concluded at 10:42 a.m.