

Incident Report IDAHO STATE POLICE

M12000142 Supplement No
0018



ORIGINAL

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

Administrative Information

Agency IDAHO STATE POLICE	Case No M12000142	Supplement No 0018	Reported Date 10/15/2012	Reported Time 15:53	Status INVESTIGATION
Nature of Call PORN, RAPE, FOND, INCEST, ST RAPE, SOD,			Report Title ROTERS INTERVIEW		
Location IDJC					
Officer 3417/HOPKINS, TIMOTHY			Assignment DETECTIVE REG 3	Entered by 3417	
Assignment DETECTIVE REG 3	RMS Transfer Successful	Prop Trans Stat Successful	Property? Yes	Approving Officer 2717	
Approval Date 10/26/2012	Approval Time 12:14:37				

Summary Narrative

On October 11, 2012, Idaho State Police Detectives Tim Hopkins and Bret Kessinger interviewed Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections (IDJC) employee Laura Roters about her knowledge of the reporting system used at IDJC and her knowledge of PREA incidents. The interview took place at the IDJC facility located at 1650 11th Avenue North in Nampa, Idaho.

WITNESS 1: ROTERS, LAURA

Involvement WITNESS	Invl No 1	Type Individual	Name ROTERS, LAURA	MNI 586369	RMS Transfer Empty field
Property					
Item 1	Involvement EVIDENCE (Non-Drug Items)	In Custody? Yes	Tag No 120002715	Item No 1	
Description exh 14 roters interview				Typ A	Cat RECORDINGS
UCR Type RECORDINGS - AUDIO, VISUAL			RMS Transfer Empty field		
Link OTH	Involvement WIT	Invl No 1	Name ROTERS, LAURA	Race	Sex DOB

Narrative

1. On October 11, 2012, at approximately 3:48 p.m., Idaho State Police Detectives Tim Hopkins and Bret Kessinger interviewed Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections (IDJC) employee Laura Roters about her knowledge of the reporting system used at IDJC and her knowledge of PREA. The interview took place at the IDJC facility located at 1650 11th Avenue North in Nampa, Idaho. During the interview, Roters told us the following:

a. She has been employed with IDJC for approximately 10 years. She is currently the unit manager or the observation and assessment unit. Prior to her current position, she was the training coordinator and prior to that, she was a rehab technician.

b. As a unit manager, she has the oversight of the unit. She will ensure staff coverage and work on the future schedule coordinating sick time and vacation time. She updates and enters data into the juvenile's files. She works on the performance based standards system (PBS) and

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will attend meetings with staff members and juveniles. She handles any grievances within her unit and coordinates bed space within the unit's pods. Currently, she is working on a restructuring of the schedules for staff and youth. In addition to all of her duties, she is also an investigator for IDJC. Most of her investigations are done at the Nampa facility.

c. When a battery between the juveniles occurs, rehab techs will use the appropriate use of force to separate the two juveniles. Backup will be called, all the other kids will be locked down, and the juveniles will be put into their rooms. The offender is required to complete a re-entry contract before coming out of his or her room or before rejoining the group activity. The victim is given the opportunity to file charges against the aggressor and if they choose to, Nampa PD will respond.

d. There have been approximately 27 incidents such as batteries or attempted batteries during her four months as unit manager in Observation and Assessment. With those 27 incidents, there has been 43 incident reports written.

e. Juveniles assaulting staff a member is rare. There is no standard consequence for attacking a staff member. Staff members that do get injured are usually injured during a restraint.

f. When a juvenile goes to a staff member and states another juvenile touched them inappropriately, the staff member separates the juveniles and completes the PREA form. The PREA form is sent to the PREA investigator who completes a PREA investigation.

g. [REDACTED] was a deaf juvenile inmate who communicated by touch. They had several incidents where [REDACTED] touched another juvenile. She was told by [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] touched [REDACTED] in class before going to PE. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] had told three other staff members in the classroom about [REDACTED] touching [REDACTED] before going to PE.

h. She asked [REDACTED] what [REDACTED] would like to do. [REDACTED] decided to stay in PE and sit next to the staff members in the gym. One of the staff members in the gym was upset [REDACTED] came back into the gym. [REDACTED] later told her it was a PREA incident because [REDACTED] touched [REDACTED] breast. After PE, [REDACTED] was moved to the other group within the unit so [REDACTED] would not attend class with [REDACTED] anymore.

i. [REDACTED] requested to speak with a clinician. After speaking with the clinician, [REDACTED] filed a grievance on her. Betty Grimm told her to handle the grievance because she is the supervisor of the Observation and Assessment unit. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was upset because [REDACTED] was not taken out of the gym the day [REDACTED] touched [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] wanted [REDACTED] removed. She explained to [REDACTED] she could not remove [REDACTED] based on an allegation without confirming it first.

j. She asked her staff during a team meeting who [REDACTED] reported the touching to first. None of her staff members came forward, so she completed the PREA forms and incident report herself. Most PREA incidents are "he tickled me", or, "she touched me". She viewed the video of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. It appeared that [REDACTED] touched [REDACTED] on the side, they could not determine if [REDACTED] touched [REDACTED] breast or not. [REDACTED] could not communicate by signing. [REDACTED] family kept telling staff [REDACTED] communicated by touch because [REDACTED] did not know proper sign language.

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k. As the unit manager, she reviews all the incident reports her staff members write. If a report is opened by accident, IT cannot delete the report but they can "hide" the report so it does not show up within her reports. She does not have the ability to delete reports from IJOS.

l. She will deny the incident reports and send them back to the staff members if there are errors within the report or if there is a need for more information within the report. The incident reports are legal documents and need to be a complete and honest report. She will ask that staff members use the proper definitions that are required by PBS, but she is not asking the staff to change the events of the reports to meet her expectations for PBS.

m. As a duty officer, she will handle escapes. They just had three juveniles escape over the weekend. She received notification that the juveniles escaped. They do not have any current at large escapees.

We concluded the interview at 4:30 p.m.