

Program Policy(s)/Procedure(s)

Thompson Academy; Incident Reporting; 1.03, (Attachment B-2)

Under Policy, it states "Supervisors shall ensure that all incidents reportable to the Central Communications Center (CCC) are reported on the appropriate form(s) as soon as possible, but no later than, two (2) hours after any reportable incident occurs, or within two (2) hours of the program learning of the incident, and immediately reported to the facility administrator (FA), to ensure that appropriate actions are taken." Under Procedures, it states "All reportable incidents (Severe and Serious) must be reported to the CCC immediately or at least within two (2) hours of learning of the incident."

The policy lists under Severe Incidents, Section 8, "Alleged physical abuse, medical neglect, or sexual abuse: Alleged physical abuse or medical neglect by a DJJ staff person, contracted provider staff person, volunteer or intern, resulting in injuries requiring outside medical care, or any allegation of sexual abuse by DJJ staff person, contract provider staff person..."

Hutchinson violated this policy by failing to report the incident to the CCC upon learning of the allegation. As senior program management who were made aware of the allegation, Carter and Jean-Claude violated this policy by not reporting the allegation to the CCC.

Statute(s)

Section 985.701; Florida Statute (FS), Sexual misconduct prohibited; reporting required; penalties, (Attachment B-3)

Subsection 2) states an employee who engages in sexual misconduct with a juvenile offender detained or supervised by, or committed to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice commits a felony of a second degree.

Allegation referred to law enforcement.

Same problem
in 2010 -> 2011
based on YSI's report
referred to CCC

Department of Juvenile Justice
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Policy(s) / Procedure(s) / Rule(s) / Statutes

On October 11, 2010, [Residential Services Regional Director] Lois Salton notified the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Central Communications Center (CCC) of an allegation by youth that [Youth Care Worker] Ronald Pressley sexually assaulted youth sometime in January or February 2010. During the investigation, Salton advised OIG staff that program staff knew of the allegations but failed to report the information to the CCC as required. Thompson Academy is a DJJ contracted residential program, operated by Youth Services International, Inc. It is located in Circuit 17, Pembroke Pines, Broward County, Florida.

The following policies, procedures, rules, and statutes were reviewed regarding this allegation:

DJJ Policy(s)/Procedure(s)

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Policies and Procedures; Central Communications Center (CCC) Policy); FDJJ-8000, (Attachment B-1)

Section III, Standards And Procedures, states in Paragraph A, "Whenever any reportable incident occurs, the CCC will be notified within two (2) hours of the incident, or within two (2) hours of the affected facility, office, or program learning of the incident."

Section III, Standards And Procedures, includes under Paragraph B. Reportable Incident Types, Complaints Against Staff Incidents, "1. Abuse or Neglect: Any alleged abuse by DJJ staff or provider staff...to any youth in the custody of DJJ..." The policy also includes "3. Alleged Romantic/Sexual Relationship: Any alleged romantic/sexual relationship between DJJ staff, provider staff, volunteer or intern with any youth in custody of DJJ..."

Shift Supervisor Treva Hutchinson violated this policy by failing to report the incident to the CCC upon learning of the allegation. As senior program management who were made aware of the allegation, Assistant Facility Administrators Antwyon Carter and Travis Jean-Claude violated this policy by not reporting the allegation to the CCC.

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Exhibit **B**

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