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RE: Violations at the Brenham SSLC

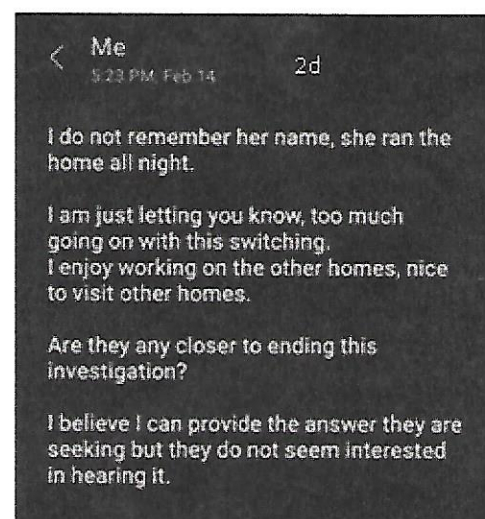
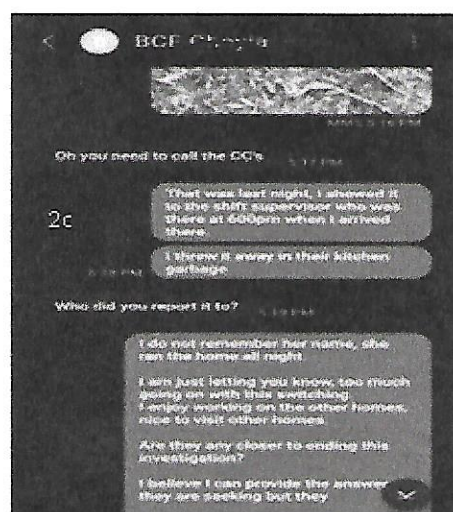
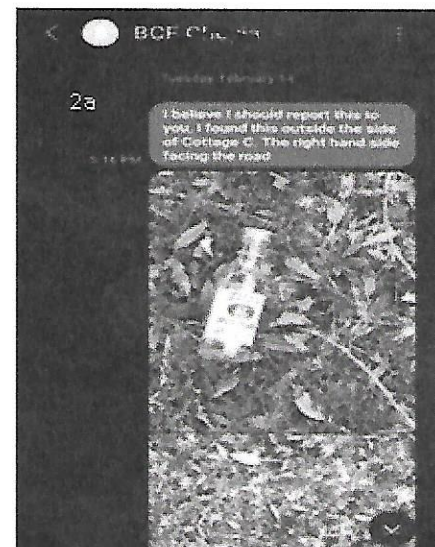
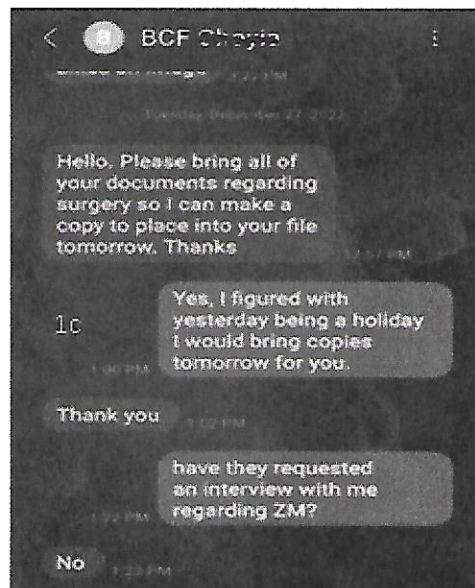
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Have you been able to check about the issues I mentioned in my November 14, 2023 email? I believe your HHS investigator is checking out the injury I mentioned, case #489247.

It was in September or October of 2022, Cottage F resident ZM was awakened for his 600am medications when we noticed the skin color around his left eye was very bruised as if someone punched him. When he was asked what happened he replied " someone punched me and it hurt! " The nurse immediately reported the injury, the investigation went on for months without any conclusion.

1c is a screen shot of a text message dated 12/27/22 between my home manager ~~Choyia~~ and I. I requested to be interviewed by the investigator in regards to ZM's eye injury. They did not interview me, I was there from 600pm the night before to 6am the next morning when ZM woke up with a bruised eye. That night there was only two staff members working, my supervisor and I.

Look at the dates on 1c, December 27 2022, and on 2d, February 14, 2023, 50 days later and they cannot reach a conclusion. Notice that ~~Choyia~~ had no interest about the empty glass bottle of vodka I found outside Cottage C? This investigation was very odd, for all those months staff on Cottage F had to work on another home and that home sent a staff member to Cottage F. While an investigation of abuse to a resident is conducted policy requires that the resident receives 1on1 protection 27/4, they must be protected from additional abuse, the perpetrator is somewhere on the campus. But ZM was not given any 1on1 protection, he was free to roam around the campus exposed to the risk of additional abuse.



In addition to the failed investigation about ZM's injury here are examples of fraud, waste, and abuse at Brenham SSLC.

In the past year resident RS on Cottage F who is autistic was sexually molested twice. His parents were told it was his fault and that RS refuses to meet with a behavior specialist. I spent four years with RS, he is a very gentle individual, blaming him is an insult and claiming that he refuses to meet with a behavior specialist is false, he does not refuse a request. If you are interested I can provide his fathers phone number. They are very upset.

In the past year Cottage F resident AE has molested two female residents, the residents are not provided with the behavior help they need and their behavior continues to get worse. I was told that they allow male residents on Fannin who have sexually molested other residents to watch porn videos.

On 2/14/22 SP was sent to the Scott and White hospital in Brenham, then the hospital in College Station, and then on 2/26/22 he was flown via helicopter to the hospital in Temple. He had acute respiratory failure, nasal septal abscess, and other issues because the nurses did not provide to him the daily saline rinses the doctor required after his nasal surgery which resulted in a serious life threatening infection. He almost died at the Temple hospital. His surgery was on a Friday, I worked that Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night, we had to change the bandages under his nose because the nurses did not. His bandages were soaked with blood and mucus, there was no required saline rinses by the nurses as the doctor required. If we had known the doctor ordered saline rinses we would have called the nurse to provide it.

This month is a year since I was fired, the three TWC Commissioners reviewed my case in December 2023 and concluded you did not prove your allegations against me that I did not assist my fellow staff members during a behavior incident between two Cottage F residents. You refused to provide the video you used to fire me and you refused to provide the three witnesses you used to fire me to be questioned under oath at my unemployment hearing. When she fired me my unit director told me she would have the HHS legal department review and sign off firing me, I seriously doubt any of your attorneys are so inept that they approved not providing any proof of the allegations against me. They could not use the video because the video proves that I helped my fellow staff members during a behavior incident between two residents of Cottage F. Would you like to review the documented proof of the fraud that is used at Brenham?

Since my email of November 14, 2023 have you actually looked into my " concerns "? I offered to provide the proof of my " concerns " to you but you are not interested in the proof, why? I am certain you are writing me off as a disgruntled bitter fired employee, let me assure you that is totally wrong, actually I am free to speak up about the conditions at Brenham. If you really care I am happy to provide the proof of my statements, we can meet in Austin or Brenham. We have to improve the conditions for the residents and the staff at Brenham, or do you prefer to continue the neglect and abuse at Brenham?

On 11/15/2023 10:27 AM EST Schalchlin,Scott (HHSC) <scott.schalchlin@hhs.texas.gov> wrote:

Thank you for reaching out. I have my staff looking into your concerns.

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