

NVESTIGATIVE REPORT

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OFFICE:INDIANA FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (FSSA)TITLE:FSSA LOGANSPORT STATE HOSPITAL THEFTSCASE ID:2019-11-0296DATE:February 28, 2020

Inspector General Staff Attorney Lyubov Gore, after an investigation by Inspector General Director of Investigations, Darrell Boehmer, reports as follows:

The Indiana General Assembly charged the Office of Inspector General (OIG) with addressing fraud, waste, abuse and wrongdoing in the executive branch of state government. Ind. Code § 4-2-7-2(b). The OIG also investigates allegations of criminal activity and Code of Ethics violations within state government. Ind. Code § 4-2-7-3.

On November 22, 2019, the OIG received a complaint alleging that a number of suspected thefts had occurred at Logansport State Hospital (Logansport). Logansport is a mental health hospital that is part of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA). In the complaint, the reporting party alleged that a patient at Logansport was not receiving packages that the reporting party was sending to the patient. The reporting party kept records confirming that the packages were delivered to Logansport and claimed that Logansport staff were responsible for the thefts of the packages. The reporting party only provided an email address in the complaint and did not otherwise identify him/herself.

OIG Director of Investigations, Darrell Boehmer, began an investigation into this matter. Director Boehmer sent an email to the reporting party, requesting a list of the missing items, dates the packages were sent and information about the Logansport patient. The reporting party did not respond to the email. A month later, Director Boehmer again attempted to correspond with the reporting party requesting the same information. The reporting party failed to respond.

The reporting party did not provide Director Boehmer with the information necessary to investigate this matter; therefore, the OIG is closing this case for insufficient cause. Although the OIG is closing this case for insufficient cause, the OIG may reexamine this evaluation should the OIG receive additional information.

Dated: February 28, 2020

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