

1 allegations three times or more with no merit. And then
2 that gets turned over to legal or to state attorney, and
3 they proceed thereafter.

4 Q Is there any type of system in place where you
5 would give a warning to a caller that they've made
6 potentially a false report, kind of like you give them a
7 chance?

8 A I don't know anything about that. We don't take
9 the reports. The reports are done through a hotline.

10 Q What kind of things would generally tip off to you
11 that a report is false?

12 A Usually there's no information that would tip off,
13 so to speak, of a false report. It would probably have to
14 be found out through the investigation process.

15 Q How can you determine that a report is false,
16 without ever speaking to a child?

17 A You look at prior reports, prior investigations,
18 past reports from other areas. And, based on the
19 information that you have, if what the allegations are
20 actually happened.

21 Q Have you personally ever determined another report
22 to be false, without ever speaking to the child?

23 A I've never determined any report to be false.

24 Q Did you personally hear the call that was allegedly
25 placed by Ms. Loyd to the Florida Abuse Hotline?

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A No.

Q So when you receive an intake, how do they go about sending you to the school if you don't hear the actual call?

A Well, you get the information. Usually there's information in the intake of means to locate a child, or where the child could possibly be at that time or certain times.

Q Are you aware of what information was reported in that particular call?

A I cannot remember the specifics right now.

Q Is the Florida Abuse Hotline considered anonymous?

A The reporters to the hotline are considered anonymous.

Q Are you required to give your name?

A I don't believe. I don't know. I never called the hotline myself.

Q Do you know whether or not you're required to provide an occupation?

A I don't know.

Q Do you know if a call to the Florida Abuse Hotline would be based on the totality of the call, or maybe one statement or two statements being false, that would make it a false report?

A I don't know that information.

Q Okay. Other than the protocol that you told me