




Brevard County Sheriff's Office
Titusville, Florida

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 26, 2017
TO: Chief Michael DeMorat
FROM: Agent Joseph Bracey, Staff Services Unit 
RE: Command Inquiry 2017-CI-021

I. Summary

On June 18, 2017, Shauna Reyman, an inmate at the Brevard County Jail Complex, was transported to Wuesthoff Hospital due to a suspected overdose of an unknown substance, possibly methamphetamine. Inmate Reyman was in Wuesthoff Hospital until June 24, 2017, when she was released and transported back to the Brevard County Jail. Inmate Reyman was under constant supervision during her time at the hospital and was guarded by Corrections Deputies from the Brevard County Sheriff's Office.

On July 2, 2017, Inmate Reyman made an allegation that she witnessed two Corrections Deputies ingesting an unknown white powdery substance while they were guarding her at Wuesthoff Hospital. Ms. Reyman identified the two Corrections Deputies as C/D Melody Postlewait (ID #3882) and C/D Kelly Caporizzo (ID #1663). The two alleged uses involved different employees on different dates with one allegedly occurring while a hospital employee was in the room.

Upon learning of these allegations, both employees were instructed to submit to a "Reasonable Suspicion" drug screen. Both employee's screens came back negative for any illegal substances.

On July 3, 2017, Chief Michael DeMorat authorized an Administrative Investigation of this incident.

On July 3, 2017, the Staff Services Office received this case for further investigation.

On July 10, 2017 Corrections Deputy Postlewait was served her notice of administrative investigation.

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On July 12, 2017, Corrections Deputy Caporizzo was served her notice of administrative investigation.

II. Possible Policy Violations:

- *300.39 Drug Free Workplace and Drug/Alcohol Testing*

III. Witness Interviews

Shauna Reyman
Inmate
Jail Complex

On July 3, 2017, Major Fischback and I conducted a sworn audio-recorded interview with Shauna Reyman at the Jail Complex. Reyman advised that she was transported to the hospital after she overdosed on what she thought was methamphetamine. She claimed that she got the substance from another inmate she knows as "Heather", who had allegedly smuggled the substance into the jail. While at the hospital, she was guarded by several corrections deputies on shift rotations. Corrections Deputy Postlewait was one of those deputies. Reyman stated that she was unsure of the date, possibly June 20th or June 21st, but at one point during the night shift C/D Postlewait must have thought she was sleeping because she pulled out a baggy containing a white substance. Reyman said C/D Postlewait put the powdery substance on her phone screen in a line and then snorted it. Reyman stated that C/D Postlewait then used eye drops in her eyes.

Reyman went on to say that towards the end of her time in the hospital, C/D Caporizzo had also guarded her and had ingested a substance during her night shift assignment. Reyman advised that a nurse had entered her room to administer a "pick line" for an IV in her arm. At this point during the interview, Reyman became upset and lost her composure. She had to stop talking for several seconds and fanned her hand towards her face in a gesture commonly associated with someone who is signaling they are going to cry. Reyman regained her composure and continued to explain that while the nurse was in the room prepping her arm for the IV line, the nurse and C/D Caporizzo were "passing stuff" back and forth. She then described the object as a baggy with an unknown substance in it.

Reyman also said the nurse dropped something on the ground and C/D Caporizzo picked it up, Reyman was not certain what it was but she thought it was some type of drug. Reyman then explained that she observed the nurse mouth the words "go ahead and do it, she's not watching" to C/D Caporizzo without actually saying the words audibly. From the way Reyman was positioned in the bed, she advised she could see the nurse mouth that statement to C/D Caporizzo, but she could not see C/D Caporizzo herself.

Reyman claimed that she knew and respected both Corrections Deputies and that she felt bad for saying anything negative about them, that is why she lost her composure and began to cry.

Reyman then alleged that C/D Caporizzo left her handcuffed to the bed, un-supervised by any BCSO personnel, while she went into the bathroom outside of the room she was stationed in. Reyman stated that when C/D Caporizzo returned, she could tell something was wrong. She advised C/D Caporizzo had dilated pupils and was more happy and outgoing. Reyman said that she did not see C/D Caporizzo do anything in the bathroom but it was her opinion that C/D Caporizzo had gone to the bathroom to ingest some type of illegal substance.

Reyman also claimed that the nurse told C/D Caporizzo to “be careful, they are watching” and pointed to what she thought was a camera in the room. *It was later determined that there are no surveillance cameras in any of the patient rooms, including ICU.* Reyman said that when she made those observations, she started crying because she never thought C/D Caporizzo would do something like that. She also stated she heard C/D Caporizzo on the phone talking to an unknown person in which she stated “I got that bitch...that bitch was good, but Silva’s stuff upsets my stomach.” She went on to say that C/D Caporizzo almost threw up after “snorting a line” and C/D Caporizzo said she (Reyman) was upsetting her.

**Inmate Heather Bartczak
Brevard County Jail Complex**

On July 3, 2017, Major Fischback and I met with Inmate Bartczak at the Female Facility at the Brevard County Jail Complex. During our meeting Bartczak denied that she had smuggling anything into the jail or that she had supplied contraband to anyone. She also declined to be interviewed for this investigation. Although she did not speak to us on this matter, she did speak to corrections deputies about these allegations (Refer to incident #2017-2437).

IV. Subject Interviews

**Corrections Deputy Melody Postlewait
Jail Complex**

On July 10, 2017, Major Fischback and I met with Corrections Deputy Postlewait at the Brevard County Sheriff's Office Jail Complex to conduct a sworn audio-recorded interview with her. Once C/D Postlewait reviewed the case file to her satisfaction, I initiated a sworn interview with her. Prior to asking C/D Postlewait any questions, she was read the Administrative Investigation Warnings, which she acknowledged she understood and signed. C/D Postlewait was not accompanied by a representative during

her interview, however I explained that she had the right to have a representative present. C/D Postlewait wished to continue the interview without a representative. I explained to C/D Postlewait the nature of this investigation and asked her to explain what occurred at Wuesthoff Hospital during the tour of duty assignment in which she guarded Inmate Shauna Reyman. The following is a summary of the interview:

C/D Postlewait advised that she is on the Crisis Response Team (CRT) at the jail and is "dual sworn," which means she is both Corrections certified and Law Enforcement certified. As part of being on the CRT team and being dual sworn, she is issued a vest and firearm and is often assigned guard duty at the hospitals.

C/D Postlewait stated she guarded Shauna Reyman at the hospital on a twelve hour night shift on June 22, 2017. C/D Postlewait advised that during her shift guarding Reyman, she recalled Reyman being awake the vast majority of the night and they were engaged in small talk conversation about Reyman's children and that she would be released from jail soon as her charges were being dropped. C/D Postlewait advised that Reyman was "all over the place" emotionally during the conversation and would cry whenever she spoke about her children. C/D Postlewait said Reyman had even apologized for any issues that she had given C/D Postlewait in the past. C/D Postlewait advised she was surprised to hear about the allegations against her because Reyman was friendly with her and she has no reason to believe Reyman would have any animosity towards her.

C/D Postlewait advised she knows Reyman from previous encounters at the jail, and knew she was in the hospital for a suspected overdose of an unknown substance. C/D Postlewait advised that she has never had any conflicts with Reyman during any of their encounters. C/D Postlewait advised there is no credibility to Reyman's allegation. She advised she is not a drug user of any kind and did not ingest any substances at the hospital. C/D Postlewait confirmed that she had taken a "Reasonable Suspicion" drug screen at Quest Diagnostic in Titusville after the allegation was made at the specific direction of the Staff Services Unit and that the results were negative.

Corrections Deputy Kelly Caporizzo Jail Complex

On July 13, 2017, I met with Corrections Deputy Kelly Caporizzo at the Brevard County Sheriff's Office Jail Complex to conduct a sworn audio-recorded interview with her. Once C/D Caporizzo reviewed the case file to her satisfaction, I initiated a sworn interview with her. Prior to asking C/D Caporizzo any questions, she was read the Administrative Investigation Warnings, which she acknowledged she understood and signed. C/D Caporizzo was not accompanied by a representative during her interview, however I explained that she had the right to have a representative present. C/D Caporizzo wished to continue the interview without a representative. I explained to C/D Caporizzo the nature of this investigation and asked her to explain what occurred at

Wuesthoff Hospital during her tours of duty assignment in which she guarded Inmate Shauna Reyman. The following is a summary of the interview:

C/D Caporizzo stated she did not take any medication while at the hospital. She also stated she never ingested any illegal substances at all.

C/D Caporizzo advised on June 14, 2017, she received information that Heather Bartczak, an inmate in the Upper 2 Dormitory, had some illegal narcotics that she smuggled in that morning when she was processed in. A search of the dormitory was conducted, however no narcotics were found. A strip search was conducted of Bartczak as well as a body scan, however those both had negative results. A check of Bartczak's initial body scan taken when she was processed into the jail facility revealed that she possibly had a possible substance secreted inside of her body, the object resembled a balloon but it was never located. During Bartczak's incarceration, she was in the "bubble," a special housing unit inside the jail, with Reyman. During this time, Reyman would have had direct contact with Bartczak. On June 18, 2017, Reyman was transported to the hospital because of a suspected overdose on an unknown substance.

C/D Caporizzo stated that she is on the CRT team and is issued a vest and a gun. Because she is on CRT, she is often assigned guard duty at the hospitals to guard inmates being treated for various medical conditions. She confirmed that she guarded Reyman on four separate occasions; June 19th, June 20th, June 23rd, and June 24th.

C/D Caporizzo advised that from her understanding, Reyman was in critical condition during her transport from the jail to the hospital as a result of the suspected overdose. As a result of her condition, Reyman was on a breathing tube on June 19th, 2017. On June 20, 2017, during her shift guarding Reyman, she was very emotional after being taken off her breathing tube. She described Reyman as continually crying and apologizing, which is typical behavior for her. Reyman was also giving the attending nurses a difficult time because she was refusing treatment, and continually asking for pain medications.

According C/D Caporizzo, Reyman claimed that "everyone" in the dormitory had used the substance that Bartczak had smuggled in.

C/D Caporizzo advised that during one of her shifts guarding Reyman at the hospital, she did have an upset stomach, which Reyman referenced hearing her say during a phone conversation. C/D Caporizzo confirmed that she had used the phone but she denied ever mentioning "Silva" to anyone on the phone.

In reference to the allegation that the nurse had handed her something while she was in the room, C/D Caporizzo advised that a nurse handed her a face mask to wear during the procedure of giving Reyman an IV pick line, this is a Universal Precaution to prevent exposure to any blood borne pathogens. C/D Caporizzo also stated there was never any object dropped on the floor that was kicked back and forth between her and a nurse.

C/D Caporizzo explained that Reyman has been incarcerated for nearly three years and she has had numerous contacts with her. C/D Caporizzo stated that for approximately the entire first year of her incarceration, Reyman was on "direct watch" for threatening to hurt herself. Direct Watch requires constant monitoring from BCSO staff. C/D Caporizzo advised that although she has had numerous contacts with her in the jail during that time, she has never had any conflicts with her independently and has no reason to believe Reyman would have any animosity towards her. C/D Caporizzo advised since Reyman's return to the jail from the hospital, she has had three different contacts with her in the jail under normal working conditions in Reyman's housing unit. None of those contacts with Reyman resulted in any conflict.

C/D Caporizzo denied that she had taken any illegal substances and confirmed that she had taken a "Reasonable Suspicion" drug screening at Palm Bay Hospital in Palm Bay after the allegation was made at the specific direction of the Staff Services Unit and that the results were negative.

IV. Other Investigative Efforts:

I obtained a copy of the inmate housing history report which showed Shauna Reyman was transported to the hospital on June 18, 2017 for medical treatment and was returned to the Brevard County Jail Complex on June 24, 2017. I also obtained a copy of the Squad Roster for the dates of June 18, 2017 through June 24, 2017 which showed the on-duty Corrections Deputies which were assigned to hospital duty. During the timeframe of June 18, 2017 through June 24, 2017, both C/D Postlewait and C/D Caporizzo had assignments on hospital duty.

Additionally, I obtained the shift log completed by the on-duty Corrections Deputy at the hospital during the timeframe of June 18, 2017 through June 24, 2017. The shift log details activity completed by medical staff, the inmate, and the Corrections Deputy on-duty during the shift. The shift log detailed the activities of C/D Postlewait and C/D Caporizzo during the shifts they were assigned to guard Shauna Reyman.

Furthermore, a "Reasonable Suspicion" drug screen was performed on C/D Caporizzo on July 3, 2017 at Palm Bay Hospital and the results of the drug screen were negative. A "Reasonable Suspicion" drug screen was performed on C/D Postlewait on July 5, 2017 at Quest Diagnostics Center in Titusville and the results of the drug screen were negative.

I contacted Security Officer Julianna Childers with Wuesthoff Hospital in Rockledge in reference to security cameras in the hospital. Reyman alleged there were cameras in her room and C/D Caporizzo was warned by hospital staff that she was being watched by the cameras. Security Officer Childers advised there are no individual rooms that have cameras in them, to include rooms in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), which also do not have cameras in them.

I obtained the incident report from the jail documenting the allegation that Bartczak had smuggled contraband into the jail facility (Incident #2017-2437). This incident report detailed the body scan which revealed an unknown object on Bartczak's body scan during her processing into the jail. Searches of the Acute Housing Dormitory and strip searches of the inmates had negative results.

I obtained the incident report from the jail documenting the allegation that Reyman and several other inmates in the Acute Housing Dormitory had used an unknown substance they alleged was smuggled into the jail (2017-2487). Searches of the dormitory and inmates was conducted with negative results.

I obtained the incident report from the jail documenting Reyman's behavior following her alleged consumption of the unknown substance (2017-2476). Reyman's behavior was also documented that lead to her transportation to Wuesthoff Hospital (2017-2480).

V. Recommendation

During this investigation I was unable to uncover any evidence to support Inmate Reyman's accusations against either Corrections Deputy Postlewait or Corrections Deputy Caporizzo. Each employee denied having taken any illegal substances and the statement provided by Inmate Reyman was determined to lack any credibility.

Based on my investigation, I recommend that the allegations against both employees, that they violated **300.39 Drug Free Workplace and Drug/Alcohol Testing** be closed as **"Unfounded."**

VI. Enclosures


- Memorandum from Chief DeMorat to Major Alex Fischback titled "Authorization for Administrative Investigation 2017-CI-021"
- Notice of Administrative Investigation – Corrections Deputy Postlewait
- Notice of Administrative Investigation – Corrections Deputy Caporizzo
- Administrative Investigation Warning – Corrections Deputy Postlewait
- Administrative Investigation Warning – Corrections Deputy Caporizzo
- Drug Screen Results
- Medical Shift Log
- Squad Roster
- Inmate Housing History Report
- Jail Incident Reports (2017-2437), (2017-2476), (2017-2480), (2017-2487).

VII. Oath

I, Agent Joseph Bracey, do hereby swear, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of my personal knowledge, information, and belief, I have not knowingly or willfully deprived, or allowed another to deprive, the subject of the investigation of any of the rights contained in ss. 112.532 and 112.533, Florida Statutes.

Signed  #784
Agent Joseph Bracey, ID 784

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority, this 26th day of July, 2017.



Signature  #612
NOTARY PUBLIC/LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
IN PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES



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Titusville, Florida

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 2, 2017
TO: Corrections Deputy Melody Postlewait
FROM: Chief Michael DeMorat
RE: Administrative Investigation 2017-CI-021

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TIME <u>1:10 PM</u>	
DATE <u>8/2/17</u>	
BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	
Received By: Melody Postlewait	
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Signature of Employee Served	
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Attachment:

- 2017-CI-021 Investigative Report

c: Investigative File 2017-CI-021



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Titusville, Florida

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TO: Corrections Deputy Kelly Caporizzo
FROM: Chief Michael DeMorat
RE: Administrative Investigation 2017-CI-021

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DATE	<u>8/17/17</u>
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