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December 18, 1981

TO: Robert Lolcama, Deputy Assistant Secretary
Community Services OB-44D

FROM: Winifred Wiatrak, Region Director
Region 6 S 21-2

SUBJECT: Incident Report
Date of Incident: Continuing (see below)
Group Care Facility: Kiwanis Vocational Home
Children Involved: Kevin Frasier, dob: 1-14-64
Dean Warfield, dob: 1968
Bryan Griffith, dob: 1966
CSO Involved: Chehalis

On December 17, 1981, Kiwanis staff member Rita Ouillett reported to the Chehalis CSO her concerns about the level of violence in the group home as indicated by the following examples:

October 1981: Kevin told the complainant that sores on his back were caused by staff member, Gary Hackenson, hitting him with a stick. The complainant also saw another staff member, Eddie Musser (recently resigned), have Kevin pull his pants down and administer three "hard" swats with a belt.

November 1981: Another staff member, Mary Harrison, reportedly observed Mr. Musser hitting Kevin with a belt.

December 1, 1981: Staff member, Gary Hackenson, was reported by children Dean Warfield and Niles Floyd to have hit Bryan in the jaw with his fist on about this date.

December 9, 1981: Child, Dean Warfield, was pushed across a room and hit with a closed fist on the left jaw by Gary Hackenson. This was witnessed by the complainant and a child, Bill Spencer.

December 10, 1981: Kevin received bruises and abrasions on the left side of his face after being kicked by another child, Bill Spencer. Further bruising of unknown cause to the right side of his face was noticed on December 14, 1981.

The complainant seems most concerned about the inappropriate role modeling by staff being picked up by the children and resulting in the violent scapegoating of Kevin.

The CSO has contacted the Division of Developmental Disabilities worker responsible for supervising Kevin's placement and reached agreement that a child protective services worker will visit the facility on December 18, 1981, to evaluate any immediate need for medical care. Per RCW 26.44.030 and 74.13.031, a report will be made to the Lewis County Sheriff's Department with the request that investigation be coordinated with the Department of Social and Health Services.

cc: Leila Todorovich, Bureau of Children's Services, OB-41
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