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DESTEFANO, CAROLINA

RECEIVED: 09/21/1999 12:09 AM

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RESPONSE PRIORITY: 24 HOURS

INVESTIGATION LEVEL: 2

ASSIGNED TO: 07 2 322 ADULT PROTECTIVE INVESTIGATIONS  
SUPERVISOR: LISA SVITAK  
INVESTIGATOR: JUDY SIMMS

COUNTY: ORANGE

PROGRAM: AGING AND ADULT SERVICES

COMMENCEMENT: 09/22/1999 11:35 AM

REPORTER AND ALLEGATION INFORMATION

CALL	RECEIVED BY HRS	TYPE CALL	REC'D BY	REGISTRY COUNSELOR	CALLED TO	COMPLETED AT	AGE
HISTORY: 01	09/21/1999 12:09 AM	ABUSE REPORT	REGISTRY	DONNA O'DONNELL	GOSSIE FREEZE	09/21/1999 01:00 PM	1
02	09/21/1999 04:12 PM	ADDITIONAL INVESTIG	REGISTRY	ROBERT HUNES	GOSSIE FREEZE	09/22/1999 07:43 AM	1
03	09/21/1999 05:05 PM	SUPPLEMENTAL INFORM	REGISTRY	SUSAN ARNOLD	KRISTIN GREENSLAIT	09/21/1999 05:25 PM	1
04	11/07/1999 05:09 PM	ADDITIONAL INVESTIG	REGISTRY	CHRIS WILLIAMSON	ERNEST SULLING	11/07/1999 05:45 PM	1

CALL 01: 09/21/1999 12:09 AM RACHAEL BEAN OF  
TYPE: NURSE NO NOTIFICATION REQUESTED (407) 698-5051 (H)

REPORTER INFO: CALLER ID 407 898 9291; DON AT FACILITY WHERE STAFF HAD TO CALL POLICE TO SON TODAY FOR BEING VOLITILE AND SCREAMING AT STAFF.

ALLEG. NARRATIVE: CAROLINA, AGE 71, SUFFERS FROM THE INFIRMITIES OF AGING DUE TO HER ADVANCED AGE. SHE HAS DEMENTIA AND REQUIRES TOTAL CARE DUE TO BEING END STAGE ALZHEIMERS. THIS PAST SUNDAY CAROLINE WAS PLACED IN THE NURSING HOME, AFTER BEING HOSPIALIZED AT FLORIDA HOSPITAL SOUTH. SINCE BEING IN THE NURSING HOME, THE SON HAS VISITED HER AND BEEN SEEN KISSING HIS MOTHER ON THE LIPS, OVERLY AFFECTIONATE ACTING. THIS MORNING BRIGHT RED BLOOD WAS SEEN ON THE PAD OF HER BED. THE SON WAS PRESENT AT THE TIME. CAROLINA WAS MEDICALLY CHECKED AND FOUND TO BE BLEEDING FROM HER RECTAL AREA. EARLIER SON HAD STATED HE DISIMPACTED HIS MOTHER ON A WEEKLY BASIS. IT IS SUSPECTED SON DISIMPACTED HIS MOTHER THIS MORNING, CAUSING BLEEDING FROM HER HEMMORIOD. HE DID NOT TELL NURSING HOME STAFF SHE NEEDED TO BE DISIMPACTED. CAROLINA IS BEING TRANSFERRED TODAY TO ORMC TO BE EVALUATED.

CAROLINA IS NEW TO FLORIDA, HAVING BEING CARED FOR IN AN ARIZONA NURSING HOME UNTIL A FEW MONTHS AGO.

24 HOUR

CALL 02: 09/21/1999 04:12 PM RACHAEL BEAN OF  
TYPE: NURSE PLEASE NOTIFY BY WORK PH(407) 698-5051 (H)

REPORTER INFO: Caller ID: 407 898 5343 DON AT FACILITY WHERE STAFF HAD TO CALL POLICE TO SON TODAY FOR BEING VIOLENT AND SCREAMING AT STAFF. HE IS CURRENTLY

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PICKETING THEM. SHE HAS RECORDS TO SHOW THE INVESTIGATOR

LEG. NARRATIVE: Carolina is disabled due to the infirmities of aging as evidenced by advanced age. She is in bad physical shape. Her son was recently laying on top of her and kissing her passionately. When staff entered the room and surprised him he stopped. Later blood was found on an underpad which he explained as being caused by him dis impacting her on a weekly basis. A doctor examined her and only found evidence of bleeding hemorrhoids but there is no reason for him to provide such care without the knowledge of the nursing home staff. Carolina was transported to Florida Hospital south for examination. He followed her there and trying to make her walk he drug her around the floor pulling a bandage off of one ankle that has a decubitus on it. He forced her mouth open and pours water in her mouth trying to force her to drink which endangers her. There are serious concerns regarding abuse/neglect.

Carolina is currently at Orlando Regional Medical Center. She will be discharge and sent elsewhere for placement. Where is currently unknown.  
24 HOUR RESPONSE

\*\*\*\*\*SEE REPORTER SCREEN

LL 93: 09/21/1999 05:05 PM LILLIAN FOLLEY OF NO NOTIFICATION REQUESTED (407) 841-5212 (H)  
TYPE: NURSE

REPORTER INFO: CALLER ID 407 843 9599. REPORTER IS NURSE CASE MANAGER AT THE ORMO HOSPITAL. SHE HAS A BEEPER 980 8047 THAT WILL BE ON UNTIL 6PM. SHE REQUESTS ASSISTANCE. API PLEASE CALL HER REGARDING THE NARRATIVE INFORMATION.

LEG. NARRATIVE: MS DESTEFANO WAS TAKEN TO ORLANDO REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER ER. SUNBELT NURSING HOME HAS REFUSED TO READMIT HER TO THEIR FACILITY.  
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

LL 94: 11/07/1999 05:09 PM MARIE MARTINEZ OF PLEASE NOTIFY BY HOME PH(904) 454-8746 (H)  
TYPE: OTHER-ANON/REVEALED

LEG. NARRATIVE: CAROL IS AN ELDERLY PERSON WHO SUFFERS WITH PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS. SHE IS TOTALLY DEPENDANT ON HER SON WHO IS HER CAREGIVER. THERE ARE ALLEGATIONS THAT SHE IS BEING MEDICALLY NEGLECTED AND HER BREATHING IS NOT NORMAL DUE TO NEGLECT. CAROLINA'S BREATHING IS EXTREMELY HEAVY. AS IF SHE IS IN NEED OF OXYGEN. IT IS BELEIVED THAT HER SON HAS NOT TAKEN THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS TO INSURE THAT SHE GETS THE PROPER AMOUNTS OF OXYGEN. SHE IS GIVEN HEAVY DOSAGES OF MORPHINE. IT IS UNKNOWN IF THIS IS A PRESCRIPTION. SHE IS DEHYDRATED AS IF SHE DOES NOT GET THE PROPER AMOUNTS OF WATER. IT IS UNKNOWN IF SHE REQUIRES IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION.  
IMMEDIATE

## ADDRESSES

SUNBELT OF ORLANDO 2414 BEDFORD RD ORLANDO FL 32823 ORANGE COUNTY (407)899-5351  
9020 HUNTINGTON ST ORLANDO FL 32823 ORANGE COUNTY (407)457-9607

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ADDRESSES

- A SUNBELT OF ORLANDO 2414 BEDFORD RD ORLANDO FL 32803 ORANGE COUNTY (407)558-3051
- B 3000 HUNTINGTON ST ORLANDO FL 32802 ORANGE COUNTY (407)497-8367
- C MAITLAND HEALTH CARE 1700 MONROE AVENUE MAITLAND FL 32751 ORANGE COUNTY (407)647-2092
- D FL HOSPITAL HOSPICE CARE 401 E ROLLINS ST ORLANDO FL 32803 ORANGE COUNTY (407)898-6611

VICTIMS AND CHILDREN

#1 CAROLINA DESTEFANO

BORN 09/07/1929 DECLARED WHITE FEMALE ROLE: VICTIM  
 CID: 129346961 FID: DISABILITY: INFIRMITIES OF AGING  
 2414 BEDFORD RD ORLANDO FL 32802 RESIDENCE COUNTY: ORANGE

ADDRESS REFERENCES -- RESIDENCE: A MAILING: A CURRENT LOCATION: D EMPLOYMENT: U

<u>ALLEGED MALTREATMENT</u>	<u>MALTREATMENT TYPE</u>	<u>FINDING</u>	<u>ALLEGED MALTREATMENT</u>	<u>MALTREATMENT TYPE</u>	<u>FINDING</u>
CUTS/PUNCTURES/BITES	ABUSE	NO INDICATORS	MALNUTRITION	NEGLECT	NO INDICATORS
ASPHYX/SUFFOC/DROWNING	NEGLECT	NO INDICATORS			

RECD 09/21/1999 12:09 AM SEEN 09/22/1999 12:45 PM REASON: ATTEMPTS: 00 COMPLETED: 02 PHONE: 00 MAIL: 00  
 MEDICAL EXAM: Y X-RAYS: N HOSPITALIZED: Y PHOTOGRAPHS: N REFERRED TO APT/CPT: N GUARDIAN APPOINTED: N  
 INTERIM PLACEMENT: NOT PLACED DISPOSITION: CONT NON-HRS SERV INIT PRIOR ON 09/28/1999

OTHER PERSONS

#1 LARRY DESTAFANO

BORN 07/21/1950 DECLARED WHITE MALE  
 CID: Y0140143E FID:  
 3000 HUNNINGTON ST ORLANDO FL 32802

INITIAL ROLE: ALLEGED PERP/CARETAKE  
 FINAL ROLE: SIGNIFICANT OTHER  
 RESIDENCE COUNTY: ORANGE

ADDRESS REFERENCES -- RESIDENCE: C MAILING: C CURRENT LOCATION: C EMPLOYMENT: U

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01 - CAROLINA DESTEFANO

RELATIONSHIP TO VIC/CHILD  
SON/DAUGHTER

ACTIONS TAKEN

LAW ENFORCEMENT: Y STATE ATTORNEY: ORAL N WRITTEN N EARLY INTERVENTION: NONE HRAC: N LTODD: Y

COLLATERAL CONTACTS

	<u>REPORTER</u>	<u>NEIGHBOR</u>	<u>RELATIVE</u>	<u>MEDICAL</u>	<u>EDUCATION</u>	<u>SOCIAL SERVICES</u>	<u>LAW ENFORCEMENT</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
FACE-TO-FACE ATTEMPTS								
FACE-TO-FACE COMPLETED	1	1	2	4		1	2	4
TELEPHONE CALLS	5		2	5		7	1	5
LETTERS								

CLASSIFICATION: UNFOUNDED REASON: OTHER

CLASSIFICATION DATE: 11/09/1999  
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REPORTER NOTIFIED?

INVESTIGATIVE DECISION SUMMARY

ELIGIBILITY: V IS AN ELDERLY 71 YEAR OLD FEMALE WHO SUFFERS FROM DEMENTIA, UROSEPSIS, AND URINE TRACT INFECTION.

CTC: V LACKS CAPACITY TO CONSENT TO SERVICES. THIS INVESTIGATOR DETERMINED THAT THE VICTIM LACKS CAPACITY TO CONSENT TO SERVICES USING THE "CAPACITY TO CONSENT ASSESSMENT" FORM. THIS FORM IS DATED 09/22/99 AND IS FILED IN THE INVESTIGATIVE RECORD.

FINDINGS: THIS CASE IS CLASSIFIED UNFOUNDED BASED ON COLLATERALS AND MEDICAL STATEMENTS. MEDICAL EXAMINATION CONCLUDED THAT VICTIM HAD EXTERNAL HEMMROIDS. MEDICAL STATEMENT OBTAINED THAT DEIMPACTING VICTIM WAS BENEFICIAL AND COULD BE DONE ROUTINELY WHEN VICTIM IS SEVERELY CONSTIPATED, BUT COULD CAUSE IRRITATION OF THE COLON. THERE WAS NO TRAUMA NOTICED TO VICTIM'S RECTAL AREA BY MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS. THERE ARE NO INDICATORS TO SUPPORT THE ALLEGED MALTREATMENT OF CUTS/BITES/PUNCTURES. THERE ARE NO INDICATORS TO SUPPORT THE MALTREATMENT OF ABUSE.

DECISIONS/REFERRALS: VICTIM WAS RELEASED PER DOCTOR'S ORDER TO THE CARE OF VICTIM'S SON. V IS NOW DECEASED DUE TO TERMINAL ILLNESS.

INVESTIGATOR HISTORY:

INVESTIGATION COMMENCED BY: JUDY SIMMS

072822 ON 09/22/1999 AT 11:25 AM

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01 JUDY SIMMS 072322

TURNAROUND SIGNED BY: JUDY SIMMS 072322 11/16/1999

REVIEWED BY: LISA SVITAK 072322 1E/09/1999

DATA ENTRY COMPLETED BY: LISA SVITAK 072322 1E/09/1999

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