
From: Cantera, Tamara
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:33 AM
To: Benton, Brooks
Subject: diamond report.
Attachments: PREA Investigative Summary Diamond, Ashley 2.docx; diamond note.doc

Good morning,

I spoke with Offender Diamond on 7/8/2020. She reported that she was unaware of the letter sent by her legal team and illuded to another PREA incident separate from the one involving UM Jackson. After probing Offender Diamond stated that multiple people had been sexually harassing her in the dorm. I attempted to complete a MH PREA evaluation but Diamond refused stating that she was "too emotional" to discuss this issue at the time. I noted her refusal on the evaluation form and rescheduled her for 7/10/2020. During our discussion, Offender Diamond discussed her medical concerns related to her genital binding and the complications that resulted from her actions. On 7/9/2020 I spoke with DWCT Betterson and was informed that no PREA evaluations could be completed for Diamond without a lawyer present. Betterson stated that he would contact legal and the evaluation is now pending. I documented that in a progress note and it is in her chart. If there is anything else you need or would like corrections to anything please let me know.

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**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
MH/MR PROGRESS NOTE**

Facility: Coastal State Prison
Name: Diamond, Ashely
ID: 1000290565
Race: B **Sex:** Transgender

Date: 7/8/2020

I. Data: Purpose: Individual Counseling/Therapy Evaluation Rounds Crisis Other: _____
Location: Private Office Cell Front Other:
 On Site Tele-MH

Chief Complaint Inmate: Offender, who diagnosed with MDD recurrent moderate, expressed ax regarding perceived sexual harassment and issues related to gender dysphoria dx. Offender stated, "There have been several people hitting on me in my dorm."

Target Symptom(s) from Treatment Plan addressed in this contact: ax

Attitude: neutral **Hygiene:** fair **Orientation:** x4 **Suicide Risk:** denies

Judgment: fair **Mood:** dysphoric **Affect:** labile **Homicidal Ideation:** denies

Thought Processes and Content: coherent, logical, tangential

Description of session (include discussion of abnormal findings: Offender further reported medical issues related to genital binding and general concerns with her placement at Coastal State Prison. Offender stated, "I need to be a level three or be at a TC." Counselor reminded Offender that (according to clinical director) she does not meet clinical criteria for MH level three. Due to Offender report of sexual harassment in dorm Counselor attempted to complete MH PREA evaluation. Offender refused evaluation stating, "the person has been moved already and I'm not in the correct emotional space to talk about it today." Counselor initially scheduled Offender for follow-up appointment to again attempt PREA evaluation but was informed by DWCT Betterson that no PREA evaluations could be completed without Offender Diamond's lawyer present. The legal department was contacted and the evaluation will remain pending until proper arrangements can be made.

Clinical interventions (during session): MSE, Person Centered, Solution focused

II. Assessment: Problem/Target Symptoms are Worse Unchanged Improved Eliminated

Diagnosis: MDD recurrent moderate Unchanged Changed as of : _____ (date)

Comments: none

III. Clinical Plan for subsequent sessions: Counselor will reschedule Offender for MH PREA evaluation once arrangements with legal have been made.

Next Appointment: TBD **Page** 1 **of** 1 Attachment

(Signature/Title) Tamara S. Cantera LAPC
(Printed/Typed Name)

PREA Investigative Summary

Facility: Coastal State Prison Date of Incident: 6/18/2020
 Location: N-Building B-Dorm Time of Incident: unknown
 Incident Report #: _____

Type of Allegation (Select one): Alleged Victim(s) Alleged Aggressor(s)

		Name	ID#	Name	ID#
_____	S/I Abuse				
n/a	S/I Harassment	Diamond, Ashely	1000290565	Jackson, Rodney UM	1006756
_____	I/I Abuse				
_____	I/I Harassment				

On July 7, 2020 DWCT Betterson received a letter from the attorney of Offender Diamond, Ashely #1000290565 which included a PREA allegation. The allegation stated, "Unit Manager Jackson approached Ms. Diamond while she was in medical quarantine and harassed her about being transgender. Jackson called Ms. Diamond a man and proceeded to make inappropriate comments about her breasts and genitalia as well as her facial hair. Ms. Diamond told Mr. Jackson that those comments were harmful to her mental health, and Jackson walked away. A few days later, on June 18, 2020 GDC officials informed Ms. Diamond that she would be moved out of medical quarantine to another dormitory. This dormitory houses more than 100 incarcerated people. When she entered the dormitory, Ms. Diamond noticed that several people were staring at her. Ms. Diamond eventually learned, through conversations with other incarcerated people in the dormitory, that Jackson had called a dormitory-wide meeting on June 17, the day before Ms. Diamond's move, during which Jackson told everyone gathered that a 'freak is about to walk in' and that they would just have to deal with it. Jackson disclosed Ms. Diamond's private medical information, made derogatory remarks about Ms. Diamond's breasts and genitalia, intentionally misgendered her, and said, 'don't try touching him [Ms. Diamond] no matter how much of a woman he [Ms. Diamond] looks.' Ms. Diamond was repeatedly referred to as 'he' and 'it' by Jackson during the meeting. The SART team met and determined that this allegation does not meet criteria for a PREA incident due to being a single incident of harassment. The comments made to the Offenders in the dorm were not made in the presence of Offender Diamond nor were overheard by Offender Diamond and therefore do not qualify as harassment under PREA SOP.

Disposition (Select one):		Evidence gathered:	Location:		
_____	Substantiated				
n/a	Unsubstantiated				
_____	Unfounded				

Actions taken:

Disciplinary action taken (toward staff or inmates):



Upon completion this form is to be placed in the PREA case file as well as emailed to the PREA Unit.

PREA Investigative Summary

Tamara S. Cantera LAPC, NCC

Name/ Title of person submitting report

Signature/ Title



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From: PREA
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 5:34 AM
To: Atchison, Grace; Kight, Bennett
Subject: FW: PREA

Got this over the weekend

Chester Hofer
PREA Analyst
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From: JPay Services <support@jpay.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 5, 2020 9:55 PM
To: PREA <prea.report@gdc.ga.gov>
Subject: PREA

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Sent by: ASHLEY DIAMOND (1000290565)
Agency: Georgia Department of Corrections
Facility/Housing Unit: Coastal State Prison/NB136B
Date: 09/05/2020 20:55:12

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I was singled out and cursed by the deputy warden of care and treatment about 10 mins ago in regards to my window being covered. I explained that there are 91 men standing outside my door in a line for pill call (as video surveillance will show) and that I didn't have a shirt on. He knows I am transgender and a victim of multiple sexual assaults as well as that I am isolated and targeted often in this dorm and environment and that I have had numerous instances of harassment. THIS SAME WARDEN STATED AND I QUOTE "ASHLEY DIAMOND IS A CANCER TO THIS PRISON AND NEEDS TO GO". This environment is proven toxic to my safety and mental health and no substantial weight has been given to my thoughts of this and although his actions may not constitute to sexual nature they do however put me at substantial risk for victimization.



From: Nettles, Constance
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2020 9:18 AM
To: Betterson, Carl; GDCCoastal SP PREA Group
Cc: Hofer, Chester
Subject: Re: NEW PREA

I met with offender Diamond, Ashley #1000290565 for 30 day PREA Retaliation monitoring on case 5138, Incident #31255. Offender Diamond reported that she was confronted by alleged aggressor [REDACTED] on 10/29/2020 at pill call in reference to this incident. Offender reported feeling threatened.

C. Nettles

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From: Betterson, Carl <carl.betterson@gdc.ga.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 11:15 AM
To: GDCCoastal SP PREA Group <GDCCoastalsppreagroup@gets.onmicrosoft.com>
Cc: Hofer, Chester <Chester.Hofer@gdc.ga.gov>
Subject: NEW PREA

From: PREA <prea.report@gdc.ga.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 8:09 AM
To: Benton, Brooks <Brooks.Benton@gdc.ga.gov>; Betterson, Carl <carl.betterson@gdc.ga.gov>

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Cc: Atchison, Grace <Grace.Atchison@gdc.ga.gov>; Kight, Bennett <bennett.kight@gdc.ga.gov>

Subject: FW: PREA

Hello,

The PREA Allegations being referred to below should be referred to SART for investigation/disposition. Please enter these individually in SCRIBE as opposed to entering all three as one allegation, and email me an initial report for them so I can enter them on my tracking spreadsheet.

Thanks!

Chester Hofer

From: JPay Services <support@jpay.com>

Sent: Sunday, November 1, 2020 11:33 AM

To: PREA <prea.report@gdc.ga.gov>

Subject: PREA

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Sent by: ASHLEY DIAMOND (1000290565)

Agency: Georgia Department of Corrections

Facility/Housing Unit: Coastal State Prison/GA126B

Date: 11/01/2020 10:25:16 AM

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I would like to speak with someone about several PREA incidents on 29,30,31st. These incidents were reported to a GDC staff member and dorm reps. I would also like to be tested for DNA on the most recent allegation as would the offender involved. Testing us will disprove any acts of penetration as this was alleged.

From: Rhone, Lolita <lrhone@TeamCenturion.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 8:38 PM
To: Weinstein, Marc
Subject: RE: Revised email concerning Offender Diamond, A.

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Thanks for forwarding. I see that it was sent to my old GDC email.

From: Weinstein, Marc <Marc.Weinstein@gdc.ga.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 5:04 PM
To: Rhone, Lolita <lrhone@TeamCenturion.com>
Subject: Fwd: Revised email concerning Offender Diamond, A.

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FYI

Marc Weinstein, Ph.D
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Fletcher, Tia" <tia.fletcher@gdc.ga.gov>
Date: January 12, 2021 at 1:59:58 PM EST
To: "Jackson, Javel" <Javel.Jackson@gdc.ga.gov>, "Weinstein, Marc" <Marc.Weinstein@gdc.ga.gov>, "Rhone, Lolita" <Lolita.Rhone@gdc.ga.gov>
Cc: "Fass, Daniel" <Daniel.Fass@gdc.ga.gov>
Subject: Revised email concerning Offender Diamond, A.



Dear Dr. Jackson and Dr. Weinstein,

I just consulted with Dr. Fass who is not scheduled to work Tuesdays. Dr. Fass is requesting that Offender Ashley Diamond be admitted to ACU/CSU immediately as she disclosed a suicidal ideation plan in my office. In the last couple of weeks she has felt retaliated against, because of the lawsuit Security staff at coastal is following all of her movements with a camera. Her personal property was searched and she was written a DR for having pencils and the precipitating event to her current presentation was that her PREA rating was recently changed to reflect her as sexual aggressor and victim, which was done without cause. Therefore, in addition to requesting ACU/CSU for this acute crisis we are also requesting a change in prisons

for her safety. Dr. Fass is insistent that we have tried several times to increase her level of care to ensure her safety and would like to continue with either a change in prison to another MH institution that she does not current lawsuit against or a change in mental health level which would also prompt a transfer. We believe that either route would be sufficient and beneficial for her.

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