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DATE: **March 15, 2017**

TO: **Lieutenant Rizzo**

FROM: **Sergeant Grenier**

SUBJECT: Interview with Inmate [redacted]

On 3/15/2017, I was assigned to work as the Custody Sergeant on day shift at the Main Adult Detention Facility.

At approximately 1050 hours, I went into B Module to conduct supervisor rounds and walked up to the Deputy's work station. The module deputy was away from the desk. Inmate [redacted] walked up to the Deputy's desk and asked to speak with me. [redacted] told me she had information about illegal activity out of custody. [redacted] also told me she witnessed inappropriate behavior by a deputy when she was in R Module and she wanted to tell me about it, but she didn't want to talk in front of the other inmates.

At approximately 1315 hours, Sergeant Pitkin brought [redacted] up to contact visiting. Sergeant Pitkin and I interviewed [redacted].

[redacted] told us she knew about a large amount of drug sales that occurred in the City of Santa Rosa and she wanted to talk to a detective. I told her we would contact a detective on her behalf.

I asked [redacted] to tell us about what she witnessed in R Module. [redacted] told us the following in summary:

[redacted] witnessed what she believes is inappropriate conduct by a Correctional Deputy (later identified as Correctional Deputy G. Paulson) on two consecutive days. [redacted] said the incidents occurred on Monday 3/13/17 and Tuesday 3/14/17 during swing shift or Sunday 3/12/17 and Monday 3/13/17 on swing shift. She couldn't remember the Deputy's name during the first interview, but is started with the letter, "P." [redacted] described him as white, young, and thin. [redacted] said he had brown hair that was tall and combed back on the top and short on the side.

[redacted] couldn't remember the name of the other Deputy (Deputy 1) who worked in R Module on the first day, but described him as young.

[redacted] couldn't remember the name of the other Deputy (Deputy 2) who worked in R Module on the second day. [redacted] described the Deputy as older and not thin. She said he had a mustache and glasses.

[redacted] said the inappropriate conduct occurred between Deputy Paulson and Inmate [redacted] in cell R-49. Cell R-49 is in an alcove.

[redacted] said she noticed the Deputy was opening [redacted] door several times to change the television, get hot water, etc. [redacted] said she thought it was very unusual.

On the first day, [redacted] said she heard the sound of boots walking past her door and then the sound stopped. [redacted] said she looked out of her cell window and saw Deputy Paulson leaning on the wall looking towards cell R-49. The janitor's closet door was open and obscured the view of cell R-49. [redacted] said she told the inmate in cell R-47, [redacted], to look at Deputy Paulson standing in the alcove. After several minutes, Deputy Paulson closed the janitor's closet door and left.

On the 2nd day, when Deputy 2 was out of the module on his break, [redacted] heard Deputy Paulson walked over to [redacted] cell. [redacted] said she heard the sound of a lock being opened. [redacted] said the janitor's closet door was open and it obscured the view of cell R-49. [redacted] said she heard the sound of moaning. [redacted] said she also told Roth to look out the window. [redacted] said Deputy Paulson was there for approximately 5-15 minutes. [redacted] said she believes Deputy Paulson heard her make a noise. [redacted] saw Deputy Paulson come out of the alcove. About the same time, Deputy 2 walked back into the module and walked up to the Deputy's work station. [redacted] said she saw Deputy Paulson come out of the alcove and close the janitor's closet door.

[redacted] said she asked [redacted] what happened with Deputy Paulson in front of other inmates when they were on their out of cell activity time. [redacted] said [redacted] pretended to not know what [redacted] was talking about. [redacted] said [redacted] spoke with her alone later during their out of cell activity. [redacted] said if you tell anyone what happened, "I will fuck you up!" [redacted] said they talked about how she found Deputy Paulson attractive and she was smiling. [redacted] said it was obvious to her the relationship between Deputy Paulson and [redacted] was sexual in nature.

After our first interview, Sergeant Pitkin had Mental Health Staff Benwell speak with [redacted]. [redacted] was returned to B Module after speaking with Mental Health Staff Benwell.

Sergeant Pitkin and I went and spoke with the Watch Commander Lieutenant Rizzo. We told her about our interview with [redacted].

At approximately 1615 hours, Sergeant Pitkin brought [redacted] back up to contact visiting for another interview. We attempted to have [redacted] tell us about the incident on an audio recorder. [redacted] refused to let us record her conversation, but she was willing to talk about the incident. [redacted] confirmed the information from the first interview and also told us the following additional information:

[redacted] said Deputy Paulson was the name of the Deputy that had inappropriate contact with Inmate [redacted]. She said she remembered the name between interviews.

[redacted] said other inmates would tell [redacted] that her "boyfriend is here" when Deputy Paulson walked into the R-Module.

[redacted] also said she called Deputy Paulson by the nickname "Perve Runner" because he walked around the module quickly like the cartoon Road Runner, but he was a pervert. [redacted] said she referred to Deputy Paulson as the "Perve Runner" in front of [redacted]. [redacted] became upset and said, "He isn't the Perve Runner, he is my runner."