



TEXAS
JUVENILE JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT

Statement on the Arrest of an Employee at the Evins Regional Juvenile Center

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AUSTIN—A Youth Development Coach at the Evins Regional Juvenile Center, in Edinburg, was arrested this evening for Improper Sexual Activity with a Person in Custody and Indecency with a Child.

Todd Hanks, who is pictured below, is 50 years old and joined the agency in 2005.

After an employee made an allegation against Hanks this morning, he was removed from having any contact with youth and suspended without pay. He then was interviewed by officers from TJJJ's Office of the Inspector General and immediately terminated from employment. This evening, he was arrested by the Office of the Inspector General and booked into the Hidalgo County Jail.

TJJJ followed the Prison Rape Elimination Act guidelines, and the victim received medical and clinical attention. His family members have been notified by the agency.

"I am outraged by this incident, and we will pursue the highest possible penalties available against this former staff member," said Camille Cain, the Executive Director of TJJJ. "This agency has zero tolerance for any employee who preys upon or endangers the youth in our care, and we will always respond swiftly to such allegations. I am heartbroken for the youth, and we are doing everything we can to provide proper treatment and care."

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