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**The Office of the Inspector General Arrests Former TJJJ Employee
Deena Riley, who resigned from the agency in January, is charged with Indecency with a Child**

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AUSTIN—The Texas Juvenile Justice Department’s Office of the Inspector General arrested former employee Deena Riley for Indecency with a Child late this afternoon.

Riley is 44 years old and joined the agency in 2020. In January, she resigned from her position as a youth development coach at the McLennan County State Juvenile Facility, in Mart.

On April 12, 2021, three youths absconded from a TJJJ halfway house. An OIG investigation determined that Riley assisted in that act, and on April 28, she was arrested and booked into the Ellis County Jail for hindering apprehension.

The new charges reflect the ongoing investigation by the OIG. The youth in question is a male who is 16 years old. Because Riley was not an employee of TJJJ at the time of the offense, the Ellis County District Attorney will prosecute the case.



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