

**PUBLIC INFORMATION
ARREST NOTIFICATION**

On July 5, 2017, criminal investigators with the Inspector General's Office of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department arrested 42 year old Kerry McNeil, a Juvenile Corrections Officer (JCO), on a Misdemeanor warrant #J12M17-236 for Official Oppression against a Youth assigned to the McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility. This is a Class A Misdemeanor under the Texas Penal Code 39.03, which is punishable by up to a \$4,000.00 fine and up to a year in jail if convicted. This arrest warrant stemmed from an investigation conducted by the Inspector General's Office on an incident that occurred ten days prior. JCO McNeil while escorting Youth, forcefully pushed Youth against an exterior metal wall at the McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility while Youth's hands were secured behind his back in handcuffs and his face was covered with a spit mask. McNeil then laid his body on top of Youth as Youth lay face-down on the concrete sidewalk. Youth later received medical attention for injuries sustained during the incident. The case will be filed with the Special Prosecutions Unit.

The Office of the Inspector General is statutorily responsible to investigate criminal allegations involving T.J.J.D youth, T.J.J.D. employees, or T.J.J.D. facilities. Anyone can report allegations of misconduct to the Incident Reporting Center by completing an on-line complaint form found on the OIG website <http://www.tjjd.texas.gov/OIG/index.aspx>, or by emailing a complaint to TJJD.IRC@tjjd.texas.gov, or finally by calling a 24 hour a day toll free hotline 1-866-477-8354



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