



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC INFORMATION ARREST SUMMARY

On July 21, 2021, Deputy Inspector Generals with the Office of Inspector General at the Texas Juvenile Justice Department arrested 38 year old Jennifer Lynn Perez, a former Juvenile Supervision Officer at Garza County Regional Juvenile Center, a TJJD contract care facility, for the offense of Violation of Civil Rights with a Person in Custody by engaging in improper sexual activity. This is a 2nd Degree Felony offense under the Texas Penal Code Chapter 39.04, which is punishable by up to a \$10,000.00 fine and a term of imprisonment in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice of two (2) to twenty (20) years if convicted.

This arrest stemmed from an investigation conducted by the Inspector General's Office on an incident that occurred in November of 2019. Perez, while an employee of the Garza County Regional Juvenile Facility engaged in sexual activity with an individual placed in a juvenile facility and under the supervision of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department. Perez was booked into the Garza County Jail. This case will be filed with the Garza County District Attorney's Office with the assistance of the Special Prosecution Unit.

The Office of the Inspector General is statutorily responsible to investigate criminal allegations involving TJJD youth, TJJD employees, or TJJD 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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