



OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC INFORMATION CONVICTION SUMMARY

On June 6, 2022, the Office of Inspector General received notification of a judgment and sentence of former contract care caseworker, Jessica Marie Pratt (25). On March 28, 2022, Pratt pled guilty to three counts of Injury to a Child, Texas Penal Code 22.04, and was sentenced to ten (10) years deferred adjudication in Bowie County, Texas. This case was investigated by the Office of Inspector General, in conjunction with the Hooks Police Department and prosecuted by the Bowie County District Attorney's Office.

Pratt was arrested on July 17, 2019, and charged with Sexual Assault of a Child by the Hooks Police Department, with the investigative assistance of the Office of Inspector General. Pratt, a former caseworker at The Center for Success and Independence Rockdale Academy in Milam County, a TJJD contract care facility, was alleged to have engaged in sexual activity with a county committed 15-year-old juvenile. The sexual activity occurred subsequent to the juvenile's release from the facility in June of 2019 and after Pratt resigned from the company and moved to Bowie County.

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