

**PUBLIC INFORMATION
ARREST NOTIFICATION**

On November 13, 2017, criminal investigators with the Inspector General's Office of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) arrested 24 year old Deonesia Elizabeth Smith, on felony warrant #201711080036, from Navarro County for the offense of Improper Sexual Activity with a Person in Custody. This is a State Jail Felony offense under the Texas Penal Code Chapter 39.04, which is punishable by up to \$10,000.00 fine and up to a term of imprisonment in Texas Department of Criminal Justice of 180 days up to two (2) years if convicted.

This arrest warrant stemmed from an investigation conducted by the Office of the Inspector General on an incident that occurred on January 12, 2017. Smith, while an employee of the TJJD, engaged in sexual intercourse with an individual known to her to be under the supervision of the TJJD. Smith was booked into the Cooke County Jail. 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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