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Complaint 06-07-03: Atwater Police Department

The Grand Jury declined to investigate the complaint because the complainant had failed to seek recourse through the appropriate channels within the police department

Complaint 06-07-04: Merced Police Department

The complainant moved out of the area and the Grand Jury was unable to contact the complainant.

Complaint 06-07-05: Merced County Mental Health

Biased Discipline by Mental Health Supervisors

Introduction

The complainant alleges that he was formally disciplined without justification. Part of this discipline was a change from the night shift to day shift, which resulted in a decrease in pay. The complainant felt these were biased actions and his SKELLY rights had been violated. The Grand Jury decided to investigate the workings of Merced County Mental Health to verify the allegations of misconduct on the part of Merced County Mental Health.

Method of Investigation

The Audit and Finance committee of the Grand Jury met with the complainant to obtain the full information about the disciplinary action and the alleged biased actions of Merced County Mental Health supervisors. The complainant explained that highly confidential personnel documents were left on a printer located in a general area accessible to all staff. The highly confidential personnel documents were about an alleged accusation of sexual harassment on the part of the complainant. The complainant was disciplined for the accusation and he felt that the investigation was not thorough enough to support or deny those allegations. We also discussed the daily operations of Merced County Mental Health, specifically, the Marie Green Facility. We also discussed the hierarchy of the supervisors and whom he would have gone to for the previously mentioned problems.

The committee also interviewed a co-worker of the complainant. He verified that the highly confidential documents were on the printer. He also gave us his opinion of the complainant's work conduct. We also discussed the daily operations of Merced County Mental Health, specifically, the Marie Green Facility and the hierarchy of the supervisors.

The committee then interviewed another co-worker of the complainant. She was the one who alleged the sexual harassment. She, also, gave her opinion of the complainant's work conduct. She also discussed the daily operations of Merced County Mental Health, specifically, the Marie Green Facility and the hierarchy of the supervisors.