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Child Care Worker at Binghamton Group Home Arrested For Allegedly Choking Child in His Care

Incident Reported to NYS Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs Hotline

BINGHAMTON, NY-- NYS Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs Special Prosecutor Patricia A. Gunning announced today that Southchay Insyxiengmay (DOB 02/11/75), who is employed as a child care worker at the Children's Home of Wyoming Conference has been arrested for allegedly abusing a child in his care following an investigation conducted by New York State Police. The facility is a private provider licensed by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS).

The incident first came to the attention of law enforcement officials when a staff member at the facility reported the incident to the Justice Center's Vulnerable Persons Central Register (VPCR) Hotline. A call center representative opened a case tracking file. Justice Center investigators contacted State Police and provided assistance with the investigation.

Insyxiengmay, who lives at 115 Robble Street, Endicott, NY, was arrested August 15, 2013 on a Misdemeanor Complaint charging him with:

- One count of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a class "A" Misdemeanor

According to the complaint, the defendant allegedly engaged in a verbal altercation with the victim, pushed the victim into bushes and then put his hands around the victim's neck and choked him. Insyxiengmay was terminated by the agency. He was issued an appearance ticket for August 29, 2013 to be arraigned on the charge in Town of Fenton Court. The Broome County District Attorney will be prosecuting the case.

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The Justice Center and its statewide hotline and incident reporting system began operations on June 30, 2013. It is staffed 24-hours a day, seven days a week by trained professionals who receive reports of allegations of abuse and neglect of people with special needs. Once a report is received by its Vulnerable Persons Central Register (VPCR) Hotline, it is logged and assessed. Serious cases of abuse or neglect are assigned to the Justice Center's investigation team or, when appropriate, to a local law enforcement agency for follow-up.

The Justice Center also maintains a statewide registry of all persons who have been found to be responsible for serious or repeated acts of abuse and neglect. Once placed on the registry, known as the "Staff Exclusion List" or SEL, they are prohibited by law from ever working again with people with disabilities or special needs.

The Office of Children and Family Services is one of six state agencies under the jurisdiction of the Justice Center. It also oversees certain facilities or programs that are operated, licensed or certified by the Office of Mental Health (OMH), the Department of Health (DOH), the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS), and the State Education Department (SED).

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