



Texas Youth Commission  
Office of the General Counsel  
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## Investigative Report for Analysis of Administrative Violations

Case Number: 05-0064

Facility Name and Address: West Texas State School  
Interstate 20 P.O. Box 415  
Pyote, Texas 79777

Investigator Name: Lewis Witherspoon

### Introduction

The following report describes the findings of the Texas Youth Commission's (TYC) investigation into the below allegation:

- Allegation One – \_\_ Youth made an allegation in a telephone call to his mother that he did not appreciate Assistant Superintendent Ray Brookins "*feeling all over him*". The conversation was overheard by youth caseworker, Bill Hollis.
  
- **Required Notifications**
  - **Law enforcement:**

On September 15, 2004 administrative assistant Genese Shorten notified the Ward County Sheriff's Office concerning this allegation
  
  - **Parent/guardian:**

On September 27, 2004 administrative assistant Genese Shorten notified the Ward County Sheriff's Office concerning this allegation.
  
- **Scope of Investigation**

The alleged act or failure to act occurred.  
The act or failure to act caused emotional harm or physical injury.  
The person who took the action or who failed to act did so intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly.
  
- **Persons Interviewed**

Ray Brookins, Assistant Superintendent  
Bill Hollis, Caseworker, dorm 2  
Jerome Dewberry, JCO Security  
Alejandro Barrera, JCO dorm 2





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frame Mr. Brookins never took his hand off despite the youth trying to get away from him.

Youth was instructed by Mr. Barrera to report the incident to JCO Gray, which he did. JCO Gray said he talked to about the incident. chose to write a grievance about the incident because he said it made him feel uncomfortable. Mr. Gray corroborated the information given by and Barrera. Mr. Gray reported the information to his supervisor, Ayo Omoniyi, the Program Administrator for dorm 2.

Mr. Omoniyi stated he was given the information about the incident by Bill Hollis, case-worker dorm 2 and Mr. Gray. The information was filed as an alleged mistreatment on September 14, 2004. Mr. Hollis stated he overheard a conversation between and his mother about the incident on 9/04/04. The incident happened on 8/18/04 as written in the dorm logs. The grievances about the incident were turned in by but were never entered in the TYCS (Texas Youth Commission Complaint System). A copy of two complaints numbered 040218 and 040030 that the youth had in his possession were dated 9/22/04.

#### Summary/Findings

- o Did Assistant Superintendent Ray Brookins touch youth in an inappropriate manner that meets abuse criteria.

No. Although it appears some touching of the youth occurred it does not meet the criteria for abuse. The youth's only complaint was that Mr. Brookins actions made him feel uncomfortable.

- o The act or failure to act caused emotional harm or physical injury. Did the act cause emotional harm or physical injury to youth ?

No. There was no injury or emotional harm to the youth.

- o The person who took the action or who failed to act did so intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly. Did Mr. Brookins knowingly, intentionally and recklessly touch youth in an abusive manner.

No. Mr. Brookins actions appears to have made the youth uncomfortable only. The youth's complaint only voiced his resentment in having Mr. Brookins place his leg on his desk and put his hand on his shoulder.



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### Conclusion

Allegation Abuse (Staff Sexual Conduct)      Ray Brookins      , Unconfirmed

### Attachments

1. Law Enforcement Notification
2. Parent Notification
3. Staff Notification
- Witness Statements
4. Ray Brookins, Assistant Superintendent
5. Bill Hollis, Caseworker, dorm 2
6. Jerome Dewberry, JCO Security
7. Alejandro Barrera, JCO dorm 2
8. Roy Gray, JCO supervisor dorm 2
9. Larry Thomas, JCO dorm 2
10. \_\_\_\_\_, youth dorm 2
11. \_\_\_\_\_, youth dorm 2
12. Grievance from \_\_\_\_\_
13. E-mail notification from dorm caseworker Bill Hollis to the PA
14. E-mail from the PA to the Superintendent
15. Daily dorm log documenting the incident



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