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CC: Kester, Tonykester@aging.sc.gov
Date: 10/30/2014 6:16:15 PM
Subject: RE: annual ombudsman reports

Rick,

Of the Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation complaints received for 2013:
98 referred to law enforcement
15 referred to the Attorney General Medicaid Fraud Unit
2 referred to SLED

We do maintain data on convictions. Generally, cases involving a suspicious death are reported directly to law enforcement and not to the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program.

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From: Rick Brundrett [<mailto:Rick@thenerve.org>]
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 11:03 PM
To: Kester, Tony
Subject: Re: annual ombudsman reports

Tony,

Thank you for that information. Your 2013 report indicates there were 419 complaints of physical abuse and 330 complaints of gross negligence at nursing facilities. Of those cases, how many did your ombudsman refer to law enforcement agencies for criminal investigation, and how many of those cases resulted in convictions? Did any of those cases involve deaths of vulnerable adults? If so, how many of those cases resulted in convictions?

From: Kester, Tony <kester@aging.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 2:48 PM
To: Rick Brundrett
Subject: RE: annual ombudsman reports

Rick,

2012 and 2013 Ombudsman Reports are on our web site at aging.sc.gov.

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From: Rick Brundrett [<mailto:Rick@thenerve.org>]
Sent: Sunday, October 26, 2014 8:36 PM
To: Kester, Tony
Subject: Fw: annual ombudsman reports

Tony,

What's the status of my request below? I really would like to get the requested reports by no later than COB tomorrow so I have time to review them. Thanks.

From: Rick Brundrett
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 11:38 AM
To: kester@aging.sc.gov
Subject: Fw: annual ombudsman reports

Hopefully the third time is the charm. Thanks for your help with this.

From: Rick Brundrett
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 11:25 AM
To: tkester@aging.sc.us
Subject: Fw: annual ombudsman reports

Tony,

I haven't heard anything yet from Anne about this, so I'm forwarding it to you. Thanks.

From: Rick Brundrett
Sent: Sunday, October 19, 2014 5:07 PM
To: awolf@aging.sc.gov
Subject: annual ombudsman reports

Anne,

Can you email me or provide links to the three most recent annual reports of the long-term care ombudsman? I don't know if your office does separate reports for that function, or whether that information is contained solely within the Lt. governor's annual accountability reports. Thanks for your help with this.