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## Notice of Serious Incident

Date of Incident: 4/26/2023

Date Received by DCCECE: 4/27/2023

Facility Name: Perimeter of the Ozarks

Facility Number: 237

Facility Type:

Incident Type: Dual

**Report Description:** On assessment from nursing today, there is a moderate amount of petechia on resident's left arm. It was reported by the resident to staff that her arm was "smashed" while in restraint on 4/25/23 when she attempted to assault staff and engaged in a fight with a peer. After reviewing camera footage of the 4/25/23 event, it was found to be no inappropriate restraint and the physical hold was brief. Nursing assessed after the physical hold and observed no apparent injuries at that time. After this, resident was removed from the area. Approximately 18:52 resident began vigorously scratching her left arm with her own fingernails. Per camera footage, there was not a staff member in the immediate area when resident engage in self harm. Resident has been placed on self harm precautions

**Interim Action Narrative:** Resident was assessed by nursing and placed on self-harm precautions. [REDACTED] called. Staff [REDACTED] was placed on leave pending the approval of an ICA. The licensing unit approved her ICA on 5/5/2023.

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**Maltreatment Narrative:** It was reported by the resident to staff that her arm was "smashed" while in restraint on 4/25/23 when she attempted to assault staff and engaged in a fight with a peer. After reviewing camera footage of the 4/25/23 event, it was found to be no inappropri

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Licensing Narrative: 4/27/23- Program Coordinator received and reviewed the incident. Program Coordinator emailed the facility to confirm the residents name, residents date of birth, and if a call was made to the [REDACTED]. 5/1/23- Program Coordinator received notification of an open [REDACTED] into this incident referral # [REDACTED]. Program Coordinator spoke to CEO Cassie Sowder and discussed why the facility did not notify licensing of the maltreatment report. The CEO reported that the facility reviewed the footage and did not see an inappropriate hold on the resident and the hold was less than 30 seconds so they did not call the [REDACTED]. Mrs. Sowder reported that she knew someone with the state police came and spoke to the resident, but she was unaware it was part of a child abuse investigation. The Program Coordinator discussed who [REDACTED] are and their difference. The Program Coordinator encouraged the CEO to ask questions regarding any potential staff involvement when these investigators come to the building so they can ensure they have all needed safety plans in place. Mrs. Sowder was unaware of the name of the staff involved in the restraint so she stated she will find the name of that staff and email it to the Program Coordinator along with the ICA. 5/2/2023- The facility emailed an ICA for staff [REDACTED]. 5/5/2023- Licensing notified the facility that the ICA for staff has been approved. 5/8/23- Specialist R. Carlton visited the facility on this date. Involved staff [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (nurse, no longer employed, moved to TX), [REDACTED], age [REDACTED] reviewed video footage of an incident at 6:51 on the blue unit. The staff broke up a fight between child and another child. Staff immediately stood between children to block fight and removed [REDACTED] to nurse's desk area where she began to punch walls and windows. A lead tech ([REDACTED]) tried to calm her, and the child attacked. [REDACTED] approached to help with restraint, while [REDACTED] came up last and is seen at the child's feet. Staff state that [REDACTED] was restraining the child's feet. The desk is in the way of the camera view, and it can't be determined what happened after the staff and child were all on the floor. Reviewed an hour of video after the incident to see that child had scratched her own arms. A photo of the scratches on child's arms shows two long red scratches that did not break the skin and run from shoulder to wrist. When the scratches were discovered, the child informed the staff "I'm going to get you fired." 6/5/2023- Licensing received notification that the [REDACTED] was closed as unsubstantiated as of 6/2/2023. Licensing reviewed all required information and lifted the ICA for the staff to return to normal work activities.