

# Girl Lied to U.S. Senate Panel About Rape, DHS Officials Say

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A resident of a state juvenile institution lied to a U.S. Senate subcommittee earlier this year when she said she was raped by another juvenile resident, the Department of Human Services said Saturday.

In a series of documents released to media representatives, the department also responded to statements made during the subcommittee's hearings May 26 and 27 in Washington, disputing in several cases testimony presented to the panel.

According to one of the memos, a juvenile from the Whitaker State Home at Pryor, identified only as Tina, told the subcommittee she had been forced by a male resident of the home to engage in sex.

But the girl admitted she had lied when asked by the state Bureau of Investigation to take a lie detector test, the document said. The document did not elaborate the circumstances.

Department director Lloyd Rader, who has announced his retirement effective Dec. 31, had no comment on the reports when contacted in Washington on Saturday.

Another memo released by the department included a challenge to the testimony of Delores Briscoe that a guard at the Rader Diagnostic and Evaluation Center in Sand Springs was "coming by every night" and exposing himself at the window of her room.

Laurie Glazebrook, identified as Miss Briscoe's roommate, told the department that the girl's statements to the subcommittee were not true, the memo said.

The department also released a memo responding to charges it made 22 case referrals to district attorneys in 1982, but only two such referrals in the years prior to that.

"The implication was that the department had failed to advise local prosecutors of abuse allegations that may have led to criminal prosecution," the document said.

The figures given the subcommittee were false, with referrals made routinely in years past "when circumstances indicated possible grounds for prosecution," the department said.

"Currently, the department is forwarding all allegations of abuse, even those found to be unsubstantiated, to the local district attorneys," the memo said.

The department also released memos responding to a variety of requests for information from the subcommittee, including hiring and dismissal policies, juvenile restitution programs, employee background checks and procedures for interviews with children in department facilities.

The department said all the documents released Saturday had earlier been sent to the subcommittee. Greg Tucker, department legal counsel in Washington, said the subcommittee's next step is a final report on the Oklahoma situation, but "no date has been set for that."

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