

that if anyone tried leaving they could possibly be killed. Youth was not sure if the rumors were true, but he feared for his safety. He indicated that he would have to pay the people in charge for his meal. On two separate occasions he had to call his uncle to send him money so he could pay them for his meals. People in charge of the bodega would keep a large portion of the money, as a fee for the inconvenience of going to get the money for the youth. Youth indicated they would often give him little money back and sometimes he would go days without eating because he could not afford to buy food. He indicated that he once went four days without food and was only given water to drink. Youth did not want to call his family for more money because he knew the people in charge would keep most of it for themselves. He was informed by the people in charge that it was not safe for him to leave due to high immigration patrol on the border. Youth was finally given permission to leave the bodega on August 6, 2014 and it was then that he finally made his journey to the United States. Client is not sure why he spent so many days in the bodega and is uncertain if his uncle owes any money for his journey. Youth indicated that they never physically abused him; however, they would often say belittling and disrespectful comments to the youth. Youth indicated he never told his uncle or his family in home country about the living conditions in the bodega as he did not want to worry them. Youth did not express any concerns regarding his safety under his uncle's care and is hopeful for his future in the United States. Youth is not currently exhibiting any symptoms of trauma associated with his stay in the bodega. However, youth does report some mild symptoms of trauma associated with a separate incident in home country.

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**Incident Type:** Allegations of Abuse by Program Staff – Inappropriate Behavior

**Facility:** SWK Combes

**Date of the Incident:** 08/10/14

**Date of the Incident Reported to ORR:** 08/11/14

**UAC:**

**Summary of SIR:**

Youth care worker [redacted] stated that youth [redacted] approached her and asked if she knew what happened to [redacted] while she was out. Youth [redacted] began by saying there are things going on with [redacted] that staff does not know about. YCW [redacted] then asked youth to tell her what he knows for the safety of [redacted]. Youth [redacted] spoke about an allegation regarding YCW [redacted] and youth [redacted]. Youth [redacted] also said he was on south side with both [redacted] and [redacted] and that [redacted] told him to go to dayroom because she needed to talk to [redacted] alone. Youth [redacted] also mentioned while passing through a room he saw [redacted] crying and staff [redacted] hugging him and [redacted] tried to overhear a conversation between them and he said he heard, "this is not right between us". Youth [redacted] said other youths knew about this too naming, [redacted] and [redacted]. Youth was then asked by YCW [redacted] if he wanted to speak to the Shift Leader and he declined. [redacted] notified her immediate supervisor at the time and proper documentation was completed concerning incident.

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**Incident Type:** Allegations of Abuse by Program Staff – Inappropriate Behavior

**Facility:** BCFS Baytown

**Date of the Incident:** 08/08/14

**UAC:**

**Date of the Incident Reported to ORR:** 08/08/14

**Summary of SIR:**

Case manager asked sponsor [redacted] if anyone contacted him asking for money for the release of his brother, client [redacted]. In the conversation, it was discovered that Mr. [redacted] girlfriend [redacted] who was the initial sponsor for the child stated that she had faxed a blank check with her signature along with a copy of her passport and resident card to a [redacted] as proof of address and upon [redacted] request. [redacted] stated that she does not recall the name of the shelter, but does recall that the shelter was in Texas. She reported it was the first shelter the child was placed at. [redacted] reported that [redacted] asked her to have \$1000.00 in her bank account as a guarantee for the release of the minor and that she would receive the money back at the end of the year. She also stated that sending the signed check would ensure that she can demonstrate to the government that she can care for the minor financially. [redacted] stated that she faxed over a copy of the blank check containing her signature which she reports was never cashed. Lead case manager called to verify the information reported to the case manager and [redacted] reported that same information however, she reports that she was not charged the money because the money was never withdrawn from her account. A search was completed regarding client's previous placement and the first placement was Southwest Key, Antigua and the case manager assigned was [redacted].

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**Incident Type:** Suspected Smuggling/Trafficking