

Violence, sex, alleged at juvenile facility

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Allegations of violence between staff members and sexual relationships between workers and underage inmates at Kansas' only juvenile corrections facility were uncovered during a state audit prompted by allegations that a former superintendent of the center assaulted an employee.

Auditors sought to contact 229 former and current employees of the Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex in Topeka but only 48 responded. Of those, seven people reported being attacked or assaulted by other staff.

Auditors also received three reports of sexual relationships between staff and youth at the facility, according to Kansas News Service.

Other comments alleged staff removed residents from solitary confinement when auditors visited.

Staff at the Kansas Legislative Division of Post Audit said that the number of responses was too low to draw definitive conclusions but that the comments were still concerning.

All the comments were anonymous and could not be verified.

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