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Date / Time of Offense: Type of Offense:

08/05/2026 14:15 Hours	Allegations of Staff Misconduct	
Subject / Suspect / Defendant:	Date of Birth:	Social Security #:
BCSO Regional Facility & Staff	N/A	N/A
Reporting Officer:	Reporting Date:	Report Number:
Lieutenant Scott J. Algarvio	09/11/2026	IA-08-26-090

Investigation Summary

Below is a summary of events as well as this investigators findings for each of the allegations lodged against the Bristol County Sheriff's Office and Staff. For the full investigation as to include all evidence and statements/interviews, please refer to document labeled "Full Investigation."

First report – July 10, 2026 Incident

In this report, Chief Foley notes several issues regarding the transport of Regional [REDACTED] to the Ash Street facility. Below is an explanation of each issue as well as my findings.

The first issue mentioned in the report concerned the paperwork that had been provided by Swansea Police to the Ash Street facility. After speaking with the Correctional Officers who were involved for this day as well as reviewing the paperwork, the Correctional Officer's as well as medical staff were justified in the refusal. The initial paperwork from Charlton Memorial hospital shows [REDACTED] entering the emergency room for a "Psychiatric Evaluation" and received a diagnoses of "Medical clearance for incarceration." Because [REDACTED] was not evaluated by a mental health clinician at the hospital or delivered to the Crisis center prior to arrival at the Ash Street facility, the Swansea Police did not received the proper documentation. Based on the above mentioned information, I hereby determine this allegation to be UNFOUNDED.

The second issue in the report indicated that a Correctional Officer had stated to the Swansea Police, Officer Oliveira that crisis center "takes about 20 minutes" but instead lasted over 4 hours. After speaking with Correctional Officers, **Martinez** could not recall making that statement but **Ramos** indicated that he might have made the statement to Swansea Police. When **Ramos** was questioned about the comment, he indicated that he had experience with other law enforcement agencies going to the Crisis Center and taking 20 minutes. As for the length of time Officer Oliveira was at the New Bedford Crisis center, this is out of the control of the Bristol County Sheriff's Office. Based on the above mentioned information, I hereby determine this allegation to be **UNFOUNDED**

The third issue in the report mentions comments that were made at both the crisis center and the Ash Street staff. Chief Foley explained that it was concerning that two separate facilities made similar comments. I spoke with clinician Phil who conducted the initial intake and evaluation of [REDACTED] who stated that the comment was made by Swansea Police Officer Oliveira and not him (Phil). I also spoke with both of the Correctional Officers (**Ramos** and **Martinez**) who were present during the intake of [REDACTED]. **Ramos** denied making the comment but **Martinez** explained that the Swansea Police Officer Oliveira made the comment. Chief Foley, during my meeting with him on August 5, 2026 explained his concern was that someone may have called the Crisis Center to alert them of Swansea Police arriving with [REDACTED]. Ms. Piccerelli from New Bedford Crisis Center explained that all incoming phone calls are logged into their system no matter what they are. No phone calls regarding Swansea Police arriving to the facility or anything regarding [REDACTED] was logged which indicates no phone calls were placed to the New Bedford Crisis Center. Based on the above mentioned information, I hereby determine this allegation to be **UNFOUNDED**

Second report – August 2, 2026 Incident

In this report, Patrolman Ethan Bouchard notes an issue regarding the transport of a detainee to the Ash Street facility and having to wait for an "extended period of time." Review of CCTV footage shows Officer Bouchard arriving at 11:35 hours and entering the Admissions area at 11:49 hours, a total time of 14 minutes. After speaking with both Correctional Officers **Teixeira** and **Arpa** who were assigned to Admissions on that day the following information was found. The Admissions Control Officer, **Teixeira**, who Officer Bouchard made first contact with, was reviewing paperwork and questioned him about a "suicide evaluation." **Teixeira** stated during his interview that he had only been assigned to that post on light duty for approximately four months. As for the paperwork, **Teixeira** stated that it takes him longer to ensure that all the paperwork is present and at times the paperwork appears to be different. Regarding the wait time, **Teixeira** knew that the Admissions 2, Officer **Arpa** was on break and wanted to ensure the paperwork was correct before he had contacted him.

Speaking with Officer **Arpa**, he advised me that he does not recall the situation but indicated that it was normal to be on break at that time when he works that post. When questioned about **Teixeira** in regards to his attentiveness with communications, he stated sometimes he "communicates and other times he does not." I also asked if there might have been another officer available to take in any police departments during that time that he would be on break. Officer **Arpa** stated that he is the only one that works in Admissions during that time and the yard officer who was on a different post would have not been able to assist. Based on the above mentioned information, I hereby determine this allegation to be **UNSUBSTANTIATED**

Third Report – June 6, 2026, June 20, 2026, July 1, 2026, July 21, 2026

In this report from Swansea Police Officer Estrella, it mentions four dates where he was instructed by Correctional Officers to remove his own restraints from the detainee. For each of the dates mentioned above, five Correctional Officers were interviewed. This investigator learned that several staff members indicated that they were either instructed, told or observed an email explaining that law enforcement is responsible for removing their own restraints. The only document supporting this was a step-by-step process provided by Officer Cadigan who could not recall the documents point of origin.

A review of the M.O.A. (Memorandum of Agreement) shows no language regarding the removal of restraints. Furthermore, the last M.O.A. that had been sent out to all Police Chiefs in 2023 show only 2 police departments returning the signed agreements, Swansea Police was not one of them. An updated agreement had been drafted and was reviewed at the last Police Chief's meeting on April 14, 2026. The meeting notes indicate that a review of the agreement (M.O.A.), the rights of refusal and the regional pre-screening questions occurred on April 14, 2026. At this meeting, the Chief's whom were present received the new agreement in hand and the remaining were mailed the new agreement via USPS. Due to Swansea Police not present for this meeting, the agreement had been mailed.

A review of BCSO policy 25.01.00 "Bristol County Regional Lockup" specifically policy 25.01.04 "Prisoner and Property Searches" Section A. "Prisoner Searches" sub-section 1 indicates the following. "Arresting agencies shall pat search their prisoners in front of the Ash Street Booking Officer. The Booking Officer may also conduct a Garrett Detector or Boss Chair search of the prisoner. Cleared prisoners shall be released from restraints and placed inside a temporary holding cell within the Ash Street Booking Area." This policy does not specify as to whom the responsibility of the restraint removal lies with but instead remains ambiguous.

Finally, a review of the Admissions 1 and Admissions 2 post orders. The Admissions 1 post orders, number 31 states, "Upon receipt of the inmate/prisoner you will ensure that all restraints are removed and said inmate/prisoner is placed in a holding cell upon being processed in a timely manner." The Admissions 2 post orders, number 35 states, "You will be responsible for the booking procedures as it involves the acceptance and release of inmates and prisoners. Upon receipt if the inmate/prisoners you will ensure that all restraints are removed and said inmate/prisoner is placed in a holding cell upon being processed in a timely manner." Both post orders are ambiguous and leads its reader to interpret its contents on an individual basis.

Regarding the complaint lodged for the incidents on June 6, 2026, June 20, 2026, July 1, 2026, July 21, 2026, I hereby determine this allegation to be a **policy, post order conflict and may warrant further review by the Bristol County Sheriff's Office.**

This case is officially closed at this time unless new evidence presents itself which would warrant further investigation.

Respectfully Submitted,



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