

10/31/2017

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your report of 10/31/2017 for a child with the initials of [REDACTED]. If you are a mandated reporter, the law requires that you follow-up your verbal report with a written report within five days. A form to assist you with this may be found on the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) web site at www.dcfslouisiana.gov (Child Welfare, Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect, Mandated Reporter Form).

After careful consideration of the information you gave us, we have reached the following decision:

- We are unable to investigate the situation because it does not meet the legal and policy definition of child abuse or neglect. If you have additional information you would like us to consider, please call the Child Protection Hotline at 1-855-452-5437.
- We have forwarded your report to law enforcement for possible follow-up by them. It does not meet the legal and policy definition of child abuse or neglect for which DCFS is responsible to investigate. If you have not already done so, we urge you to contact them.
- The information you provided meets the legal and agency definition of a report of child abuse and/or neglect. An investigation will be or is being conducted in accordance with the Louisiana Children's Code and the policy of DCFS.

We appreciate your concern for the safety of children. If in the future you have knowledge or information a child is at serious risk of harm, please contact us again.

Sincerely,

Pamela H. Ferrier, Supervisor

