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COMMISSIONER MACY OUTRAGED BY ALLEGATION OF ABUSE AT PRIVATELY-OPERATED GROUP HOME FOR ADULTS

Dept. of Developmental Services and East Hartford Police Investigating Alleged Abuse of Client
With Intellectual Disability

(EAST HARTFORD, CT) - The Connecticut Department of Developmental Services (DDS) received a dvd yesterday, July 10th at their East Hartford regional office which appeared to depict a staff member at a privately-operated group home physically abusing a client at the home.

"I am outraged by the images in this video—this is absolutely unacceptable," said DDS Commissioner Terrence W. Macy, Ph.D. "Our immediate response was to ensure the accused staffer was removed from the premises and the victim is getting the proper care and support. DDS has begun our own investigation in conjunction with the investigation by the East Hartford police, and we will work with authorities to aggressively prosecute any wrongdoing."

The abuse depicted in the dvd occurred at a privately-operated facility licensed by DDS. There are currently three other clients living in the home.

Both the dvd received by the DDS regional office and another copy received by the provider, Options Unlimited, Inc., of Bloomfield, were delivered anonymously.

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