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Michelle Richard  
ACTING DIRECTOR

6/5/2024

Brenda Spivey  
11345 N Vandecar  
Farwell, MI 48622

License Number: DF180399725  
Special Investigation Number: SI-00121281

Dear Brenda Spivey,

I conducted a special investigation because the child care licensing division received a complaint against your facility that related to licensing rules or law. The allegations were related to the following:

Rule/Law Number	Rule Description
R 400.8125(1)	All staff and volunteers shall provide appropriate care and supervision of children at all times.

The details of the allegations are in the attached report. To investigate the allegations:

- I interviewed: the complainant, licensee, parent, and law enforcement officer.
- I completed on-site inspections on the following dates: 04/09/2024

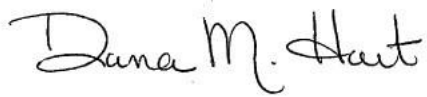
As a result of this investigation, I recommend no change to the current license status. I did not find any violations. The special investigation report is attached.

<b>During this special investigation:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
A rule or law violation was found and a serious injury or death occurred.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
A rule or law violation was found and abuse and/or neglect of a child occurred.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

This report and any related corrective action plans must be filed in your licensing notebook. This report and any related corrective action plans will be online for parents to review under the [Statewide Search for Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes](#).

Please review this report for accuracy and contact your consultant, Dana M. Hart at (517) 388-4625 or hartd8@michigan.gov. In the event that Dana M. Hart is not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the Child Care Licensing Bureau at 517-284-9730.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana M. Hart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and "H".

Dana M. Hart, Licensing Consultant

Enclosure

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF  
LIFELONG EDUCATION, ADVANCEMENT, AND POTENTIAL  
CHILD CARE LICENSING**

**Report Type:** Special Investigation Report

**Date of Report:** 6/5/2024

<b>Special Investigation Number</b>	<b>Complaint/Incident Receipt Date</b>
SI-00121281	04/03/2024
<b>Investigation Initiation Date</b>	<b>Report Due Date</b>
4/10/2024	
<b>License Number</b>	<b>Licensee Name(s)</b>
DF180399725	Brenda Spivey
<b>Capacity</b>	<b>Facility Name</b>
7	Little Stars Daycare
<b>Program Type</b>	<b>Mailing Address</b>
Family Home	, ,
<b>Facility Address</b>	<b>Facility Email Address</b>
11345 N Vandecar, Farwell, MI, 48622	spivey_brenda@yahoo.com
<b>Facility Phone Number</b>	<b>License Status:</b>
2314294230	Regular
<b>Original License Issuance Date</b>	<b>License Expiration Date:</b>
8/16/2019	2/15/2024
<b>License Effective Date:</b>	
2/16/2022	

**ALLEGATION(S)**

	<b>Violation Established?</b>	
Brenda Spivey took a picture of Child A's (9-month-old female) private areas.		No

**METHODOLOGY**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
4/10/2024	Special Investigation Case Created SI-00121281
4/4/2024	Contact – Phone Call Received Complainant: interviewed
4/4/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made Complainant: voicemail left
4/8/2024	Contact – Email Sent Complainant

4/9/2024	Special Investigation Initiated via On-site Interviewed.
4/10/2024	Contact – Text Message Sent Brenda Spivey
4/10/2024	Contact – Email Sent Complainant
4/10/2024	Contact – Phone Call Received Child A's Guardian: interviewed
4/10/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made Officer Joshua Loudenslager, Mt. Pleasant Police Department; unable to leave a voicemail
4/10/2024	Contact – Email Received Complainant
4/10/2024	Contact – Text Message Received Brenda Spivey
4/10/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made Child A's Guardian: voicemail left
4/11/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made Officer Joshua Loudenslager, Mt. Pleasant Police Department: voicemail left
4/15/2024	Contact – Phone Call Received Officer Joshua Loudenslager, Mt. Pleasant Police Department: voicemail left
4/16/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made Officer Joshua Loudenslager, Mt. Pleasant Police Department: voicemail left
4/17/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made Officer Joshua Loudenslager, Mt. Pleasant Police Department: interviewed
5/24/2024	Exit Conference

**ALLEGATION:** Brenda Spivey took a picture of Child A's (9-month-old female) private areas.

**INVESTIGATION:** On 04/04/2024, I interviewed the complainant, and she confirmed that Brenda Spivey had told her that she had taken pictures of Child A's (9-month-old female) private area because she was concerned about Child A having poop smeared all over her private area and an excessive amount of diaper cream being used. She said Brenda Spivey told her that she had taken the pictures to protect herself. The complainant denied looking at the pictures and said it was not right for Brenda Spivey to take pictures of a child's private area.

On 04/09/2024, I made an unannounced on-site inspection. I explained the allegation to Brenda Spivey. She stated that on one occasion she had taken a picture of Child A's bottom, because she had what appeared to be, "bite marks on her butt cheeks". She

sent that picture to Child A's Guardian because she wanted her to see what she was concerned about. Brenda Spivey also confirmed that she had taken a picture of Child A's private area on 04/02/2024. She said she had taken the picture because she been advised by Officer Joshua Loudenslager, of the Mt. Pleasant Police Department, that she could take pictures to document any concerns she had in regard to Child A. Brenda Spivey said the picture she took of Child A's private area was only shared with Officer Joshua Loudenslager and with no one else. She further reported that she has not taken any pictures of any other child's private areas.


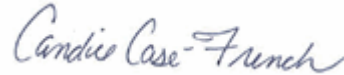
On 04/10/2024, I interviewed Child A's Guardian. She reported that she has no concerns with Brenda Spivey and the care and supervision she has provided for Child A. She was aware of the pictures that Brenda Spivey had taken and knows that Brenda Spivey had no "ill intent" when taking the pictures and that she was taking them to protect Child A. She is aware of who Officer Joshua Loudenslager, Mt. Pleasant Police Department, is and the investigation he is working on. She was told by Brenda Spivey that Officer Joshua Loudenslager had advised her to take pictures of anything concerning regarding Child A. On 04/17/2024, I interviewed Officer Joshua Loudenslager, Mt. Pleasant Police Department, and he confirmed that he told Brenda Spivey to take pictures of Child A and any concerns relating to his investigation.

**RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS:**

APPLICABLE RULES	
R 400.8125(1)	All staff and volunteers shall provide appropriate care and supervision of children at all times.
ANALYSIS:	Brenda Spivey provided appropriate care and supervision of Child A when she took pictures of Child A's private area, under the direction of Officer Joshua Loudenslager, of the Mt. Pleasant Police Department.
CONCLUSION:	<b>Violation Not Established</b>

**BUREAU RECOMMENDATION**

Bureau Recommendation
I recommend no change in the status of the license.

Approved By:			
			
Dana M. Hart <b>Consultant</b>	06/05/2024 <b>Date</b>	Candice Case-French <b>Area Manager</b>	06/05/2024 <b>Date</b>