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Michelle Richard
ACTING DIRECTOR

5/14/2024

Michelle Mier
11297 Riley Street,
Holland, MI, 49424

License Number: DF700360507
Special Investigation Number: SI-00020323

Dear Michelle Mier,

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 400.1911(3)	A licensee and child care staff members shall be up and awake at all times when children are in care, except as provided in R 400.1922(2) of these rules.

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

- I interviewed: Interviewed Michelle Mier and parent.
- I completed on-site inspections on the following dates: 9/8/24

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.

During this special investigation:	Yes	No
A rule or law violation was found and a serious injury or death occurred.	☐	☒
A rule or law violation was found and abuse and/or neglect of a child occurred.	☐	☒

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, Stacia Thrower at (616) 916-5504 or throwers1@michigan.gov. In the event that Stacia Thrower 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 dark ink, appearing to read "Stacia Thrower", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Stacia Thrower, Licensing Consultant

Enclosure

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

Report Type: Special Investigation Report

Date of Report: 5/14/2024

Special Investigation Number	Complaint/Incident Receipt Date
SI-00020323	9/7/2023
Investigation Initiation Date	Report Due Date
9/22/2023	11/7/2023
License Number	Licensee Name(s)
DF700360507	Michelle Mier
Capacity	Facility Name
6	Michelle Mier
Program Type	Mailing Address
Family Home	11297 Riley Street, Holland, MI, 49424
Facility Address	Facility Email Address
11297 Riley Street, Holland, MI, 49424	michellemier7@gmail.com
Facility Phone Number	License Status:
6162127940	Regular
Original License Issuance Date	License Expiration Date:
7/24/2014	7/23/2024
License Effective Date:	
7/24/2022	

ALLEGATION(S)

Violation Established?

On 9/7/2023, Michelle Mier was sleeping while caring for child care children.		No
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METHODOLOGY

Date	Activity
9/22/2023	Special Investigation Case Created SI-00020323
9/8/2023	Special Investigation Initiated via On-site Approximately 12:01Pm - 12:25PM. Interviewed Michelle Mier.
4/22/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made TX to Michelle Mier, message left
4/22/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made TX to complainant

4/22/2024	Contact – Phone Call Made To Child A & B's Mother
5/2/2024	Exit Conference Via email to Michelle Mier

ALLEGATION: On 9/7/2023, Michelle Mier was sleeping while caring for child care children.

INVESTIGATION:

I conducted an unannounced onsite inspection on 9/8/2023. I interviewed Michelle Mier regarding the allegation. She reported being made aware of the allegation by Child A's & B's Mother on 9/7/2023 at the time of pick up for Child A (Female, 4 years of age) and Child B (Female, 2 years of age). Child A & B's Mother explained to her that Child A's school notified her that she was sleeping when the bus arrived to pick up Child A for school. Child A's Mother asked, what took so long for her to bring Child A to the bus. She explained that she brought Child A outdoors for the bus at 9:10AM. The bus has regularly not arrived on time or at different times on different dates. On 9/6/2023, the bus arrived at 9:07AM, and often arrives later. The bus driver recently told her that she couldn't find the child care home due to weather, and she decided to allow some additional time prior to coming outside on 9/8/2023. Michelle Mier reported that she awakens each day at 6:00AM as Child A and Child B arrive at 6:15AM. She currently cares for no other children, and she denied sleeping on 9/8/2023 or any other date while caring for children. She stated that she was fully dressed when the bus arrived but came outdoors a little later because the bus had arrived regularly late in the past. She explained that Child A & B's Mother also spoke to Child A regarding the allegation and Child A denied stating she was sleeping. Child A told her mother that Child B was sleeping. Child A & B's Mother reported no concerns to her, and the children are still attending care.

I interviewed the complainant regarding the allegation on 4/22/2024 via telephone. She reported arriving at the child care home on 9/8/2024 to pick up Child A. She "waited and waited," but no one came out of the home. The complainant contacted the school that Child A attends and asked that someone contact the child care home. The school also contacted Child A's Mother, and Child A's Mother contacted Michelle Mier via telephone. Michelle Mier came out of the home with Child A, but she looked like she'd just woken up. The complainant asked Child A if the child care home provider had been sleeping and Child A replied, "Yes." Child A stated that Child B was also sleeping, and the complainant reported that there was no other adult present at the child care home. The complainant acknowledged that the bus had previously arrived late to the child care home by at least 15-20 minutes, but she stated that she honked the horn and waited on 9/7/2023, and no one came outdoors. The complainant reported speaking to Child A's Mother regarding the allegation and Child A's Mother told the complainant that when she spoke to Michele Mier via telephone, she acknowledged that she was sleeping when the bus arrived.

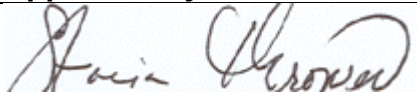
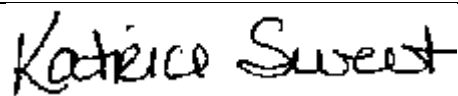
I also interviewed Child A & B's Mother via telephone on 4/22/2024. She explained that on 9/7/2023 when the bus arrived to pick up Child A, Child Care Staff Members at the center were asking Child A if the child care home provider was sleeping and Child A just said, yes. However, she was not actually sleeping. Child A & B's Mother stated that she does not believe that Michelle Mier sleeps during child care hours, and both of her children still attend care at the child care home. I asked Child A & B's Mother if she had any concerns about the care and supervision that her children receive and she stated that she did not.

RULE/STATUTORY VIOLATIONS:

APPLICABLE RULES	
R 400.1911(3)	A licensee and child care staff members shall be up and awake at all times when children are in care, except as provided in R 400.1922(2) of these rules.
ANALYSIS:	Michelle Mier and Child A & B's Mother denied that Michelle Mier was sleeping while caring for children on 9/7/2023.
CONCLUSION:	Violation Not Established

BUREAU RECOMMENDATION

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

Approved By:	
 Stacia Thrower 05/06/2024 Consultant Date	 Katrice Sweet 05/14/2024 Area Manager Date