

(3) THE RECIPIENT OF THE REPORT PROMPTLY SHALL NOTIFY:

(I) THE OTHER PARTIES REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND

(II) UNLESS THE ADMINISTRATOR IS THE ALLEGED ABUSER, THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE RELATED INSTITUTION.

(c) (1) [The] UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED, THE law enforcement agency, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SECRETARY, shall:

(i) Investigate thoroughly each report of an alleged abuse; and

(ii) Attempt to insure the protection of the alleged victim.

(2) The investigation shall include:

(i) A determination of the nature, extent, and cause of the abuse;

(ii) The identity of the alleged abuser; and

(iii) Any other pertinent fact or matter.

[(d)] (3) Within 10 working days after the completion of the investigation, the law enforcement agency shall submit a written report of its findings to [the State's Attorney, the Secretary, and the administrator of the nursing home.]:

(I) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY;

(II) THE SECRETARY;

(III) THE LOCAL OMBUDSMAN AS DESIGNATED BY THE STATE DIRECTOR ON AGING; AND

(IV) UNLESS THE ADMINISTRATOR IS THE ALLEGED ABUSER, THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE RELATED INSTITUTION.

(D) THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY:

(1) SHALL REFER TO THE SECRETARY FOR INVESTIGATION REPORTED INSTANCES OF ABUSE INVOLVING ANY PERSISTENT COURSE OF CONDUCT INTENDED TO PRODUCE OR RESULTING IN MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL DISTRESS; AND

(2) MAY REFER TO THE SECRETARY FOR INVESTIGATION REPORTED INSTANCES OF PATIENT-TO-PATIENT ABUSE.

(E) WITHIN 10 WORKING DAYS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF AN INVESTIGATION UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY SHALL SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS TO: