

Illinois State Police Arrest Choate Mental Health Employees For Official Misconduct

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Anna, IL- Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Internal Investigation (DII) Agents arrested two former employees of Choate Mental Health and Development Center, located in Anna, Illinois for Official Misconduct and other charges.

The Illinois State Police arrived at Choate Mental Health and Development Center on March 22, 2018, to investigate allegations of the abuse of mental health patients. After a comprehensive investigation, the Union County Grand Jury issued indictments on January 6, 2020, for Sheri L. Fish, Cody A. Barger, and Johnathan C. Lingle.

Sheri L. Fish, a 49-year-old female of Sherman, IL and Cody A. Barger, a 25-year-old of Grantsburg, IL, has been taken into custody. Fish was transported to the Sangamon County Jail on January 16, 2020 where she is being held on one count of Official Misconduct with a \$25,000, 10% applies bond. Barger was transported to the Union County Jail on January 14, 2020 where he is being held on two counts of Official Misconduct and two counts of Obstruction of Justice on a \$25,000, 10% applies bond. Although Union County warrants for one count of Official Misconduct and one count of Obstruction of Justice for Jonathan C. Lingle, a 29-year-old male of Goreville, IL have been entered, officials have not been able to apprehend him at this time.

Anyone with information concerning the whereabouts of Lingle is encouraged to contact the Illinois State Police Division of Internal Investigation Collinsville office at (618)

346-3500. This case has been turned over to the Union County State's Attorney and no additional information is available for release.

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