

### **Linn County Sheriff Office Investigative Responsibilities (PREA)**

- a.** Investigators shall gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data; shall interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses; and shall review prior complaints and reports of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrators, even if the source of the allegation recants the allegation.
- b.** The Sheriff's Office may conduct compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors as to whether compelled interviews may be an obstacle for subsequent criminal prosecution.
- c.** The credibility of an alleged victim, suspect, or witness shall be assessed on an individual basis and shall not be determined by the person's status as resident or staff. A resident who alleges sexual abuse shall not be required to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding with the investigation of such an allegation.
- d.** The Linn County Sheriff's Office will provide the JDDS Director a written report that contains a thorough description of physical, testimonial and documentary evidence and attaches copies of all documentary evidence where feasible.
- e.** Substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal will be referred for prosecution.
- f.** The departure of the alleged abuser or victim from employment or residency at Linn County Juvenile Detention shall not provide a basis for terminating an investigation.