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DIRECTOR

September 17, 2025

Deborah Daly
Summertree Residential Centers, Inc.
210 N Lake Street
Boyne City, MI 49712

RE: License #: AS400066153
Investigation #: 2025A0009033
Arborlight

Dear Ms. Daly:

Attached is the Special Investigation Report for the above referenced facility. Due to the violations identified in the report, a written corrective action plan is required. The corrective action plan is due 15 days from the date of this letter and must include the following:

- How compliance with the rule will be achieved.
- Who is directly responsible for implementing the corrective action for the violation.
- A specific time frame as to when the correction will be completed or implemented.
- How continuing compliance will be maintained once compliance is achieved.
- The signature of the responsible party and a date.

If you desire technical assistance in addressing these issues, please contact me. In any event, the corrective action plan is due within 15 days. Failure to submit an acceptable corrective action plan will result in disciplinary action.

Please review the enclosed documentation for accuracy and contact me with any questions. In the event that I am not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the local office at (616) 356-0100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adam Robarge".

Adam Robarge, Licensing Consultant
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enclosure

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SYSTEMS
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	AS400066153
Investigation #:	2025A0009033
Complaint Receipt Date:	08/22/2025
Investigation Initiation Date:	08/22/2025
Report Due Date:	09/21/2025
Licensee Name:	Summertree Residential Centers, Inc.
Licensee Address:	210 N Lake Street Boyne City, MI 49712
Licensee Telephone #:	(231) 582-2225
Administrator:	Angela Potter
Licensee Designee:	Deborah Daly
Name of Facility:	Arborlight
Facility Address:	403 Arbor Street Kalkaska, MI 49646
Facility Telephone #:	(231) 258-1133
License Status:	REGULAR
Effective Date:	01/11/2024
Expiration Date:	01/10/2026
Capacity:	6
Program Type:	PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

II. ALLEGATION(S)

	Violation Established?
Resident A was sexually assaulted by staff Wayne Farmer.	Yes

III. METHODOLOGY

08/22/2025	Special Investigation Intake 2025A0009033
08/22/2025	APS Referral
08/22/2025	Contact – Telephone call received from adult protective services worker Kieran Goodman
08/22/2025	Special Investigation Initiated – Telephone call made to licensee designee Deb Daly
08/25/2025	Contact – Document received (email with attachment) from adult protective services worker Kieran Goodman
09/03/2025	Inspection Completed On-site Interviews with direct care worker Kiriki Leishman and home manager Crystal Barber
09/11/2025	Contact – Telephone call made to direct care worker Susan Sanders
09/12/2025	Contact – Telephone call made to former direct care worker Wayne Farmer
09/15/2025	Contact – Telephone call made to adult protective services worker Kieran Goodman
09/15/2025	Contact – Telephone call made to Officer Zachery Light, Kalkaska Public Safety, left message
09/16/2025	Inspection Completed On-site Interview with Resident A
09/16/2025	Contact - Telephone call made to adult protective services worker Kieran Goodman
09/17/2025	Exit conference with licensee designee Deb Daly

ALLEGATION: Resident A was sexually assaulted by staff Wayne Farmer.

INVESTIGATION: I spoke with adult protective services worker Kieran Goodman by telephone on August 22, 2025. He said that he had spoken with Resident A who had reported being sexually assaulted by staff person Wayne Farmer at the adult foster care home. Mr. Goodman did not know if Mr. Farmer was still working for the agency since this allegation came to light. It was reported to him that Mr. Farmer might be working at another adult foster home run by the agency. Community Mental Health (CMH) recipient rights and law enforcement were also investigating the matter. I asked Mr. Goodman if he could provide me with details of his interview with Resident A so that she would not need to be interviewed by yet another professional about the incident. Mr. Goodman agreed to do so and stated he would send me an email summarizing what Resident A told him.

I spoke with licensee designee Deb Daly by telephone on August 22, 2025. She said that as soon as the allegation against Mr. Farmer came to light, they moved him to a facility with only male residents. There are always two staff working there at all times. Since then he has quit, and is no longer working for their agency in any capacity.

On August 25, 2025, I received an email from adult protective services worker Kieran Goodman providing details of his interview with Resident A. The email read as follows; *“ASW arrives at GTI (Grand Traverse Industries) in Mancelona and speaks first to Rebecca Philips Branch Manager at GTI 231-587-9176 231-350-1745. Rebecca is advised that ASW needs to speak with (Resident A) and Rebecca provides a private meeting room where ASW can speak to (Resident A) without interruption. She leads ASW through an area where (Resident A) is with other clients and tells (Resident A) that ASW is there to speak with her. She follows both ASW and Rebecca and ASW hears (Resident A) ask Rebecca if she is in trouble. Rebecca advises that she is not but that ASW would like to speak to her. ASW sits down with (Resident A) across the table and begins the interview process. Rebecca leaves the room and places a "meeting in progress" sign on the door as she leaves. ASW begins by reassuring (Resident A) that she is not in any trouble and that the Department is there to help. It's noted that when (Resident A) gets anxious she will repeat herself or stutter and needs to be reminded to breathe and take her time. She tells ASW that she spoke to someone named Mike through mental health. Mike asked her where it took place and how Mr. Farmer did it and how many times this has taken place. She then pauses. ASW asks (Resident A) where it took place and she reports the hallway. ASW asks if Mr. Farmer has done this before and she states ten times about. ASW asks what happened and she tells ASW that Mr. Farmer touched her breasts. ASW asks her if Mr. Farmer lifted her shirt to touch her and she states that it was under her shirt and starts to lift her shirt, when ASW advises (Resident A) that she does not have to show ASW. She provides information that Mr. Farmer only has ever touched her breasts.”*

Mr. Goodman also spoke with Branch Manager Rebecca Philipps away from

Resident A. He described their conversation as follows: *“Rebecca continues to speak with ASW regarding her concerns and information she wanted to share. She states that she's been there at GTI for 6 years and has seen a big change in (Resident A) over the past month and a half. She states that she's addressed it with the guardian. (Resident A) has been having approximately 5 toileting issues a week and has never been incontinent before this. She reports she talked with (Resident A's) guardian about it last week. (The guardian) agreed that it was not normal.”*

I conducted a site visit at the Arborlight adult foster care home on September 3, 2025. I spoke with direct care worker Kiriki Leishman at that time. She said that she had noticed some odd behavior on the part of Mr. Farmer before the allegations came to light. He seemed to give Resident A a lot of individual and special attention that he did not give to the other residents. He would always follow her around. One time, she had told Resident A it was time for her to take her bath or shower. Mr. Farmer had asked that she use some shampoo or body wash that he liked the smell of. Ms. Leishman said that she found this to be really odd for him to say and she told him that it was not appropriate for him to say that. She said things were just adding up and that the relationship between them did not seem like a normal staff/resident relationship. Ms. Leishman said that then Resident A was taking a shower and came out into the hallway and yelled for Mr. Farmer to come to her. Ms. Leishman said that Mr. Farmer was well-aware that he is not to help Resident A with any hygiene assistance. Mr. Farmer jumped up to go to her and Ms. Leishman had to tell him to stop and that she would go. Ms. Leishman said that when she looked down the hallway near the bathroom, she observed Resident A standing in the hallway with no pants on, fully naked from the waist down. This is not typical behavior for Resident A and she knows that that is not proper for her to do. She had not done anything like that before.

Ms. Leishman said that the next time she worked was with direct care worker Susan Sanders. She told Ms. Sanders about the incident. Ms. Sanders knows Resident A well and thought to ask her about it. Ms. Sanders agreed that this is not typical behavior for Resident A. Ms. Sanders talked to Resident A and Resident A told her that Mr. Farmer had been touching her breasts. I asked Ms. Leishman what she thought about this since it is a very serious allegation. She said that she believes it is true because of all the odd behavior she had seen on the part of both Mr. Farmer and Resident A leading up to this. I asked her how she thought that he might have been able to do that to her given that there are always two staff on-duty at the home. She said that she thought that he still would have found opportunities to do that as other staff are often busy with other residents. I asked her if Resident A had ever been known to lie about things. She said that she might lie about little things but never an important issue. Ms. Leishman said that she had never known Resident A to lie about what someone had done to her.

I then spoke with the home manager Crystal Barber. She said that she was not working when Resident A disclosed the allegation. Ms. Leishman and Ms. Sanders had contacted her about it. She told them to contact adult protective services and

law enforcement. She said that she had not noticed anything unusual with Mr. Farmer herself. She confirmed that male staff should not give Resident A any hygiene assistance. Resident A is able to take care of her own hygiene needs without assistance most of the time. If she does need assistance, it would only be given by female staff. Mr. Farmer would definitely have known this and should not have attempted to provide her with hygiene assistance. She said that she tends to believe vulnerable adults when they disclose something like this, and does not have any reason not to believe Resident A.

I spoke with direct care worker Susan Sanders by telephone on September 11, 2025. Ms. Sanders said that she knows Resident A very well and has worked closely with her for the last year and a half that Resident A has lived there. She knew that it was very unusual behavior for Resident A when Ms. Leishman told her about Resident A coming out of the bathroom with no pants and asking for Mr. Farmer. Resident A knows that would not be proper behavior. Ms. Sanders said that she had a talk with Resident A and asked her why she would do something like that since it is not something she would usually do. Resident A told her that Mr. Farmer had been touching her. When she asked where, Resident A replied in the hallway. When she asked where on her body, she indicated that he had been grabbing her breasts. Ms. Sanders believed that she was telling the truth. Ms. Sanders said that there were other “red flags” with Mr. Farmer. She had noticed that he always gave the two female residents in the home extra attention. He would bring them beverages and not bring any for the others. He always seemed to want to take the other female resident to use the bathroom even after she had already gone. Ms. Sanders thought it was unusual behavior on his part and it had caught her attention. The other female resident is non-verbal so they wouldn’t be able to ask her if anything had happened to her.

I spoke with former direct care worker Wayne Farmer by telephone on September 12, 2025. I asked him if he wanted to make a statement regarding the allegation against him from his time working at the Arborlight adult foster care home. He asked me what allegation I was talking about. I said the allegation about him being inappropriate with one or more female residents who live there. Mr. Farmer replied that it was a “false claim”. He denied ever following Resident A around the facility. He did admit that there was some truth to him saying that he wanted her to shampoo and to use something that smelled nice. He said that he was just trying to encourage her to bathe. He denied that he ever assisted Resident A with her personal hygiene. Mr. Farmer denied ever being alone with her saying, “99% of the time I was in the common areas”. Mr. Farmer said that he “never had my hands on (Resident A)”. I asked him about the report that he seemed to always want to take the other female resident to the bathroom. He replied that the other female resident needs to use the bathroom “like 80 times a day” so he was only doing what was needed.

I spoke with adult protective services worker Kieran Goodman by telephone on September 15, 2025. He said that he had spoken with the law enforcement officer

assigned the case. He said that law enforcement had spoken with former direct care worker Wayne Farmer and he had denied the allegations. They set up a polygraph examination for him. I asked Mr. Goodman about his impression when talking with Resident A about her truthfulness. He said that she was adamant that Mr. Farmer had touched her in a sexual manner. She did not show any signs of untruthfulness. Resident A did not demonstrate any sign of untruthfulness and was consistent in her account of what had happened to her.

I conducted a site visit at the Arborlight foster care home on September 16, 2025. I interviewed Resident A at that time using the Forensic Interviewing protocol. She was able to demonstrate that she knew the difference between the truth and a lie. After some preliminary discussion, I asked her about the staff there. She said that she likes all of them. She denied that any of them ever did anything they shouldn't. Resident A said that a staff named Wayne touched her somewhere he shouldn't have but that he didn't work there anymore. I asked her what he had done. She said that he touched her in the hallway of the home. She didn't think anyone else saw it happen. I asked her where he touched her. She indicated her breasts. Resident A said that he touched her with his hands there. She said that he was standing in front of her when it happened. I asked her if it was over the clothing or on her skin. She replied that it was on her skin. Resident A said that was the only place he had touched her. She said that she told staff members Kiriki and Susan about it.

I spoke again with adult protective services worker Kieran Goodman by telephone on September 16, 2025. He stated that he had not completed his investigation but felt that he would be substantiating abuse against former direct care worker Wayne Farmer with the information that he has at this point.

APPLICABLE RULE	
R 400.14305	Resident protection.
	(3) A resident shall be treated with dignity and his or her personal needs, including protection and safety, shall be attended to at all times in accordance with the provisions of the act.
ANALYSIS:	It was reported by direct care worker Kiriki Leishman that Resident A came out of the shower and yelled for direct care worker Wayne Farmer. She was not wearing any pants and was naked from the waist down at the time. This behavior was reported by Ms. Leishman to be unusual behavior for Resident A. Ms. Leishman stated Mr. Farmer jumped up to go to her before being told by Ms. Leishman that she would take care of it. Mr. Farmer was aware that he is not to assist Resident A with any hygiene issues. Resident A later disclosed that Mr. Farmer had touched her breasts on multiple occasions. She has been

	<p>consistent in her reporting that Mr. Farmer touched her on her breasts. What she disclosed is not consistent with any type of personal care that a male direct care worker should be providing Resident A. Resident A cares for her own hygiene needs and only ever needs occasional assistance from female care givers.</p> <p>Resident A was not treated with dignity and her personal needs, including protection and safety, were not attended to at all times when direct care worker Wayne Farmer touched her breasts.</p>
CONCLUSION:	VIOLATION ESTABLISHED

I conducted an exit conference with licensee designee Deb Daly by telephone on September 17, 2025. I told her of the findings of my investigation and gave her the opportunity to ask questions.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Upon receipt of an acceptable corrective action plan, I recommend no change in the license status.



09/17/2025

Adam Robarge
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



09/17/2025

Jerry Hendrick
Area Manager

Date