



Betty was pretty sure the two boys were still in the darkened room, so she pulled a portable clothes rack in front of the doorway. That way she would be better able to tell when they came out. She had no answer when asked why she didn't turn the light on to see if the boys were in there.

At some point the boys did appear again, and Betty had the three of them sit in the large gathering area to eat rather than let them go to where the other school age kids were eating. She took them three breakfast trays. A short time later another child said the girl wanted her breakfast, and her brother wanted seconds.

It was also stated Betty called this girl a derogatory name, which Betty denied. She did tell the girl she was ridiculous, and stated she was referring to the behavior.

Betty denied bending the girls hand back, and denied ever pulling her hair. She knew this girl was upset with her because grandma was going to know she and her brother were not minding the rules at daycare.

There were probably 5 or 6 staff also working with the kids in this open area before school. At different times a few of the staff were hanging around the area where this interview was taking place. They all agreed it was a chaotic and crazy morning. None heard or saw Betty do anything out of line. They did see problems with the way these kids were acting and not listening to the adults.

It was suggested to Betty that the morning routine should provide more structured activities for the children. This is too many children to allow them to just run around and do whatever they want whenever they wanted.

While it's unclear what exactly happened with this little girl, it is clear this was a morning where the children were doing what they wanted when they wanted with little regard to the adults or the rules. Two of the more challenging boys from that morning hid in a small darkened classroom. Also in this room was the sister of one of the boys. Betty got the girl to come out from under the table but made no attempt to get the boys out of the room. Instead she put a barrier in front of the doorway so she would be able to see when they came out. However, she doesn't know when they came out because she got busy doing other things. Licensing rules do not allow for children to be left unsupervised.

**Special Notes and Action Required:**

If the center feels any of this report is incorrect, or wishes to add anything, please submit it in writing and it will be put in the licensing file along with this report.

**Consultant's Signature:**

*Cheryl Hickel*

**Date:**

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