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MEDIA RELEASE

On July 18, 2020, the Sumter County Sheriff's Office responded to Freedom Pointe at The Villages, which is an assisted living facility located at 1700 El Camino Real, within The Villages. The Sumter County Sheriff's Office responded to this location after staff at the facility discovered a patient deceased within the facility.

Further investigation revealed during the early evening hours of July 17, 2020, the same patient had fallen within the facility. Staff responded to this fall patient, with it learned the patient, who was diagnosed with Dementia, had become unresponsive following the fall. Detectives with the Sumter County Sheriff's Office's Criminal Investigations Division investigated this incident further. During the course of the investigation, it was learned Gayle Gall, who was a Licensed Practical Nurse at Freedom Pointe at The Villages during this incident, failed to render medical care to the patient following this fall incident. Gayle Gall also failed to document this fall incident within the facility's records. It was confirmed through interviews with staff that the patient became unresponsive after her falling incident, and Gayle Gall directed staff to place the patient to bed, with no medical care rendered after the falling incident. A physician was not notified following the patient's fall nor was the patient's family notified of the fall incident. When Gayle Gall was interviewed by Detectives, she admitted this was her responsibility to complete the above protocol following the patient's fall.



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Detectives found no previous formal complaints involving Gayle Gall within the State of Florida in regards to her nursing license. The Sumter County Sheriff's Office did report this incident to the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA).

On August 3, 2020, an arrest capias was obtained for Gayle Gall's arrest, in reference to one count of Neglect of Elderly or Disabled Adult. The Marion County Sheriff's Office was able to locate Gayle Gall following this at which time she was placed under arrest in reference to the active Sumter County arrest warrant. Gayle Gall was transported to the Marion County Jail where she received a bond of \$2,000, which is in accordance with the issued warrant.

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