

**Sandoval County Detention Center**  
Annual Assessment of Sexual Abuse for the Year of 2017



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Pursuant to standard §115.88 of the Prison Rape Elimination Act, (PREA), Sandoval County Detention Center (SCDC) is required to:

1. Aggregate incident based sexual abuse data annually from operated facilities.
2. Use the data to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices and training by:
  - a. Identifying problem areas;
  - b. Tracking corrective action on an on-going basis; and
  - c. Prepare an annual report of its findings.
3. Compare the current year's data and corrective actions with those from the prior year and provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse.
4. Publish and make available to the public the annual report of its findings and corrective actions.

## **1. Aggregated Data**

From January 2017 through December 2017, the SCDC PREA Coordinator collected the referrals for investigations into allegations of inmate-on-inmate and staff-on-inmate sexual abuse. This data is the basis for this section of the report.

In this period of time, SCDC received 17 (seventeen) allegations of sexual victimization all of which were investigated. All were investigated by SCDC's PREA investigator. The number of allegations for each detainee housing/work area is shown on the table on the following page:

Housing/Work Area	Allegations
A-pod	2
B-pod	2
C-pod	0
D-pod	1
E-pod	0
F-pod	0
G-pod	1
MRU	1
Pod-1	0
Pod-2	0
Pod-3	1
Pod-4	0
Pod-5	1
Male Booking	3
Female Booking	0
Special housing Cells	0
Laundry	0
Kitchen	4
Unknown/outside agency	1**
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>

Of all the investigations completed January, 2017- March 28, 2018, the types and number of findings are shown in comparison to the following year in the following table:

	Finding	January 2016 - December 2016	January 2017 - March 2018
1.	unsubstantiated	1	0
2.	Substantiated	0	1
3.	Unfounded	3	15
4.	Pending	1*	1**
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>

\* 2016: Case 16-059 was reported by a separate facility and is unsubstantiated at this time. Attempts to contact the reported victim for an interview or statement have failed. All other interviews and evidence indicate the report as unfounded.

\*\*2017: Case 17-231 was reported while detainee was preparing to be transferred from another agency. Notification has made with alleged victim and their attorney. Case was transferred over to said other agency for investigation as per their policy and request. At this particular time, the status of the case is pending.

Pursuant to standard § 115.87 of the Prison Rape Elimination Act. Upon request the agency shall provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no

later than June 30. The following information was submitted to the United States Department of Justice for the year of 2017.

January 2015 - December 2015, there were no findings of *Substantiated* accusations at SCDC subsequently there was no data to report for 2016.

January 2016 - December 2016, as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 there were no findings of *Substantiated* accusations at SCDC with one case pending. Current evidence in this case supports this case as unfounded there likely will be no data to report for 2017.

January 2017-December 2017, through finalization of all cases by March 28, 2018 for the year of 2017, there was 1 (one) finding of *Substantiated* accusations at SCDC with one case pending. This pending case was referred over to a federal agency per their policy and request. The alleged victim was in process of transport to our facility, however the incident did not happen here in confinement at Sandoval County Detention Center.

## **2. Analysis**

### A. Facility Actions 2015:

1. Continued Training Efforts:
  - a. Ongoing training of Officer, medical and mental health staff, and contractors.

### B. Facility Actions for 2016:

1. Continued Training Efforts:
  - a. Ongoing training of Officer, medical and mental health staff, and contractors.
  - b. Ongoing training for Volunteer services, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and religious services.

### C. Facility Actions for 2017:

1. Expand the number of collaborations with community advocacy groups.
  - a. Secure a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the central New Mexico Rape crises center.
2. Prepare for and pass USDOJ PREA Audit.

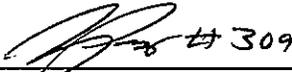
### D. Facility Actions for 2018:

1. Maintain the Positive Training:
  - a. Ongoing training of Officers, Support Staff and Volunteer service members.
2. Expand the number of collaborations with community advocacy groups.
  - a. Continue our collaborative relationship with the NM Rape Crisis Center and The New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault.

3. With the planning of facility modification and renovation in the immediate future, we will consider the effects of the design, acquisition, expansion, or modification upon our agency's ability to protect inmates from sexual abuse.
  - a. With the updating of monitoring technology, we will strive to supplement supervision of detainees by staff and enhance inmate protection from sexual abuse.
4. Prepare for our reaccreditation with USDOJ PREA Audit.

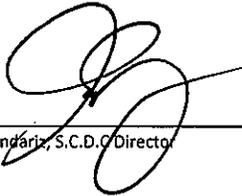
### **3. Summary**

Sandoval County Detention Center (SCDC) has made efforts in good faith to comply with the Prison Rape Elimination Act, and to prevent sexual abuse, as well as to identify and respond to incidents of sexual abuse when they do occur.



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