

Sandoval County Detention Center
Annual Assessment of Sexual Abuse for the Year of 2018



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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 2018 through December 2018, 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 21 (twenty-one) allegations of sexual victimization all of which were investigated, reviewed and/or when applicable, forwarded to other entities by the Sandoval County Detention Center 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	0
B-pod	1
C-pod	0
D-pod	0
E-pod	0
F-pod	1
G-pod	2
MRU	2
Pod-1	0
Pod-2	0
Pod-3	1
Pod-4	2
Pod-5	2
Male Booking	2
Female Booking	2
Special housing Cells	1
Laundry	0
Kitchen	0
Unknown/outside agency	5**
TOTAL	21

****NOTE: Numbers indicating unknown/outside agency may include:**

- 1) Any allegation received from an outside entity alleging that a detainee notified them that they were subject to a PREA violation during a prior incarceration here at S.C.D.C. (may or may not indicate housing/work area.)
- 2) Any notification that was received indicating that a PREA incident may have allegedly taken place, however it was later discovered during a preliminary investigation that the allegation did not take place within the confines of the facility or while the detainee was under the supervision of S.C.D.C staff. (which may include transfers to and from other correctional facilities, medical facilities, court jurisdictions, etc.)
- 3) If it is discovered that a PREA allegation pertains to another agency or department during an arrest or previous interaction, Sandoval County Detention Center will provide the appropriate documentation, information and assistance within the guidelines of our policy and procedures and the PREA standards.

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

	Finding	January 2017 -December 2017	January 2018 - December 2018
1.	unsubstantiated	0	5
2.	Substantiated	1	0
3.	Unfounded	15	16
4.	Pending	1**	0
	TOTAL	17	21

**2017: Case 17-231 was reported while detainee was preparing to be transferred from another agency. Notification has been 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 time, this case is considered closed pending any additional credible evidence and/or notification.

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 2018.

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 31st, 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.

January 2018- December 2018, there were no findings of *Substantiated* accusations at SCDC subsequently there was no data to report for 2019. However, we will still complete the Bureau of Justice Sexual Victimization Statistics form for the year when we receive an invitation to submit our records.

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.

E. Prepare for our reaccreditation with USDOJ PREA Audit.

E. Facility Actions for 2019:


1. Maintain the Training Standard:
 - a. All staff have completed the required 2018 annual training to include the PREA Standards and we will continue our efforts to ensure that new staff are educated in PREA as well as the detainees.
2. Continue our relationships with our local community advocacy groups. We will work collaboratively to ensure that literature, notifications and educational material

are accessible to detainees throughout the facility. These resources and material are graciously provided by the NMCSA.

3. We will continue to enhance monitoring technology throughout the facility.
4. Facility modification, renovation and repairs are being conducted and will greatly assist with the agency's ability to protect detainees from sexual abuse, sexual assault and sexual misconduct.
5. Continue to prepare for our reaccreditation with the USDOJ PREA Audit as well as the New Mexico Association of Counties Accreditation.

3. Summary

Sandoval County Detention Center (SCDC) will continue to strive to make 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. We take all allegations of sexual assault, sexual abuse and sexual misconduct seriously here at SCDC. Safety for our detainees, staff members and the general public is always our number one priority.



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