SACRAMENTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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2015 Year-End Main Jail PREA Report

In accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) §115.89 (b), the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department must make all aggregated sexual abuse data from facilities under its direct control readily available to the public annually through its website.

Additionally, Standards 115.87 and 115.88 are detailed below and form the basis for this report:

Standard 115.87 – Data Collection

a) The Sheriff's Department shall collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions.

b) The agency shall aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually.

c) The incident-based data collected shall include, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice.

d) The agency shall maintain, review, and collect data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews.

e) The agency also shall obtain incident-based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its inmates.

f) Upon request, the agency shall provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30.

Standard 115.88 – Corrective Action

a) The agency shall review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by:

   1) Identifying problem areas;

   2) Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and

   3) Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole.

b) Such report shall include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and shall provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse.

c) The agency's report shall be approved by the agency head and made readily available to the public through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means.

d) The agency may redact specific material from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility, but must indicate the nature of the material redacted.

The Sacramento County Main Jail continues to modify and improve the way it handles PREA education, complaints and investigations. In addition to the changes made in 2014, the Main Jail began posting PREA signs in all areas housing inmates, including intake and release holding cells. The Main Jail also participated in a department wide PREA Auditor training exercise. The results of this exercise are expected to provide valuable feedback, allowing the Main Jail to further fine tune its policies and procedures in preparation for a PREA Compliance audit in 2016.

In 2015, there were a total of eleven reports filed by inmates at the Main Jail complaining of sexual abuse that fall within the scope of PREA, as detailed below:

Main Jail

REPORTED	VICTIM	ACCUSED	COMPLAINT	LOCATION	DISPOSITION
01/16/15	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Assault	Cell	Investigation Ongoing
06/07/15	Inmate	Inmate	Sodomy	Outside Agency	Case Forwarded to Outside Agency
06/19/15	Inmate	Staff	Sexual Battery	Booking	Unfounded
07/18/15	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Assault	Cell	Substantiated
08/27/15	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Assault	Cell	Unsubstantiated
09/29/15	Inmate	Inmate	Oral Copulation/Sexual Battery	Cell	Investigation Ongoing
09/30/15	Inmate	Inmate	Oral Copulation/Sodomy	Cell	Unsubstantiated
11/11/15	Inmate	Unknown	Sexual Assault	Outside Agency	Case Forwarded to Outside Agency
11/11/15	Inmate	Unknown	Sexual Assault	Outside Agency	Case Forwarded to Outside Agency
11/17/15	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Assault	Cell	Unsubstantiated
12/03/15	Inmate	Unknown	Sexual Assault	Outside Agency	Case Forwarded to Outside Agency

Per PREA §115.5 definitions of dispositions are:

- *Substantiated allegation:* means an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.
- *Unsubstantiated allegation:* means an allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

- *Unfounded allegation:* means an allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

In comparison to last year's data, reports of sexual assault have increased at the Main Jail. In 2014, only 2 reports of sexual assault were reported at the Main Jail facility, both of which were unsubstantiated and both of which had inmates as the accused. In 2015, the Main Jail had 11 reports of sexual abuse meeting the criteria set forth in PREA, four of which were reported to staff at the Main Jail as having occurred at locations outside the jurisdiction of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department. Of the seven cases reported to have occurred within the Main Jail, one was substantiated, three were unsubstantiated, one was unfounded, and two are still being investigated. In 6 of the 7 Main Jail cases other inmates are the accused, and in the remaining one a staff member was the accused.

After reviewing all reports, it is concluded that all cases were investigated properly and in accordance with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department's policy and the PREA rule.

Note: To ensure the safety and security of this facility information identifying victims or suspects and specific locations within the facility has been redacted from this report (PREA Standard 115.88(d)).