SACRAMENTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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2019 Year-End RCCC 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 Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center continues to modify and improve the way it handles PREA education, complaints and investigations. During 2016, RCCC underwent a full PREA Compliance audit by a certified Auditor. As a result, many changes were made to policies and procedures to further improve the way sexual assaults are detected and investigated. Additionally, RCCC enacted measures to further improve inmate education and privacy.

In 2019, there were a total of 9 reports filed by inmates at RCCC complaining of sexual abuse that fall within the scope of PREA, as detailed below:

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REPORTED	VICTIM	ACCUSED	COMPLAINT	LOCATION	DISPOSITION
02/08/19	Inmate	Inmate	SEXUAL BATTERY	HOUSING UNIT	UNSUBSTANTIATED
03/30/19	Inmate	Inmate	SEXUAL BATTERY	HOUSING UNIT	UNSUBSTANTIATED
04/24/19	Inmate	Inmate	SEXUAL ASSAULT	CELL	UNSUBSTANTIATED
06/19/19	Inmate	Staff	SEXUAL BATTERY	HOUSING UNIT	UNFOUNDED
07/05/19	Inmate	Staff	SEXUAL ABUSE	INMATE SHOWERS	UNSUBSTANTIATED
08/10/19	Inmate	Inmate	SEXUAL BATTERY	CELL	UNFOUNDED
08/10/19	Inmate	Inmate	SEXUAL BATTERY	CELL	UNSUBSTANTIATED
11/17/19	Multiple Inmates	Inmate	SEXUAL BATTERY	DAYROOM	SUBSTANTIATED
11/18/19	Inmate	Inmate	SEXUAL BATTERY	HOUSING UNIT	SUBSTANTIATED
12/29/19	Inmate	Staff	SEXUAL ASSAULT	CELL	UNFOUNDED

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, there was a decrease in reports meeting the criteria set forth by PREA. In 2018 there were eighteen reports of sexual abuse at RCCC meeting the criteria set forth by PREA compared to ten in 2019. Of the ten cases reported, two were substantiated, however did not rise to the level of criminal prosecution. Three were unfounded, and five were unsubstantiated. In 2018, there was one report of sexual assault at RCCC. In 2019, the number of reported sexual assaults increased to two. In 2019, the number of sexual battery reports decreased to seven from fourteen in 2018.

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 standard.

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)).