

Williams County Correctional Center 2018 PREA Report

The Williams County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) and the Williams County Correctional Center (WCCC) are dedicated to enforcing a Zero Tolerance policy towards Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment as well as enforcing Federal Laws regarding the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA). On an annual basis the WCCC will conduct a comprehensive report on the current closing years collected data on reported and suspected sexual abuse and sexual harassment complaints (PREA complaints) and compare that data the previous year's data to identify problem areas and take corrective action on an ongoing basis.

2018 Findings: WCCC received two (2) PREA complaints between 01/01/2018 to 12/31/2018. 1 complaint of sexual harassment involving staff on inmate and 1 complaint of sexual harassment involving inmate on inmate. Both cases were investigated and determined to be unfounded. The complaint against staff for sexual harassment was later admitted by the complainant to having never occurred (Supplement Report BCI18-00207/2). The complaint against an inmate of sexual harassment by another inmate was determined to be unfounded. Video surveillance and interviews refuted the complainant's claims and suggested that the sexual harassment did not occur. Video evidence showed the opposite of the complainant's accusations of sexual harassment (Jail Incident Report 1800602). In 2017* WCCC received one (1) PREA complaint which was investigated by WCSO and determined to be unfounded*. WCCC received zero PREA complaints in 2016*.

Problematic Areas: WCCC can find no trend in data suggesting that there are problematic areas within its facility. WCCC has added a vending room to A-Pod where inmate may purchase commissary out of a vending machine. This room is not monitored by cameras and is an area unobservable from the Main Control room.

Corrective Actions: While no PREA complaints are suspected and none have been reported; identifying the A-Pod vending room as a potentially problematic area WCCC will have Corrections Deputies stationed in the vending room while the vending room is available to inmates until a video surveillance camera is installed. WCCC has already begun the installation of a surveillance camera in the A-Pod vending room. WCCC will continue to enforce a Zero Tolerance policy on sexual harassment and sexual assaults. WCCC has created a PREA Standard Operating Procedures Manual which complies with all Federal PREA standards that will be reviewed and revised (if needed) annually.

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WCCC 2018 Data of PREA Complaints			
Unfounded Inmate Allegations Made Towards Staff in 2018			
Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Total
0	0	1	1
Unsubstantiated Inmate Allegations Made Towards Staff in 2018			
Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Total
0	0	0	0
Substantiated Inmate Allegations Made Towards Staff in 2018			
Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Total
0	0	0	0
Total Staff on Inmate Complaints			1
Unfounded Inmate Allegations Made Towards Inmates in 2018			
Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Total
0	0	1	1
Unsubstantiated Inmate Allegations Made Towards Inmates in 2018			
Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Total
0	0	0	0
Substantiated Inmate Allegations Made Towards Inmates in 2018			
Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Total
0	0	0	0
Total Inmate on Inmate Complaints			1
Total PREA Complaints for 2018			2

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WCCC 2017 Data of PREA Complaints			
Unfounded Inmate Allegations Made Towards Staff in 2017			
Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Total
0	0	1	0
Unsubstantiated Inmate Allegations Made Towards Staff in 2017			
Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Total
0	0	0	0
Substantiated Inmate Allegations Made Towards Staff in 2017			
Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Total
0	0	0	0
Total Staff on Inmate Complaints			0
Unfounded Inmate Allegations Made Towards Inmates in 2017			
Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Total
0	0	1	1
Unsubstantiated Inmate Allegations Made Towards Inmates in 2017			
Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Total
0	0	0	0
Substantiated Inmate Allegations Made Towards Inmates in 2017			
Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Total
0	0	0	0
Total Inmate on Inmate Complaints			1
Total PREA Complaints for 2017			1*

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WCCC 2016 Data of PREA Complaints			
Unfounded Inmate Allegations Made Towards Staff in 2016			
Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Total
0	0	1	0
Unsubstantiated Inmate Allegations Made Towards Staff in 2016			
Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Total
0	0	0	0
Substantiated Inmate Allegations Made Towards Staff in 2016			
Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Total
0	0	0	0
Total Staff on Inmate Complaints			0
Unfounded Inmate Allegations Made Towards Inmates in 2016			
Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Total
0	0	1	0
Unsubstantiated Inmate Allegations Made Towards Inmates in 2016			
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0	0	0	0
Substantiated Inmate Allegations Made Towards Inmates in 2016			
Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Total
0	0	0	0
Total Inmate on Inmate Complaints			0
Total PREA Complaints for 2016			0*

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End of Report.

Approved by Sheriff:

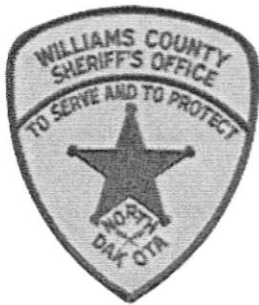


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Approved by Facility Commander:



Approved by PREA Coordinator:



If you suspect that an inmate is the victim of sexual assault or sexual harassment the Williams County Sheriff's Office wants to know and offers multiple ways to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Reports can be made anonymously by:

- *Mailing to the PREA Coordinator at 223 East Broadway Suite 302 Williston, ND 58801*
- *Calling the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-4673*
- *In person report the suspicion to any staff, volunteer, contractor, or medical/ mental health staff*

Definitions:

Unfounded Allegation: Allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

Unsubstantiated Allegation: Allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether the event occurred or not.

Substantiated Allegation: Allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

** According to WCSO incident/information reports which were not tracked prior to 03/05/2018*