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Williams County Correctional Center 2017 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 in order to identify problem areas and take corrective action on an ongoing basis.

Inmate Allegations Made Towards Staff in 2017					
	Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment		
Unfounded	0	0	0		
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0		
Substantiated	0	0	0		
Total Complaints	0	0	0		
Inmate Allegations Made Towards Inmates in 2017					
	Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment		
Unfounded	0	0	1		
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0		
Substantiated	0	0	0		
Total Complaints	0	0	1		

Inmate Allegations Made Towards Staff in 2016					
	Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment		
Unfounded	0	0	0		
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0		
Substantiated	0	0	0		
Total Complaints	0	0	0		
Inmate Allegations Made Towards Inmates in 2016					
	Voyeurism	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment		
Unfounded	0	0	0		
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0		
Substantiated	0	0	0		
Total Complaints	0	0	0		



Findings: WCCC received zero PREA complaints in 2016*. In 2017 WCCC received one (1) PREA complaint which was investigated by WCSO and determined to be unfounded*.

Problematic Areas: WCCC can find no trend in data suggesting that there are problematic areas within its facility.

Corrective Actions: 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.

End of Report.

Approved by Sheriff: Signature on FileApproval Date: 04/01/2018Approved by Facility Commander: Signature on File

Approved by PREA Coordinator: Signature on File



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 or not the event occurred.

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