

GRAYSON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

PREA INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Yearly Breakdown of PREA Investigations 2015

Overview

The Grayson County Detention Center investigated eight PREA-reportable incidents during the calendar year of 2015. This is up from two investigations the previous year of 2014.

Of these investigations, three involved inmate allegations against staff, which were all determined to be unfounded. One involved an allegation of inappropriate contact between a volunteer and an inmate that was determined to be unsubstantiated. Two were allegations of inmate on inmate sexual abuse, with one substantiated and one unsubstantiated. One instance of inmate on inmate sexual harassment was substantiated. Staff investigators also received one report of potential inmate on inmate abuse where it was determined that the two parties were willing participants with no coercion present.

The detention center also referred one case to another agency after it was learned that an inmate claimed he was sexually abuse by staff members of that agency.

Agency Efforts

The detention center continues to make every effort to educate staff, volunteers and inmates on PREA issues. Training for volunteers, including PREA-specific training, had actually expanded in 2015 due to other issues.

Potential Contributing Factors

All three reports of staff on inmate sexual abuse involved inmates who have served time in either state or federal institutions and evidence indicates they were attempting to game the system to achieve desired goals or had a history of filing unfounded claims for other reasons.

Supervision issues on prisoner transports could also be considered a contributing factor to the report of inmate-on-inmate activity.

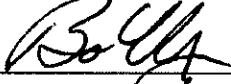
Recommendations

One instance of potential inmate-on-inmate abuse resulting in a finding that both parties involved were willing participants. Better supervision and detection in these situations will be further addressed in staff inservice training.

As for the unfounded incidents of staff-on-inmate abuse, the detention center shall examine whether to include additional information on sanctions for filing false complaints with the intent to disrupt detention center staffing and services. If it is determined that adding this information will not deter inmate reporting these steps will be taken.

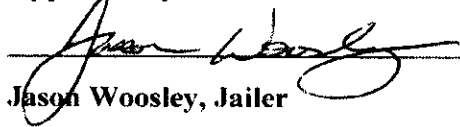
Detention center administration should consider providing PREA investigator training to shift leaders in all three buildings to advance the agency's PREA-related goals. The training could be provided in-house as the agency already employs a certified investigations trainer. This move would increase awareness amongst the security staff and potentially lead to better detection and prevention.

End of Report



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