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WASHINGTON COUNTY JAIL
2019 ANNUAL SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION REPORT**

Background

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2003 to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse that occurs in confinement settings. On June 20, 2012, the Department of Justice (DOJ) published national standards that were developed by the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission to help reduce prison sexual assaults. PREA applies to adult prisons and jails, juvenile confinement facilities, lockups and community confinement facilities. Implementation of these PREA standards to combat sexual abuse in confinement facilities will be contingent upon effective agency and facility leadership, and the development of an agency's principles prioritizing efforts to combat sexual abuse. The Washington County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) has a zero tolerance for any incidence of rape, sexual assault or sexual misconduct and complies with all applicable components of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE APPROACH

The WCSO has long supported the principles associated with PREA. Even before the passing of the PREA standards, the WCSO was conducting mandatory annual sexual misconduct training, specific to the prevention, identification, reporting, and handling of inmate sexual misconduct/sexual assault, including common indicators of misconduct to all staff. Other efforts included, but were not limited to:

- Continued to revise the WCSO policy as it relates to sexual abuse and misconduct
- Continued education concerning sexual misconduct/sexual assault throughout the facility

Since the passing of the PREA standards, the WCSO designated a Lieutenant within the Office whose role is that of the PREA Coordinator. A substantial responsibility of this position is to ensure compliance with the PREA standards by continual development of policies, implementation, training and constant review of the PREA policies and procedures. This includes revising existing policy and establishing new policies to improve both staff and inmate's response(s) to incidents of sexual abuse. An external PREA Hotline was implemented to ensure that there is an independent outlet for inmates to report incidents of sexual abuse while ensuring anonymity. The WCSO entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Washington County Victim Advocate to provide incarcerated victims of sexual abuse appropriate victim advocate support.

Pursuant to §115.87 of the PREA standard, data is collected, aggregated and reviewed of all reports of sexual abuse incidents. These statistics are published in an annual report and made public on the WCSO website as mandated by PREA standard §115.88.

In compliance with this standard, the statistics below detail the incidents of sexual abuse from *January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019*, and includes the following:

- WCSO definitions;
- Findings of reported incidents of sexual abuse; and
- Corrective actions

There were 91 Males and 18 Females confined in the Washington County Jail on December 31, 2019

There were 2136 Males and 775 Females that were new admissions during 2019.

Between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019, the average daily population for males was 97.85 and females 22.08.

Definitions:

NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS:

Sexual contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse.

ABUSIVE SEXUAL CONTACT:

Sexual contact of any personal without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT:

Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one inmate directed toward another.

STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT:

Any behavior or act of a sexual nature directed toward an inmate by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor, or other agency representative (exclude family, friends, or other visitors). Sexual relationships of a romantic nature between staff and inmates are included in this definition. Consensual or nonconsensual sexual acts.

STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT:

Repeated verbal statements, comments or gestures of a sexual nature to an inmate by an employee, volunteer, or contractor, official visitor, or other agency representative (exclude family, friends, or other visitors)

PREA STATISTICS

Thorough and systematic investigations of sexual victimization are conducted by the Washington County Sheriff’s Office. All investigations incorporate current incident review criteria pursuant with PREA standard §115.86.

Between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019 there were zero allegations of inmate-on-inmate **NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS** reported.

Of the allegations reported above, there were:	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Investigation Ongoing
	zero	zero	zero	zero

Between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019 there were zero allegations of inmate-on-inmate **ABUSIVE SEXUAL CONTACT** reported.

Of the allegations reported above, there were:	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Investigation Ongoing
	zero	zero	zero	zero

Between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019 there were one allegations of inmate-on-inmate **SEXUAL HARASSMENT** reported.

Of the allegations reported above, there were:	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Investigation Ongoing
	zero	zero	one	zero

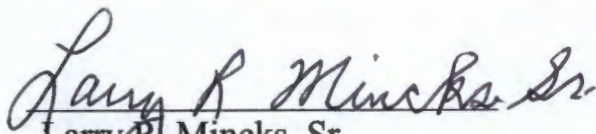
Between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019 there were zero allegations of **STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT** reported.

Of the allegations reported above, there were:	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Investigation Ongoing
	zero	zero	zero	zero

Between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019 there were one allegations of **STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT** reported.

Of the allegations reported above, there were:	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Investigation Ongoing
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In 2019 changes in policies or practice were required, no physical barriers were identified, and there were adequate staffing levels. The WCSO continues to use our sexual abuse incident review team (SART), composed of upper-level management, front line supervisors, investigators, and medical and mental health practitioners. All sexual abuse investigations comply with PREA standard §115.86. The Washington County Sheriff's Office will ensure that appropriate changes to policies and practices are made when necessary to ensure a safe, secure environment for inmates, staff and the community.


 Larry R. Mincks, Sr.
 Sheriff

January 13, 2020
 Date