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Sheriff Mitch Woods

From January 2015 to December 2015 the Jefferson County Correctional Facility has reported a small increase in the number of in-custody sexual abuse or sexual harassment for the entire population averaging over 800 incarcerated individuals. In 2014 there were 5 reported cases, compared to the 16 cases reported in 2015, this is an approximate 120% increase.

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Substantiated----1

Unsubstantiated----1

Staff to Inmate Sexual Harassment

Unsubstantiated----1

Inmate to Inmate Sexual Harassment

Unsubstantiated----2

Inmate to Staff Sexual Harassment

Substantiated----3

Unsubstantiated----4

Unfounded----4

The National Average for reported in-custody sexual victimization is approximately 3.2 %. The Jefferson County Correctional Facility has taken the appropriate prevention and response efforts to deter this occurrence. Supervisors regularly conduct post incident reviews to determine what changes are necessary for improvements reguarding monitoring factors for the facility.

Respectfully

Lt. W. Williams

PREA Co-ordinator

PREA Compliance

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Compliance

In 2013 an office of PREA Compliance was set up for the Jefferson County Sheriff's office with the responsibility of ensuring the Sheriff's office is compliant with the Prison Rape Elimination Act. (PREA) of 2003 which was instituted by then President George W. Bush. This requirement was established to address the elimination and prevention of sexual assault and harassment in correctional systems. PREA applies to all federal state, and local prisons, jails, police lock-ups, private facilities, and community settings such as residential facilities.

The Sheriff's Office has established Jefferson County Policies and Procedures which promotes a safe environment for inmates by reducing sexual abuse and sexual harassment, in accordance with the federal standards. All allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment shall be referred for investigation. Allegations involving potentially criminal behavior shall be conducted by the Criminal Investigations Division by investigators who have been properly trained in conducting investigations of sexual abuse in confinement settings.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PREA ANNUAL REPORT 2015 May Jan Feb Mar Apr Jun Jul Oct Nov TOTALS Sep Dec Reported Sexual Abuse (Staff on Inmate) Substantiated Unsubstantiated Unfounded Open Totals 0 0 0 0 01 0 0 0 Reported Sexual Abuse (Inmate on Inmate) Substantiated Unsubstantiated Unfounded Open Totals 0 0 0 0 01 Reported Sexual Abuse (Inmate on Staff) Substantiated Unsubstantiated Unfounded Open Totals 0 0 0 0 Reported Sexual Harassment (Staff on Inmate) Substantiated Unsubstantiated Unfounded Open Totals 0 Reported Sexual Harassment (Inmate on Inmate) Substantiated Unsubstantiated Unfounded Open Totals 0 Reported Sexual Harassment (Inmate on Staff) Substantiated Unsubstantiated Unfounded Open Totals 0 2 0 0 11

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A TOTAL OF 16 CASES FOR 2015

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TOTALS