

TRAILL COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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The Traill County Jail (TCJ) is dedicated to enforcing a zero tolerance policy towards sexual abuse and harassment in the jail. On an annual basis the TCJ will conduct a report on the current closing year's collected data on reported and suspected sexual abuse and sexual harassment complaints (PREA complaints) and compare that data to the previous year's data to identify problem areas and take corrective action on an ongoing basis.

The Traill County Sheriff's Department has two (2) deputies that are specially trained to conduct PREA investigations and the jail has one (1) Corrections Officer that has the training as well. TCJ relies on the North Dakota Bureau of Investigation for any PREA criminal investigations involving staff.

In March of 2020 the TCJ was closed by the sheriff and Traill County Commission due to concerns of Covid-19 to inmates and staff. Inmates have continued to be housed in surrounding North Dakota jails. TCJ stayed closed for the remainder of 2020.

Definitions in the following report are as follows:

--Unfounded Allegation is an allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

--Unsubstantiated Allegation is an 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 is an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

0---Unfounded Inmate Allegations made towards staff in 2020

0---Unsubstantiated Inmate Allegations made towards staff in 2020

0---Substantiated Inmate Allegations made towards staff in 2020

0---Unfounded Inmate Allegations made towards inmates in 2020

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These statistics are the same as the previous year, in fact, there has not been a PREA allegation made at the TCJ to date.

The TCJ remains closed through April of 2021 with no re-opening date determined at this time. The jail is due for its annual state inspection on May 19, 2021. The next PREA audit for TCJ is due in 2022.

End of Report

Steve Hunt, Sheriff/Jail Administrator

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