



Traill County Sheriffs 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.

In 2018 TCJ went through its first PREA audit, which will be conducted every three (3) years by a federal PREA auditor. The findings of the first audit found that the jail was out of compliance with five (5) of the forty-seven (47) standards that are applicable to the TCJ. A 180 day correction period was given for TCJ to correct the issues. Four (4) of these were corrected very quickly. The last standard needing attention was training of staff, which was corrected well within the correction period and on May 1, 2019, TCJ received a copy of the final audit placing TCJ in full compliance of PREA regulations.

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.

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These statistics are the same for 2018 as well as 2017 and in fact there has not been a PREA allegation made at TCJ to date.

TCJ has two (2) deputies specially trained to conduct PREA investigations and one (1) Corrections Officer that has that training as well. TCJ relies on the North Dakota Bureau of Investigation for investigations involving staff.

End of Report

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