Richland County Sheriff’s Office Corrections Center

Annual PREA Report

2019

The Richland County Sheriff’s Office Corrections Center has a ZERO-tolerance policy for sexual abuse. The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 is a federal law that seeks to eliminate sexual assault and sexual misconduct.

PREA Overview

The Richland County Corrections Center has a ZERO-tolerance policy toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in our facility under the PREA act of 2003. We will enforce all federal, state and local laws pertaining to inmate sexual misconduct. All reports will be fully investigated, which includes both allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, by the Richland County Jail and the Richland County Sheriff’s Office.

Under PREA we have established uniform methods of prompt reporting and investigation of allegations sex related offenses or threats, identification of predators, protecting of victims, and prescribing sanctions for substantiated sexual offenses, as well as false allegations. This standard is directed to all sexual acts relating to: inmate to staff and inmate to inmate.

Inmates who are currently being sexually assaulted are encouraged to talk to a staff member, This will allow for the quickest response.

If you suspect that an inmate is the victim of sexual assault and or harassment, it can be reported in one of the following ways.

- Contact the Richland county Corrections center at 701-642-7717 and you will be directed to someone who can take the information.
- Use the PREA incident report form that is located on this web page.
- Contact the Tree Rivers Crisis Center at 701-642-2115
- Contact the Richland County Sheriff’s Office at 701-642-7711

Please refer to our PREA policy for general definitions and practices.

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The following data represents all reported cases of sexual abuse by an inmate. There were no reported cases of sexual misconduct by a staff, volunteer or contractor.

*These incidents were substantiated, meaning that they were found to have occurred. If you or someone you know have experienced sexual assault in our facility, please report.
You can contact the PREA Coordinator for the Richland County Corrections Center. You may remain anonymous if you wish.

We believe the PREA compliance will establish a more conducive environment to report violations within our facility. Staff training and education for those held in our custody will continue. Data collection and PREA monitoring will facilitate the identification of areas needing improvement and corrective action. We are committed to becoming compliant with the PREA standards and protecting those who are within our care from sexual abuse and harassment.

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