

### SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

# SCOTT R. JONES Sheriff

#### 2018 Year-End Main Jail PREA Report

In accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) §115.89 (b), the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department must make all aggregated sexual abuse data from facilities under its direct control readily available to the public annually through its website.

Additionally, Standards 115.87 and 115.88 are detailed below and form the basis for this report:

#### Standard 115.87 – Data Collection

- a) The Sheriff's Department shall collect accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions.
- b) The agency shall aggregate the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually.
- c) The incident-based data collected shall include, at a minimum, the data necessary to answer all questions from the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice.
- d) The agency shall maintain, review, and collect data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews.
- e) The agency also shall obtain incident-based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its inmates.
- f) Upon request, the agency shall provide all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30.

#### Standard 115.88 - Corrective Action

- a) The agency shall review data collected and aggregated pursuant to § 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including by:
  - 1) Identifying problem areas;
  - 2) Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and
  - 3) Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the agency as a whole.
- b) Such report shall include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and shall provide an assessment of the agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse.



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- c) The agency's report shall be approved by the agency head and made readily available to the public through its website or, if it does not have one, through other means.
- d) The agency may redact specific material from the reports when publication would present a clear and specific threat to the safety and security of a facility, but must indicate the nature of the material redacted.

The Sacramento County Main Jail has improved conditions at the facility in order to prevent, detect and investigate PREA related incidents. Some of the ways this was accomplished was by the installation of additional cameras and improved lighting in inmate housing units. Staffing in inmate housing units has been increased and several facility policies related to PREA standards have been updated in order to encourage the reporting and documentation of PREA related incidents.

In 2018, the Main Jail printed and placed additional PREA notification and reporting signs in all inmate housing units. These notices provided inmates with information on how to identify and report PREA related incidents to facility staff.

In 2018, there were a total of 41 reports filed by inmates at the Main Jail complaining of sexual abuse that fall within the scope of PREA, as detailed below:

#### **Main Jail**

REPORTED	VICTIM	ACCUSED	COMPLAINT	LOCATION	DISPOSITION
01/09/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Battery	Cell	Unsubstantiated
01/12/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Assault	Outside Agency	Report Taken
01/12/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Battery	Cell	Unsubstantiated
01/18/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Battery	Cell	Unsubstantiated
02/02/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Assault	Cell	Unsubstantiated
02/14/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sodomy	Cell	Unsubstantiated
02/25/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Assault	Cell	Unsubstantiated
03/17/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Battery	Cell	Unsubstantiated
04/04/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Assault	Cell	Unsubstantiated
04/20/2018	Inmate	Staff	Sexual Assault	Cell	Unfounded
04/26/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Assault	Housing Unit	Investigation Ongoing
04/29/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Assault	Cell	Unsubstantiated
05/14/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Assault	Outside Agency	Notification made to Agency
05/15/2018	Inmate	Officer	Sexual Harassment	Outside Agency	Notification made to Agency
05/15/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual battery	Outside Agency	Notification made to Agency
05/19/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Battery	Cell	Unfounded
06/27/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Assault	Cell	Unsubstantiated
07/08/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Battery	Housing Unit	Unfounded
07/08/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Battery	Cell	Unfounded
07/12/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Harassment	Cell	Unsubstantiated
07/15/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Battery	Cell	Unsubstantiated
08/03/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Assault	Cell	Unsubstantiated



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08/08/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Assault	Cell	Substantiated
08/14/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Battery	Cell	Unsubstantiated
08/16/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Battery	Cell	Unsubstantiated
08/25/2018	Inmate	Staff	Sexual Battery	Housing Unit	Unfounded
08/31/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Battery	Cell	Unfounded
09/04/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Assault	Cell	Unfounded
09/04/2018	Inmate	Staff	Sexual Assault	Housing Unit	Unfounded
09/18/2018	Inmate	Staff	Sexual Harassment	Housing Unit	Unfounded
09/28/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Assault	Cell	Unsubstantiated
10/09/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Assault	Cell	Unsubstantiated
10/16/2018	Inmate	Staff	Sexual Harassment	Intake	Unsubstantiated
10/28/2018	Inmate	Staff	Sexual Assault	Intake	Unsubstantiated
11/01/2018	Inmate	Staff	Sexual Assault	Housing Unit	Unfounded
11/02/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Battery	Cell	Unsubstantiated
11/02/2018	Inmate	Staff	Sexual Assault	Housing Unit	Unfounded
11/18/2018	Inmate	Inmate	Sexual Battery	Cell	Unsubstantiated
12/21/2018	Inmate	Staff	Sexual Harassment	Intake	Unfounded
12/25/2018	Inmate	Staff	Sexual Assault	Intake	Unfounded
12/31/2018	Inmate	Staff	Sexual Battery	Housing Unit	Unfounded

#### Per PREA §115.5 definitions of dispositions are:

- Substantiated allegation: means an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.
- Unsubstantiated allegation: means an allegation that was investigated and the investigation
  produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event
  occurred.
- Unfounded allegation: means an allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

In comparison to last year's data, there was an increase in reports meeting the criteria set forth by PREA. In 2017 there were twenty-nine reports of sexual abuse at the Main Jail meeting the criteria set forth by PREA compared to forty-one in 2018. Of the forty-one cases reported, four were for incidents that occurred outside the facility. Of the remaining thirty-seven cases, one was substantiated and referred for prosecution, fourteen were unfounded and twenty-one were unsubstantiated. There is one case in which the investigation is ongoing. In 2017, the number of cases determined to be unfounded was three. The increase in the number of unfounded cases can be attributed to several factors including improved PREA related policies and procedures.

After reviewing all reports, it is concluded that all cases were investigated properly and in accordance with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department's policy and the PREA rule.



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**Note:** To ensure the safety and security of this facility information identifying victims or suspects and specific locations within the facility has been redacted from this report (PREA Standard 115.88(d)).