



KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ANNUAL RIDGECREST JAIL FACILITY PREA REVIEW REPORT

The Kern County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) PREA compliance team and the Ridgecrest facility manager have prepared this report to inform the public about the agencies' and facility's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse.

The Ridgecrest Jail Facility as a custodial facility under the Kern County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) has implemented policies and procedures from the Prison Rape Elimination Act. (PREA) with the goal of reducing or eliminating sexual abuse of inmates incarcerated in its jail facilities.

The Ridgecrest facility manager and the PREA facility compliance manager, in conjunction with the KCSO PREA compliance team, conduct yearly examinations of all abuse reports received throughout the reporting period in order to compile specific data for the purpose of making comparisons from year to year.

These comparisons allow the Ridgecrest facility report team to discover any commonalities and/or contributing factors related to any abuse reports. Contributing factors in which KCSO staff can identify a solution, will be forwarded to the Detention Bureau administration staff with a recommendation for change in policy, practice, or a facility specific issue.

This annual report for Ridgecrest contains no previous year statistical data for comparison. The reason for no statistical data is that starting in the fiscal year of 2016 Ridgecrest jail no longer housed inmates over night. All new arrest were transported to the Mojave Jail and or the Central Receiving facility. Since this transition Ridgecrest only maintains the court holding cells for when the Ridgecrest court is in session.

The last reported data was in 2015 when Ridgecrest booked 1,190 inmates, and 726 remained at the facility for one or more nights. When Ridgecrest last maintained inmates over night there were no reports of sexual harassment or abuse made.

The dedication by the staff to uphold the goals and principles of PREA, along with prevention measures implemented by providing PREA education to the inmates prior to their transfer to a Bakersfield facility, reinforces KCSO's zero tolerance of sexual abuse, and helps the inmates stay safe once they arrive at a facility in Bakersfield.

There were no recommended corrective actions to request or include in this report.

This report utilizes definitions of "sexual abuse" and "sexual abuse" by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer as provided by 28 C.F.R. §115.6 in the *National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape* (under the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003).

NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS – Sexual contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse;

- AND** - Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus including penetration, however slight;
- OR** - Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
- OR** - Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument.

ABUSIVE SEXUAL CONTACT – Sexual contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse;

AND - Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks of any person;

This excludes incidents in which contact is incidental to a physical altercation.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT - Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one inmate directed toward another.

STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT – Any behavior or act of a sexual nature directed toward an inmate by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor or other agency representative. Sexual relationships of a romantic nature between staff and inmates are included in this definition. Consensual or nonconsensual sexual acts include;

ANY - Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks that is unrelated to official duties or with the intent to abuse; arouse, or gratify sexual desire;

OR - Completed, attempted, threatened, or requested sexual acts;

OR - Occurrences of indecent exposure, invasion of privacy, or staff voyeurism for reasons unrelated to official duties or for sexual gratification.

STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT – Repeated verbal statements, comments or gestures of a sexual nature to an inmate by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor, or other agency representative include;

ANY - Demeaning references to gender; or sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing;

OR - Repeated profane or obscene language or gestures.

This report provides information about reported incidents of sexual abuse, assault or harassment of inmates in the custody of the Kern County Sheriff's jail facilities in accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA) standards below.

§ 115.87 Data collection.

(a) *The agency 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.*

§ 115.88 Data review for corrective action.

(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.*

(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.*

Facility: Ridgecrest Jail

Average daily inmates: 0

This period: 1/1/17 to 12/31/17

Prior period: 1/1/16 to 12/31/16

Prior period reported allegations of inmate-on-inmate nonconsensual sexual acts: 0

This period reported allegations of inmate-on-inmate NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS: 0

Prior period substantiated: 0

Prior period unsubstantiated: 0

This period substantiated: 0

This period unsubstantiated: 0

The event was investigated and determined to have occurred, based on a preponderance of the evidence.

Prior period unfounded: 0

This period unfounded: 0

The investigation determined that the event did NOT occur.

The investigation concluded that evidence was insufficient to determine whether or not the event occurred.

Prior period investigation ongoing: 0

This period investigation ongoing: 0

Evidence is still being gathered, processed or evaluated, and a final determination has not yet been made.

Prior period reported allegations of inmate-on-inmate abusive sexual contact: 0

This period reported allegations of inmate-on-inmate ABUSIVE SEXUAL CONTACT: 0

Prior period substantiated: 0

Prior period unsubstantiated: 0

This period substantiated: 0

This period unsubstantiated: 0

Prior period unfounded: 0

Prior period investigation ongoing: 0

This period unfounded: 0

This period investigation ongoing: 0

Prior period reported allegations of inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment : 0

This period reported allegations of inmate-on-inmate SEXUAL HARASSMENT : 0

Prior period substantiated: 0

Prior period unsubstantiated: 0

This period substantiated: 0

This period unsubstantiated: 0

Prior period unfounded: 0

Prior period investigation ongoing: 0

This period unfounded: 0

This period investigation ongoing: 0

Prior period reported allegations of staff sexual misconduct : 0

This period reported allegations of STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT : 0

Prior period substantiated: 0

Prior period unsubstantiated: 0

This period substantiated: 0

This period unsubstantiated: 0

Prior period unfounded: 0

Prior period investigation ongoing: 0

This period unfounded: 0

This period investigation ongoing: 0

Prior period reported allegations of staff sexual harassment : 0

This period reported allegations of STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT : 0

Prior period substantiated: 0

Prior period unsubstantiated: 0

This period substantiated: 0

This period unsubstantiated: 0

Prior period unfounded: 0

Prior period investigation ongoing: 0

This period unfounded: 0

This period investigation ongoing: 0

Incident Information – Victim Section

Location of abuse in allegation(s) (more than one may apply to each incident)		Prior period	This period	Times of specific incident(s)		Prior period	This period
	Victims' cell:	0	0		Morning (6 a.m. to noon)	0	0
	Perpetrator's cell:	0	0		Afternoon (noon to 6 p.m.)	0	0
	Dorm / multiple cell:	0	0		Evening (6 p.m. to midnight)	0	0
	Common area:	0	0		Overnight (midnight to 6 a.m.)	0	0
	Holding cell:	0	0		Time unknown	0	0
	Shower / toilet area:	0	0				
	Instructional area:	0	0				
	Recreation area:	0	0				
	Medical area:	0	0				
	Staff area:	0	0				
	Offsite / in transit:	0	0				
Other:	0	0					

Video monitoring available		Prior period	This period	Abuse victim's gender / sexual orientation by allegation		Prior period	This period
	Number of allegations "yes"	0	0		Male:	0	0
	Number of allegations "no"	0	0		Female:	0	0
					Lesbian, gay, bisexual	0	0
			Transgender, intersex	0	0		

Abuse victim's age by specific allegation		Prior period	This period	Abuse victim's ethnicity / race by allegation		Prior period	This period
	18 – 24:	0	0		White:	0	0
	25 – 29:	0	0		Black:	0	0
	30 – 34:	0	0		Hispanic:	0	0
	35 – 39:	0	0		American Indian:	0	0
	40 – 44:	0	0		Asian:	0	0
	45 – 54:	0	0		Pacific Islander:	0	0
	55 or older:	0	0		Other:	0	0

Perpetrator Section

Physical injuries reported	Number of allegations "yes"	Prior period	This period	Perpetrator's gender / sexual orientation by allegation	Prior period		This period	
		0	0		Male:	0	0	
		0	0		Female:	0	0	
Physical injuries reported	Number of allegations "no"	0	0	Perpetrator's gender / sexual orientation by allegation	Lesbian, gay, bisexual	0	0	
					Transgender, intersex	0	0	

Perpetrator's age by specific allegation	18 – 24:	0	0	Perpetrator's ethnicity / race by allegation	White:	0	0
	25 – 29:	0	0		Black:	0	0
	30 – 34:	0	0		Hispanic:	0	0
	35 – 39:	0	0		American Indian:	0	0
	40 – 44:	0	0		Asian:	0	0
	45 – 54:	0	0		Pacific Islander:	0	0
	55 or older:	0	0		Other:	0	0

Nature of incident (more than one may apply to each incident)	Voluntary sexual contact between inmates:	0	0	Type of force or pressure used by perpetrator on the victim (more than one may apply to each incident)	Persuasion, talked into sexual activity:	0	0
	Sexual harassment:	0	0		Bribery or blackmail:	0	0
	Indecent exposure, masturbation, or voyeurism:	0	0		Sexual harassment, sexual innuendo, verbal comments:	0	0
	Horseplay:	0	0		Threatened w/weapon:	0	0
	Repeated, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors:	0	0		Surprised victim w/unwanted touching, grabbing, groping, or victim was asleep:	0	0
	Unwanted touching for sexual gratification or abusive sexual contact:	0	0		Gave victim drugs or alcohol:	0	0
	Pressure, coercion w/o force resulting in a nonconsensual sexual act:	0	0		Offered protection from other inmates:	0	0
	Physical force or threat of force resulting in a nonconsensual sexual act:	0	0		Threatened with physical harm:	0	0
	Other:	0	0		Physically harmed or injured:	0	0
				Physically held victim down or restrained:	0	0	
				Other:	0	0	

Staff Section

Staff			Prior period	This period	Staff employment status			Prior period	This period
	Allegations against staff:		0	0		Full / part time paid:		0	0
	Male:		0	0		Contract / vendor:		0	0
	Female:		0	0		Volunteer / intern:		0	0
				Other:		0	0		

Staff age by allegation			Prior period	This period	Staff ethnicity / race by allegation			Prior period	This period
	18 – 24:		0	0		White:		0	0
	25 – 29:		0	0		Black:		0	0
	30 – 34:		0	0		Hispanic:		0	0
	35 – 39:		0	0		American Indian:		0	0
	40 – 44:		0	0		Asian:		0	0
	45 – 54:		0	0		Pacific Islander:		0	0
	55 or older:		0	0		Other:		0	0

Nature of allegation or incident involving staff (more than one may apply to each incident)			Prior period	This period	Position of staff for allegation or incident (more than one may apply to each incident)			Prior period	This period
	Physical force resulting in nonconsensual sexual act:		0	0		Administrator, assistant, other in administrative position:		0	0
	Pressure or abuse of power resulting in nonconsensual sexual act:		0	0		Deputy, Detentions Deputy, Supervisory staff:		0	0
	Indecent exposure, invasion of privacy, voyeurism for sexual gratification:		0	0		Clerical, receptionist, other administrative support staff:		0	0
	Unwanted touching for sexual gratification:		0	0		Maintenance, kitchen, drivers, other facility support staff:		0	0
	Wrote letters, showed pictures, offered gifts or special privileges to inmate:		0	0		Health care staff; doctors, counselors, dentist, psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses:		0	0
	Sexual relationship between inmate and staff that appeared to be consensual:		0	0		Education staff; instructors, teachers, librarians:		0	0
						Other staff; Chaplain, volunteers, etc.		0	0


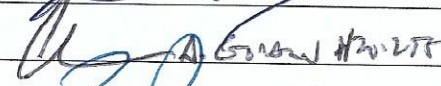
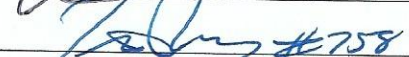
Sanctions / Corrective Actions

		Prior period	This period			Prior period	This period
Perpetrator sanctions (more than one may apply to each incident)	Transferred to other housing unit or facility:	0	0	Employee / Contractor sanctions (more than one may apply to each incident)	Sent to training or counseling:	0	0
	Administratively segregated:	0	0		Reprimanded or discipline:	0	0
	Disciplinary isolation, or loss of visits / commissary, :	0	0		Demoted or temporary suspension:	0	0
	Reclassified to higher security level:	0	0		Discharged, contract cancelled or not renewed:	0	0
	Released prior to investigation conclusion:	0	0		Administrative leave, referred for prosecution:	0	0
	No action, perpetrator identify unknown:	0	0		Staff resigned prior to investigation conclusion:	0	0
	Referred to DA for prosecution:	0	0		Convicted, plea deal, or sentenced, employment terminated:	0	0
	Other this year:	click to type			Other this year:	click to type	

Comments: Ridgcrest jail only operates as a court holding facility at this time and has not reported any incidents in the last year. The jail closed in July 2016 and has not held inmates over night since the closure.

Facility changes needed, or reasoning if none: None, facility operating safely.

Agency changes needed, or reasoning if none: None, agency has recently implemented numerous inmate safety policies and procedures.

Facility manager:	Lieutenant Deleon 	Date: 3/16/2018
PREA Coordinator:	Lieutenant Gordon 	Date: 3/16/2018
Agency head or designee:	Commander Posey 	Date: 4-20-18