Cobb County sheriff’s Office
PREA Case Investigations Reporting

In accordance with PREA Standards, all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment are investigated and subsequently assigned one of three (3) possible determinations upon completion of a thorough investigation. Agency staff assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division are specifically trained and certified to conduct investigations related to inmate sexual assaults in a correctional/jail facility.

Listed below are the results of investigations/cases involving inmate-on-inmate incidents at the Cobb County Detention Facilities occurring over the last 12-month period beginning July 2017 and ending June 2018:

Zero (0) Cases Substantiated – means an allegation was investigated and determined to have occurred.

Ten (10) Cases Unsubstantiated – means an allegation was investigated produced insufficient and lack of corroborating evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the incident occurred as reported.

Eight (8) Cases Unfounded – means an allegation was investigated and determined not to have occurred. (One inmate was found guilty of violating facility rules and sanctioned accordingly)

Pursuant to PREA Standards § 115.88 Data review for corrective action, this agency has reviewed investigated and assessed each incident report to ensure:

A. The agency reviews that data collected and aggregated, pursuant to § 115.87, to assess and improve any recommendations to its sexual abuse prevention, detection and response policies, practices, procedures and training. Upon review, the following actions were taken:

1) Identify any problem area.

2) Take corrective action on an ongoing basis, and

3) Prepare an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for the facility, as well as the agency as a whole.
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B. Reports 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.

(1) The agency’s report shall be approved by the agency head.

In response to the above standard, the agency conducts a monthly review of all allegations related to PREA, to ensure corrective and immediate action is taken. For any case that is determined to be “substantiated”, agency investigators would refer each case for potential criminal prosecution. This agency’s existing protocols when investigating PREA complaints shall lead to zero substantiated cases resulting in a decrease from the number reported last year.

PREA Standards related to the tracking of cases were implemented at the facility at the start of July 2015.

Cases reported in the initial 12 month period compared with the preceding reporting period have been reviewed and assessed regarding the agency’s effectiveness against addressing allegations of sexual abuse, sexual assault, and sexual harassment of staff and/or inmates.

Sheriff Neil Warren and Chief Deputy Milton Beck continuously review the data collected and ensure the results are readily available to staff at the facility. The Sheriff makes certain that all staff members adhere to and enforce PREA standards, agency policies and procedures in an effort to maintain a safe and secure environment for staff and all individuals in custody.

PREA Contact Information

The Cobb County Sheriff’s Office provides for 3rd party reporting whereas information can be found on the agency’s homepage, under the “PREA” logo.

Any persons reporting an allegation of sexual abuse, sexual assault and/or sexual harassment of an individual in custody, should be aware that the inmate is closely monitored for possible retaliation and the opportunity is provided for the inmate to express any concerns or issues, at any time.

For additional information regarding PREA, or to inquire about our facility’s policies and procedure, please call the facility at 770-499-4200 and ask to speak to the PREA Coordinator, Jail Commander or Watch Commander on duty.