

Caribou County Detention Center 2015 Annual PREA Report – 01/14/16

Rape and sexual activity seriously reduces the mission of the Caribou County Sheriff's Office to prevent crime and provide quality criminal justice service. In accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003, the Caribou County Detention Center has established a zero tolerance standard regarding the incidence of rape and sexual activity.

By providing training, education, and reviewing our policy and procedures on a yearly basis we are confident that we are providing the inmates, staff, contractors, and volunteers everything we can so they are confident and comfortable with the PREA mandates. We are also confident that all of our staff, contractors, and volunteers have a thorough knowledge and understanding of the PREA mandates and the Caribou County Detention Center policy and procedures in order to effectively provide sexual abuse and harassment prevention, detection, and response to those allegations.

A PREA incident review is conducted on all PREA allegations that have been substantiated and unsubstantiated. The results of these reviews are used to assess and improve our effectiveness and any corrective actions that may be needed pursuant to PREA mandate 115.88.

The occurrence of sexual abuse in the Caribou County Jail is low. Upon a review of data in 2015, we had three reports of PREA violations. Two were threats and one was slight touching of inmates by other inmates.

In assessing and reviewing the first incident, it was determined that a change in housing would dissolve the issue. One inmate was feeling bullied by others with threats of sexual nature. The incident review team felt the current policies and procedures effectively provided prevention, detection, and response to the allegation. The team felt the incident could have been caused by group dynamics and changed housing. The incident review team felt no barriers enabled the sexual threats. Sufficient staffing was provided for prevention, detection and response. The team felt that an incident occurred where no video monitoring cannot be in place. No facility corrective actions were necessary.

In assessing and reviewing the second incident it was determined that the inmate was upset about their bunk being next to the shower and was reporting an unfounded PREA violation. Inmate was spoken to and advised they could watch the PREA video again to determine a PREA Violation. Inmate was also advised if a lower rack came open we would look at placing them in it. The incident review team felt the current policies and

procedures effectively provided prevention, detection, and response to the allegation. No facility corrective actions were necessary.

The third report of a PREA Violation was inmates that were sexually harassing another inmate. The inmate that spoke with me did not feel they had a violation however wanted to be separated from these inmates for safety. The inmates that were harassing another inmate were moved to a higher custody level housing and separated. The incident review team felt the current policies and procedures effectively provided prevention, detection, and response to the allegation. The incident review team felt the incident could have been caused by group dynamics and changed housing. The incident review team felt no barriers enabled the abuse. Sufficient staffing was provided for prevention, detection and response. The incident review team felt the incident occurred where no video monitoring cannot be in place. No facility corrective actions were necessary.

We realize that we must continually provide training to our staff members, contractors, and volunteers and we must continually provide education to the inmates in order to provide effective detection, prevention, and response to PREA allegations. We are dedicated to providing high levels of supervision and monitoring of the inmates to provide them the protection they deserve. We are dedicated to providing strong zero-tolerance policies and procedures, and a safe and secure environment for the inmates, providing them with a comfort that they can report PREA allegations free from retaliation and in a confidential format.

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