



## **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 efforts as a whole and those of the facility to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse in this jail facility.**

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 facility specific issue.

The second annual report for Ridgecrest contains no previous year statistical data for comparison. The methods implemented in 2013 by the facility manager and the PREA compliance team to prevent, detect, and respond to reports of sexual abuse, in conjunction with the earlier installation of a video camera surveillance system continue to help ensure the safety of the inmates received at the facility.

In 2015, Ridgecrest booked 1,190 inmates, and 726 remained at the facility for one or more nights. As in 2014, there were no reports of sexual harassment or abuse made during the 2015 reporting period. As a lockup facility, Ridgecrest books and maintains limited numbers of inmates overnight. During the weekday when several inmates arrive for court the staff assigned to the facility are equally diligent about safeguarding all inmates and preventing incidents of sexual abuse. Ridgecrest participated in the formal PREA audit process in 2015 and received its compliance approval certificate August 10<sup>th</sup>.

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;
- Excluding incidents in which contact 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;

- 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;

- Demeaning references to gender; or sexually suggestive or Derogatory comments about body or clothing;
- OR** - Repeated profane or obscene language or gestures.

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.

**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.**

**Facility:** Ridgecrest Jail

**Average daily inmates:** 3.3

**This period:** 1/1/15 to 12/31/15

**Prior period:** 1/1/14 to 12/31/14

**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.

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

**Prior period unfounded:** 0

**Prior period investigation ongoing:** 0

**This period unfounded:** 0

**This period investigation ongoing:** 0

The investigation determined that the event did NOT occur.

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

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

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

## Perpetrator Section

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

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

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

## Staff Section

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

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

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
	<b>Physical force resulting in nonconsensual sexual act:</b>		click	click		<b>Administrator, assistant, other in administrative position:</b>		click	click
	<b>Pressure or abuse of power resulting in nonconsensual sexual act:</b>		click	click		<b>Deputy, Detentions Deputy, Supervisory staff:</b>		click	click
	<b>Indecent exposure, invasion of privacy, voyeurism for sexual gratification:</b>		click	click		<b>Clerical, receptionist, other administrative support staff:</b>		click	click
	<b>Unwanted touching for sexual gratification:</b>		click	click		<b>Maintenance, kitchen, drivers, other facility support staff:</b>		click	click
	<b>Wrote letters, showed pictures, offered gifts or special privileges to inmate:</b>		click	click		<b>Health care staff; doctors, counselors, dentist, psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses:</b>		click	click
	<b>Sexual relationship between inmate and staff that appeared to be consensual:</b>		click	click		<b>Education staff; instructors, teachers, librarians:</b>		click	click
				<b>Other staff; Chaplain, volunteers, etc.</b>		click	click		

## Sanctions / Corrective Actions

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

**Comments:** There have not been any reported sexual harassment or sexual abuse incidents in the past three year reporting period of 2013-2015.

**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 Little **Date:** 2/19/2016

**PREA Coordinator:** Lieutenant Gordon **Date:** 2/29/2016

**Agency head or designee:** Commander Beasley **Date:** 2/24/2016