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Prison Rape Elimination Act **2021 PREA Coordinator's Annual Report**

This report has been prepared in accordance with §115.87 and §115.88 of the Prison Rape Elimination Act Standards, to address and improve the effectiveness of the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office and Sangamon County Sheriff's Office Adult Detention Facility in the prevention and detection of sexual abuse or harassment, and in setting response policies, practices, and training. In subsequent years, the information collected for this report will be used to identify problem areas and to take corrective action on an ongoing basis.

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) establishes a zero-tolerance standard against sexual abuse, sexual assault, or sexual harassment of incarcerated persons. It was signed on September 2003 by President George W. Bush. PREA is intended to address the detection, prevention, reduction, and prosecution of sexual harassment, sexual abuse, and sexual assault in correctional facilities throughout the United States. The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) is a federal law that prohibits sexual abuse or misconduct in correctional settings such as prisons, jails, lockups, juvenile facilities and community confinement facilities.

The Sangamon County Sheriff's Office and Sangamon County Sheriff's Office Adult Detention Facility (SCSO) is committed to emphasizing zero-tolerance for sexual abuse, sexual harassment, or sexual assault of detainees/inmates, either by staff, vendors/contractors, visitors, or by other detainees/inmates. It shall be the policy of Sangamon County Sheriff's Office and Sangamon County Sheriff's Office Adult Detention Facility to provide a safe and secure environment for all detainees/inmates, employees, vendors/contractors, volunteers, and visitors, free from the threat of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, or sexual assault by effective policies and procedures designed for preventing, reporting, responding to, investigation, and tracking incidents or allegations of sexual abuse, harassment, or assault. All claims of sexual abuse or harassment will be investigated in a manner that avoids unnecessary embarrassment or indignity to the detainee/inmate. It shall also be the policy of the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office and Sangamon County Sheriff's Office Adult Detention Facility to pursue administrative, disciplinary, and/or criminal sanctions against any detainee/inmate, staff member, vendor/contractor, volunteer, or visitor found to have committed sexual abuse, sexual harassment, or sexual assault against a detainee/inmate. It shall be the responsibility of the health care staff to provide immediately first-aid to the victim and to refer the detainee/inmate to the appropriate medical facility.

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PREA Reporting

General Information

During 2021, there were 5781 admissions to the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office Adult Detention Facility. Of the new admissions, 4129 were male, 1644 were female, and 8 identified as transgender. The average daily population was 349, which includes 321 males and 28 females.

PREA Reporting Definitions

- Substantiated:** The incident was investigated and was determined to have occurred, based on a preponderance of evidence.
- Unsubstantiated:** The incident was investigated and was determined to have insufficient evidence to determine whether or not the incident occurred.
- Unfounded:** The incident was investigated and was determined NOT to have occurred.
- Non-PREA:** The investigation determined that the incident in question was not actually a PREA incident.
- Ongoing:** The investigation has not concluded.
- Other facility:** The incident occurred at a facility other than Sangamon County Sheriff's Office Adult Detention Facility or in the custody of another agency.

PREA Reporting Activity

The table below indicates the total number of Detainee/Inmate Against Detainee/Inmate and Detainee/Inmate Against Staff sexual abuse, sexual harassment, or sexual assault reports that occurred each year.

Year	Inmate Against Inmate	Staff Against Inmate	Non-PREA	Total
2019	10	8	9	27
2020	21	7	2	30
2021	51	20	10	81

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The following table indicates the findings of the investigations into Detainee/Inmate Against Detainee/Inmate - PREA allegations of sexual harassment each year:

I/I Harassment	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Non-PREA	Open	Other
2019	0	1	1	1	0	3
2020	3	11	5	1	0	0
2021	6	15	19	5	0	0

The following table indicates the findings of the investigations into Detainee/Inmate Against Detainee/Inmate - PREA allegations of Non-consensual sexual acts each year:

I/I Assault	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Non-PREA	Open	Other
2019	3	2	3	1	0	0
2020	1	1	0	0	0	0
2021	1	0	5	3	0	1

The following table indicates the findings of the investigations into Staff Against Detainee/Inmate - PREA allegations of staff sexual harassment each year:

S/I Harassment	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Non-PREA	Open	Other
2019	0	0	6	2	0	0
2020	0	0	2	1	1	0
2021	1	6	12	4	0	0

The following table indicates the findings of the investigations into Staff Against Detainee/Inmate - PREA allegations of staff sexual misconduct each year:

S/I Assault	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Non-PREA	Open	Other
2019	0	0	2	0	0	2
2020	0	0	2	0	0	0
2021	0	0	3	0	0	1

Report findings for incident outcomes listed above are kept on file.

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PREA Auditing

In July of 2021, the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office & Detention Facility passed a PREA Audit conducted by Brian D. Bivens & Associates, with no correction action necessary.

The Sangamon County Sheriff's Office exceeded 4 PREA standards, including:

- PREA incident investigations & PREA Coordinator authority
- PREA staffing compliance
- Policies related to cross-gender and transgender searches
- Review of PREA incidents.

This PREA Audit Certification will remain in effect for three (3) years from the date of issue.

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