

Annual PREA Report for Corrective Action January, 2023 - December, 2023

Pursuant to national PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) Standard 115.88, the Barnstable County Sheriff's Office is providing the public a copy of its annual review of PREA investigations, operational challenges relative to PREA and corrective actions taken to prevent, detect and respond to inmate sexual abuse and sexual harassment within its correctional facility.

Within the months of January – December 2023, the following has occurred:

1. The average number of inmates within the Barnstable County Correctional Facility was 173. All inmates receive information regarding PREA during orientation and throughout their incarceration.
2. The number of total PREA related incidents reported within the Barnstable County Correctional Facility is 4 with 0 of these being disclosure of past facility incidents which were referred to the appropriate authorities.
3. From January 2023, there were 2 unsubstantiated PREA reports, 0 substantiated reports and 2 reports proved to be unfounded, 0 under investigation, 0 reported at another facility and 0 reported from another facility. 4 involved males and 0 involved females.
4. There was 1 staff-on-inmate allegation investigated and 0 were substantiated, 0 unsubstantiated, 1 unfounded and 0 with ongoing investigations.
5. Within the past year noted, 0 allegations were proven to be substantiated cases of sexual abuse and 0 were proven to be substantiated cases of sexual harassment. From January 2023 – December 2023 there have not been any sexual abuse cases which resulted in criminal prosecution.

To prevent possible retaliation, PREA investigators monitor alleged victims of sexual abuse for a period of 90 days. There were no cases of retaliation identified within the past 12 months.

A PREA Review Committee examines each completed PREA investigation to determine whether or not changes to existing policy, practice and staffing levels are necessary, as well as improvements to monitoring technology.

Compared to the previous reporting year, 2022, our PREA incidents have increased from 1 to 4. This could be attributed to an increased inmate population post Covid. The daily inmate population for 2023 increased from 156 to 173 inmates as well as the total amount of inmates housed during the year increased from 857 to 1041.

	BCSO Annual Report: PREA Statistics	2023
1.	Total number of admissions	1,041
2.	Average daily population for the year	173
	Inmate-on-Inmate: Sexual Victimization	
1.	How many allegations of inmate on inmate sexual acts were reported?	1
2.	How many were substantiated?	0
3.	Unsubstantiated?	1
4.	Unfounded?	0
5.	Ongoing?	0
6.	How many allegations of Inmate-on-Inmate sexual abuse were reported?	1
7.	How many were substantiated?	0
8.	Unsubstantiated?	1
9.	Unfounded?	0
10.	Ongoing?	0
11.	How many allegations of Inmate-on-Inmate sexual harassment were reported?	1
12.	How many were substantiated?	0
13.	Unsubstantiated?	0
14.	Unfounded?	1
15.	Ongoing?	0
	Staff-on-Inmate Abuse	
1.	How many allegations of staff sexual misconduct were reported?	0
2.	How many were substantiated?	0
3.	Unsubstantiated?	0
4.	Unfounded?	0
5.	Ongoing?	0
6.	How many allegations of staff on inmate sexual harassment were reported?	1
7.	How many were substantiated?	0
8.	Unsubstantiated?	0
9.	Unfounded?	1
10.	Ongoing?	0
11.	How many allegations of staff on inmate sexual abuse were reported?	0
12.	How many were substantiated?	0
13.	Unsubstantiated?	0
14.	Unfounded?	0
15.	Ongoing?	0
16.	Total number of substantiated incidents?	0
17.	Total number of Disclosures of past facility abuse that were reported to authorities	0
18.	Total number of PREA incidents?	4

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