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Annual Report of PREA Data

2015

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003 is a federal law established to support the elimination and prevention of sexual assault and sexual misconduct in correctional systems. PREA addresses both inmate to inmate sexual assault and staff to inmate sexual assault. The Middle Peninsula Regional Security Center fully supports the guidelines set forth in this law and has a Zero-Tolerance for any and all incidents of sexual assault and sexual harassment in accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003.

This report provides a comparison of incidents from 2013 to 2015 and will be utilized to identify problem areas and formulate corrective measures in efforts to prevent future incidents of sexual abuse.

In accordance with PREA, all investigations are assigned one of the three possible determinations:

Substantiated - an allegation which was investigated and determined to have occurred.

Unsubstantiated - an allegation which provided insufficient evidence to make a final determination of either a substantiated or unfounded claim.

Unfounded - an allegation which was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

In 2015, there were zero incidents or allegations of staff to inmate sexual abuse or sexual harassment, and three allegations of inmate to inmate sexual abuse or sexual harassment. Of the three alleged incidents, two were unfounded, false allegations, and one was substantiated.

All allegations were investigated by specially trained Middle Peninsula Regional Security Center investigators, and allegations that may have been criminal in nature were referred to the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office for further review. The substantiated allegation was successfully prosecuted.

The location of the substantiated incident was in an inmate housing area within the facility. A thorough review has been conducted of policy and procedures, as well as staffing levels and monitoring systems in the inmate housing area, and throughout the facility, in an effort to discover any deficiencies. The review determined that this incident was an isolated incident. No deficiencies have been identified, and no corrective measures are needed at this time.

Investigations of the two unfounded incidents revealed that the inmates made false allegations against other inmates, in an attempt to manipulate their housing/facility assignments when they were transferred to the Department of Corrections. No deficiencies have been identified, and no corrective measures are needed at this time.

The increase in PREA incidents between 2014 and 2015 has been determined to be due to increased staff and inmate education and awareness and attempted inmate manipulation. Middle Peninsula Regional Security Center remains vigilant in our efforts to prevent and detect future incidents of sexual abuse or sexual harassment by continually reviewing agency and industry policies and practices, in an effort to identify potential deficiencies, and making corrections as needed.

In addition, Middle Peninsula Regional Security Center makes every effort to prevent and/or eliminate staff to inmate and inmate to inmate sexual abuse and sexual harassment by continually providing inmate education, and staff training on the PREA standards.

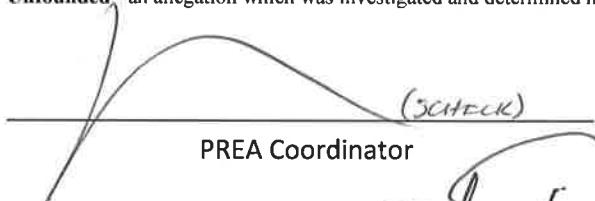
Key: S = Substantiated US = Unsubstantiated UF = Unfounded

	2013			2014			2015		
	Inmate to Inmate			Inmate to Inmate			Inmate to Inmate		
Allegations	S	US	UF	S	US	UF	S	US	UF
Nonconsensual Sexual Acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Abusive Sexual Contact	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Staff to Inmate			Staff to Inmate			Staff to Inmate		
Allegations	S	US	UF	S	US	UF	S	US	UF
Sexual Misconduct	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

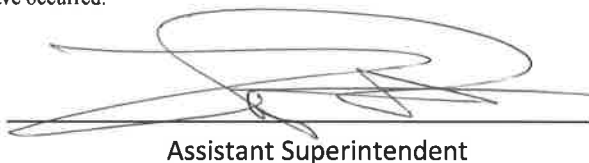
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