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Annual Report of PREA Data

2021

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 2018 to 2021 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 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, there were zero incidents or allegations of staff to inmate sexual abuse or sexual harassment. During 2021 there was one allegation of inmate-to-inmate sexual abuse / assault case that was reported by a male offender. This case was thoroughly investigated internally and then turned over the Virginia State Police for Criminal Investigation. The Virginia State Police never obtained any criminal charges from their investigation.

In an effort to be certain that no PREA incident was overlooked, all incidents and/or allegations that could have had possible sexual components and/or implications were thoroughly reviewed and/or investigated by specially trained Middle Peninsula Regional Security Center investigators. Incidents and/or allegations were found to have met the criteria of a PREA complaint/allegation, and were therefore handled as dictated by appropriate MPRSC policies and procedures.

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. It has been determined that this continued vigilance has contributed to maintaining zero incidents or allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment, by any party, in 2018, 2019, 2020, or 2021.

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 providing ongoing inmate education, and regular staff training on the PREA standards.

Key: $S = Substant$	iated	ted $US = Unsubstantiated$ $UF = Unfounded$											
		2018		2019			2020			2021			
	Inmate to Inmate			Inmate to Inmate			Inmate to Inmate			Inmate to Inmate			
Allegations	S	us	UF	S	us	UF	S	us	UF	S	us	UF	
Nonconsensual Sexual Acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Abusive Sexual Contact	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Staff to Inmate			Staff to Inmate			Staff to Inmate			Sta	Staff to Inmate		
Allegations	S	us	UF	S	us	UF	S	us	UF	S	us	UF	
Sexual Misconduct	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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Superintendent