



**Annual Report for 2023**  
**Allegations of In Custody Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment**  
**Within the Fort Bend County Jail**

*In Accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)*

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## Reported Incidents of Inmate-to-Inmate Sexual Abuse

Sexual abuse of an inmate by another inmate includes any of the following acts, if the victim does not consent, is coerced into such act by overt or implied threats of violence, or is unable to consent or refuse:

- (1) Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- (2) Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
- (3) Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument; and
- (4) Any other intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks of another person, excluding contact incidental to a physical altercation.

## Reported Incidents of Inmate-to-Inmate Sexual Harassment

**Sexual Harassment Includes:**

Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one directed toward another.

## Inmate on Inmate Allegations: 99



## Reported Incidents of Staff-to-Inmate Sexual Abuse

Sexual abuse of an inmate by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer includes any of the following acts, with or without consent of:

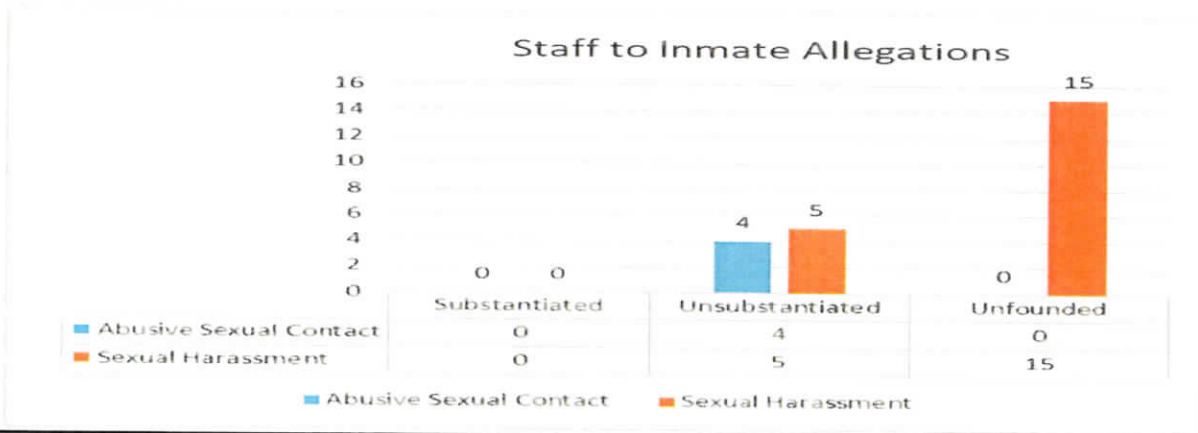
- (1) Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- (2) Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
- (3) Contact between the mouth and any body part where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or:
- (4) Penetration of the anal or genital opening, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument, that is unrelated to official business;
- (5) Any other intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks;
- (6) Any attempt, threat, or request by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer to engage in the activities described in (1)-(5) above;
- (7) Any display by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer of his or her uncovered genitalia, buttocks, or breast in the presence of an inmate, and
- (8) Voyeurism by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer

## Reported Incidents of Staff-to-Inmate Sexual Harassment

Sexual Harassment Includes:

Repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to an inmate by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer, including demeaning references to gender, sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing, or obscene language or gestures.

### Staff on Inmate Allegations: 24



## **PREA Statistics**

In accordance with PREA Standard 115.87, the above data has been collected for the purpose of adjusting and improving policies and procedures to prevent, detect, and train staff and inmates in order to more effectively prevent sexual abuse and harassment in the Fort Bend County Jail.

## **Total Number of Allegations Investigated: 123**

## **Corrective Actions**

### **Fort Bend County Jail:**

- Upgrade of aging components in the facility's camera system, put in new cameras in vulnerable areas for increased visibility
- Increase staff, contractor, and inmate awareness of zero-tolerance for sexual abuse and sexual harassment
- Continuance of internal audits in regards to safeguarding PREA compliance
- Completed renovation of existing facility designated as "OLD JAIL" while being mindful of construction regarding the enhancement of inmate safety and PREA compliance.

## **Summary and Comparison**

### **Fort Bend County Jail:**

- Passed the DOJ-Certified PREA Audit in August 2023- Next PREA audit to be conducted in Spring 2026
- Verified computerized criminal history, warrants, and identification status of all staff supervising inmates
- Verified continuance of agreement with Texas Forensic Nurse Examiners (TCFNE) to provide faster processing of SAFE/SANE services to alleged victims of sexual abuse
- Verified continuance of auto-renewing agreement with Fort Bend Women's Center to provide victim advocate services to alleged victims of sexual abuse, updated response protocol for victim advocates and Crisis Line
- Data analysis indicated a slight increase in inmate-to-inmate sexual abuse/harassment due to increased PREA zero-tolerance awareness
- Facility has a reported rate of less than 1% regarding substantiated in custody sexual abuse or sexual harassment for an average daily population of over 800 incarcerated individuals