

2023 ANNUAL PREA REPORT

The Pulaski County Detention Center is committed to meeting the requirements of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 and maintains a Zero Tolerance policy for all forms of sexual harassment, abuse, and sexual assault. It is the goal of Pulaski County Detention Center that every detainee/offender understand and exercise their right to be free from sexual abuse and assault from other detainees/offenders, contractors, volunteers, and staff.

Reporting Data

This document serves as an annual review to assess and improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training pursuant to standards 115.88 and 115.89 of the national PREA standards.

This report shall include a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with data collected from the previous year and shall provide an assessment of the facilities' progress in addressing sexual abuse. This report shall be approved by the Facility Administrator and be made readily available through the department's website.

During 2023, there were a total of four reports filed by detainees/offenders of sexual harassment that fall within the scope of PREA. Of the four cases filed, three incidents were determined to be unsubstantiated. The following graph represents the facilities 2023 reports for sexual abuse and sexual harassment. These totals are all reports received, regardless of disposition.

Specific names and nature of complaints in these incidents have been redacted.

REPORT DATE	ALLEGED VICTIM	ALLEGED ASSAILANT	NATURE OF COMPLAINT	LOCATION	DISPOSITION
04/25/2023	Offender	Staff	Sexual Abuse	Housing Unit	Unfounded
06/27/2023	Offender	Offender	Sexual Harassment	Housing Unit	Unfounded
09/11/2023	Offender	Offender	Sexual Abuse	Housing Unit	Unfounded
09/26/2023	Offender	Offender	Sexual Abuse	Housing Unit	Unsubstantiated

All reports incidents are investigated and receive one of the three dispositions. Per PREA 11.5 those dispositions are:

- Unfounded allegation-meaning that the allegation was investigated and determined not to have occurred.
- Unsubstantiated allegation-meaning that the allegation was investigated, and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.
- Substantiated allegation-meaning that the allegation was investigated and found to have occurred.

The Unsubstantiated case was forwarded to the appropriate law enforcement agency for criminal prosecution pending results of forensic analysis.

In comparison to last year's data, reports of sexual abuse or assault have increased. In 2022, there were two reports of Offender-on-Offender sexual harassment, abuse or assault, which were determined to be unsubstantiated.

The increase in reported allegations as compared to last year's data may reflect a better understanding due to education and training. Education provided to the Offender population, and a thorough investigative process conducted by the facility staff on all allegations made is believed to reflect that consistent response to these types of incidents and will keep false allegations to a minimum. Another factor to consider for the increase is the overall inmate population which has significantly increase with the United States Marshal Service offenders being incarcerated at this facility.

The Pulaski County Detention Center completed a video surveillance system upgrade in January 2023.

On January 4-5, 2024, Pulaski County Detention Center is scheduled to undergo a PREA Audit.

Training on the facility's Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention Program is included in initial pre-service orientation training, and annual refresher training for employees, volunteers, and contract personnel, and addresses all training topics required by PREA standards. The facility maintains written documentation verifying employee, volunteer, and contractor training.

In addition to the facility's Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention Training Program, staff members have also received specialized training in key areas:

- Sexual Assault Investigator Training
- OKGC Sexual Harassment Training
- Sexual Assault Response Team Training (S.A.R.T.)
- Investigative Strategies for Sexual Deviant Offenders
- Victim's Assistance Training
- PREA Standards and Daily Operations Training
- Critical Tasks in Jail/Corrections Operations / Reducing Liability
- Sex Crimes Training
- Sexual Assault Training
- Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault/Abuse Refresher

The Pulaski County Detention Center will continue to be pro-active in its PREA Trainings, and education of staff and detainees/offenders in its "zero-tolerance" policy.



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