Wilson County Sheriff’s Office Corrections Department PREA Data Collection Summary

2017 Summary

Between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017, the Wilson County Sheriff’s Office Corrections Department received one report of Inmate on Inmate abusive sexual contact. Both Subject and Victim were males inmates. The incident is alleged to have occurred in a POD which houses up 10 Inmates. This area is regularly monitored by staff. The Male victim indicated that the Male subject was chasing him around the pod making inappropriate sexual comments and touching him inappropriately. An extensive investigation was done which resulted in a finding of Unfounded. The victim was removed from the facility to serve his DOC sentence. The Subject left the facility to go to another county. There were no further reports or complaints regarding this incident.

During the same time frame, two reports of sexual harassment were received by the Wilson County Sheriff’s Office Corrections Department.

The first report is as follows:

A female Inmate indicated that a Corrections Officer fondled her. This incident occurred in one of the disciplinary isolation cells she was being removed for disciplinary purposes to a restraint chair for behavior. This is an area monitored by staff on a regular basis by physical viewing by CO and video. Video of this incident is contained in the case file. Video graphic evidence indicates nothing out of ordinary occurred during this incident. No inappropriate touching occurred. The finding of this investigation was Unfounded. Inmate was returned to isolation after she corrected her behavioral issues. The CO involved was not allowed contact with Inmate until conclusion of the investigation. Inmate has left the facility. There were no further reports or concerns regarding this incident.

The second report is as follows:

A male Inmate indicated that a Corrections Officer told the Inmate that for extra Kool Aid at meal pass he (the Inmate) would need to do a sexual “favor” for the CO. This incident occurred in an area regularly monitored by staff. Interviews were conducted by Staff of all the pod mates, the alleged victim and alleged CO subject. Pod mates denied that there was any explicit sexual conversation between Inmate victim and CO during the time frame in question. The finding of this investigation is Unfounded. CO involved was not allowed contact with Inmate until conclusion of investigation. Inmate has since left the facility. There were no further reports or concerns regarding this incident.

2018 Summary

Between January, 2018 and December 31, 2018 the Wilson County Sheriff’s Office Corrections Department received one report of Inmate on Inmate sexual harassment and inappropriate touching. Inmate victim accused two other Inmates of poking him, running their hands up and down his legs in a
provocative manner and pulling back their arms as if they were going to strike him. All inmates involved were moved to different pods pending the outcome of the investigation. The incident occurred in an area regularly monitored by Staff. Video graphic evidence during the time frame in question presented no observable altercation verbally or physically between the inmates in question. The finding of this investigation is Unsubstantiated. All inmates involved have since left the facility. There were no further reports or concerns regarding this incident.

During the same time frame one report of sexual harassment with no touching. The Inmate was being asked by his attorney to “hook him (the attorney) up” with prostitute(s). Inmate fired that attorney and requested to have no further contact with said attorney. This incident occurred in one of the two Attorney rooms supplied by Wilson County. These rooms do have video but are not recorded to maintain AttorneyClient privilege. Wilson County honored Inmate request to have no further contact with said attorney. Wilson County reported this incident to the Wilson County Attorney who in turn reported the incident to the Local Public Defender’s Office in Chanute, KS. No known criminal action was taken. The Inmate has since left the facility. There were no further reports or concerns regarding this incident.

The Wilson County Sheriff’s Office Corrections Department continues to maintain, review and collect data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files and sexual abuse incident reviews.

Upon request, the agency will continue to make its best efforts and provide all such data from the previous year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30.

The Wilson County Sheriff’s Office will make its best effort to continue to review the data collected and aggregated pursuant to PREA Standard 115.87 in order to access and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection and response policies, practices and training and also take into account any corrective action necessary.

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