

2018 Annual PREA Report

Reporting Categories

<u>Offender on Offender Sexual Abuse</u>	<u>Staff, Contractor or Volunteer on Offender Sexual Abuse</u>	<u>Offender on Offender Sexual Harassment</u>	<u>Staff, Contractor or Volunteer Sexual Harassment</u>
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<u>Offenses Reported</u>	1	1	0
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Case Resolution

Substantiated	1*
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Unsubstantiated	
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Unfounded	1**
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Other	0
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* Incident was investigated and forwarded to the District Attorney for charges.

** Incident was investigated by the Jail Sergeant. This case was found to be unfounded. The reporting inmate stated he had overreacted.

Definitions:

Substantiated

An allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

Unsubstantiated

An allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

Unfounded

An allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

Other

An allegation in which the case is under investigation and no disposition has been assigned.

2018 Efforts in working toward Compliance with PREA

During 2018, the Vernon County Sheriff's Office has continued to work towards PREA Act compliance. The Sheriff's office has committed to undergoing a full PREA audit by August of 2022. The Jail has continued to work on transferring the existing Jail Policy to a computer based policy through Lexipol. This procedure also includes verifying policy wording and procedure which will allow us to work toward PREA compliance.

2018 Goals in working toward Compliance with PREA

The Vernon County Sheriff's Office and Detention Center will continue to work toward PREA compliance in 2018.

Additional goals for 2018 include:

- 1) Continue to work on the Lexipol policy conversion and its attempts to address policy and procedure issues to work toward PREA compliance.
- 2) Complete the background checks as required under 115.17
- 3) Attempt to get Sheriff's investigators training on Sexual Abuse evidence collection in confinement settings as required under 115.34.
- 4) Complete the annual report and have it posted on the Sheriff's website as required under 115.88.
- 5) Prioritize training to include PREA training annually for all staff who have unsupervised contact with arrested persons or those serving a sentence.

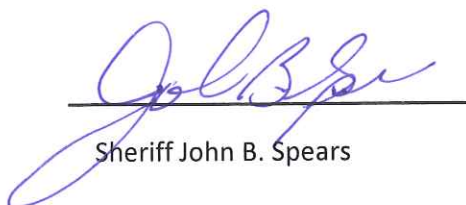
Difficulties with PREA Compliance

As we work toward PREA compliance, there is an area where we may not ever be able to comply. Under PREA 26 CFR 115.14 a youthful inmate shall not be placed in a housing unit in which the inmate will have sight, sound or physical contact with any adult through the use of a shared dayroom or other common space, shower area, or sleeping quarters.

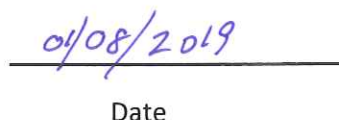
A youthful inmate means any person under the age of 18 who is under adult court supervision and incarcerated or detained in prison or jail.

Wisconsin State Law 17-year-olds alleged to have violated criminal law are subject to prosecution as adults. As such 17-year-olds are held in County Jail. Due to our building design and population, we are not able to house 17-year-olds away from adult offenders.

Report Approved



Sheriff John B. Spears



Date