



Pennington County Sheriff's Office



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Pennington County Jail Sexual Violence Data 2021

Sexual Abuse-

Victim does not or cannot consent, refuses, or is coerced by overt or implied threats of violence; Intentional touching either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh or buttocks of any person. Excludes contact incidental to a physical altercation with no sexual intent for the assault.

Inmate on Inmate: 0 Substantiated; 2 Unsubstantiated; 1 Unfounded

Staff on Inmate: 0 Substantiated; 0 Unsubstantiated; 2 Unfounded

Sexual Harassment-

Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, request for sexual favors, or verbal comments directed at another inmate

Inmate on Inmate: 1 Substantiated; 4 Unsubstantiated; 3 Unfounded

Staff on Inmate: 0 Substantiated; 1 Unsubstantiated; 0 Unfounded

Sexual Misconduct-

All forms of sexual behavior prohibited whether it is consensual.

Inmate on Inmate: 0 Substantiated; 0 Unsubstantiated; 1 Unfounded

Staff on Inmate: 0 Substantiated; 1 Unsubstantiated; 3 Unfounded

Each substantiated incident of sexual abuse is reviewed after the investigation is complete. In the incident of staff on inmate sexual abuse, the contract staff member resigned prior to termination. The review team identified need for corrective training for contract staff and enforcement of protocols and need for additional video monitoring equipment; which is being added during our current security upgrade. The inmate on inmate incidents were determined to have not been a staffing or security issue.

The Pennington County Jail's Command Staff continues to monitor PCJ's progress and to manage current processes and procedures for detecting, preventing, reducing, and punishing perpetrators of sexual violence. PCJ continues to implement the requirements of the PREA standards and make the necessary changes through on-going review.



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