



BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY

Sexual Violence 2016 Annual Report for Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority

Data included in this report is from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

Inmates confined in BRRJA on December 31, 2016 were 899 males and 167 females. During 2016, new admissions to the jail were 7733 male and 2404 female. The average daily population at BRRJA in 2016 was 928 males and 178 females.

Inmate on Inmate Sexual Violence

The categories of inmate on inmate sexual violence are reported separately and are:

Non-consensual acts:

- Contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse; and
- Contact between the penis and the vagina or the penis and the anus including penetration; or
- Contact between the mouth and the penis, vagina, or anus; or
- Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person by hand, finger, or other object.

Abusive Sexual Contacts:

- Contact of any person without consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse; and
- Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks of any person, excluding contact incidental to a physical altercation.

The Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority records all allegations of inmate on inmate sexual violence.

There were (4) allegations of inmate on inmate non-consensual acts during this period. Of the four allegations, three allegations all were thoroughly investigated and all were determined to be unfounded. This means the allegations were investigated and upon completion of the investigation process it was determined that the incidents did not occur. The fourth allegation was thoroughly investigated and is pending until criminal proceedings have occurred.

There was (1) allegation of inmate on inmate abusive sexual contact during this period. An investigation was conducted and the allegation was determined to be unsubstantiated. This means the evidence was insufficient to make a final determination that the event occurred.

Staff Sexual Misconduct and Harassment

Staff sexual misconduct and harassment includes any behavior or act of a sexual nature directed toward an inmate by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor, or other agency representative, and includes two categories which are reported separately and defined as follows:

Staff Sexual Misconduct / consensual or non-consensual acts including:

- Intentional touching of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks with the intent to arouse, or gratify sexual desire; or
- Completed, attempted, threatened, or requested sexual acts; or
- Occurrences of indecent exposure, invasion of privacy, or staff voyeurism for sexual gratification.

Staff Sexual Harassment includes:

- Repeated verbal statements or comments of a sexual nature to an inmate by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor, or other agency representative;
- Demeaning references to gender or derogatory comments about body or clothing; or
- Repeated profane or obscene language or gestures.

The Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority records all allegations of staff sexual misconduct and sexual harassment.

There were (0) allegations of staff sexual misconduct during this period.

There were (3) allegations of staff sexual harassment during this period. The three allegations were investigated and determined to be unfounded. This means that after a thorough and objective investigation these allegations were determined not to have occurred.

History:

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2015 there were two (2) allegations of inmate on inmate non-consensual acts.

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2015 there were six (6) allegations of inmate on inmate abusive sexual contacts.

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2015 there were eleven (11) allegations of staff sexual misconduct.

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2015 there were three (3) allegations of staff sexual harassment.

The BRRJA has implemented PREA standards to enhance our current standard operating procedures and to further prevent and detect any form of sexual abuse, sexual misconduct, or sexual harassment. Our staff is very proactive when assessing any potential issue and suggesting and implementing corrective actions if appropriate. We have extensive and ongoing training for all employees on these issues, and all inmates are educated on PREA related information upon entering any BRRJA facility.

Supplemental: The one allegation of inmate on inmate non-consensual contact was criminally prosecuted in court and the perpetrator was convicted of a sexually related offense. Therefore, this allegation was determined to be a substantiated case of inmate on inmate non-consensual contact. This result means that after a thorough investigation the allegation was determined to have occurred.