



BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY

Sexual Violence 2019 Annual Report for Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority

Data included in this report is from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

Inmates confined in BRRJA on December 31, 2019 were 1,257 males and 268 females. During 2018, new admissions to the jail were 9,505 male and 3,628 female. The average daily population at BRRJA in 2019 was 1,058 males and 202 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 two (2) allegations of inmate on inmate non-consensual acts during this period. One (1) allegation was unfounded, which means the allegation was investigated and determined not to have occurred. One (1) allegation was substantiated, which means the allegation was investigated and determined to have occurred.

There were seven (7) allegations of inmate on inmate abusive sexual contact during this period. Four (4) allegations were unsubstantiated, which means the allegations were investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred. Two (2) allegations were substantiated, which means the allegations were investigated and determined to have occurred. One (1) allegation was unfounded, which means the allegation was investigated and determined not to have 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 six (6) allegations of staff sexual misconduct during this period. One (1) allegation was substantiated, which means the allegation was investigated and determined to have occurred. Five (5) allegations were unfounded, which means the allegations were investigated and determined not to have occurred.

There were ten (10) allegations of staff sexual harassment during this period. These ten (10) allegations were unfounded, which means the allegations were investigated and determined not to have occurred.

History:

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2018 there were seven (7) allegations of inmate on inmate non-consensual acts.

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2018 there were ten (10) allegations of inmate on inmate abusive sexual contacts.

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2018 there were sixteen (16) allegations of staff sexual misconduct.

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2018 there were thirty (30) 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.