



SHERIFF

SEMINOLE COUNTY

TO: Sheriff Dennis M. Lemma

VIA: Chain of Command

FROM: Deputy Ojay Straker *Sergeant Amy R. Lawshe*
Ojay Straker

DATE: January 20, 2022

SUBJECT: PREA 2021 Agency Annual Report

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This memorandum serves as the PREA Agency Annual Report for the calendar year January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. The Sheriff's Office has identified three divisions within our agency required to be PREA Compliant: The John E. Polk Correctional Facility, the Juvenile Detention Center, and the Juvenile Assessment Center. The Seminole County Sheriff's Office, John E. Polk Correctional Facility, identified or responded to twenty PREA allegations during this period. The Juvenile Detention Center had zero PREA incidents during the aforementioned period.

JOHN E. POLK CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

The John E. Polk Correctional Facility received and processed a total of twenty PREA complaints during this reporting period.

Sixteen complaints resulted in findings of unfounded after thorough interviews and investigations had been completed.

Three complaints resulted in findings of unsubstantiated after thorough interviews and investigations revealed these incidences did not meet PREA guidelines.

One PREA complaint resulted in a finding of substantiated. In that incident an inmate alleged that he awoke to another inmate touching him on his back and buttocks while assigned to bunk E210 in E Pod. Both inmates were moved to separate housings and measures were taken to keep them separate while in custody of the John E. Polk Correctional Facility. The perpetrator was disciplined for category 1.8 Sexual Misconduct.



<i>PREA 2021 Disposition</i>	<i>Male Inmate</i>	<i>Female Inmate</i>
Unfounded	10	5
Unsubstantiated	1	2
Substantiated	1	0
Consensual	0	0
Referred to other agencies	0	0
Received from other agencies	0	1 (unfounded)
Community based	0	0
TOTAL	12	8

REVIEW, CORRECTIVE ACTION, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The PREA incident review team continues to assess all cases to determine if staff actions, the physical plant, or other mitigating circumstances contributed to the alleged violation(s). The review team consists of upper-level management, medical staff, classifications staff, and line staff, when available.

Correctional staff are doing a great job of maintaining a presence in their assigned areas of responsibility and communicating with inmates daily. Unit management deputies continue to have a presence inside the housing units.

The John E. Polk Correctional Facility continues to enhance video monitoring capabilities for the protection of both staff and inmates. The agency will continue to focus on and support prevention, detection, reporting, and investigating sexual assault/abuse and harassment. In addition, staff and inmate education remains paramount in our continued efforts with the prison rape elimination act. In April of 2021 the facility held its first PREA Education Week. During this time a team of staff members dedicated to PREA compliance provided correctional staff with educational activities and tools to further enhance their knowledge and understanding of PREA.

The correctional staff continues to work closely with the Victim Advocate Division. The rape hotline is accessible to the inmates within the facility via inmate telephone. Our external website contains PREA information and has third-party anonymous online reporting capabilities. Reporting remains our focus as we continue to use CAFÉ reporting for PREA investigations. The agency continues to use our portable kiosks throughout the facility for inmate education on PREA and as an electronic way to report incidents to staff immediately.



JUVENILE FACILITY

The Seminole County Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) and Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) have continued to have a zero-tolerance policy on issues concerning sexual abuse and sexual harassment involving youthful offenders. The facility has revised policies and training requirements for staff and youthful offenders to meet PREA standards. In 2021 the Juvenile Detention Center had zero PREA related incidents.

<i>PREA 2021 Disposition</i>	<i>Male Inmate</i>	<i>Female Inmate</i>
Unfounded	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0
Substantiated	0	0
Consensual	0	0
Referred to other agencies	0	0
Received from other agencies	0	0
Community based	0	0
TOTAL	0	0

