

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Annual Report 2024

PREA Background:

The Prison Rape Elimination Act or (PREA) was signed into federal law by President George W. Bush in 2003. It was created to address and reduce the problem of sexual misconduct in all confinement facilities across the United States. In 2012 the U.S. Department of Justice released the national PREA standards and regulations to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual misconduct in confinement facilities. PREA requires all federal, state, and local correction agencies to have a zero-tolerance policy regarding prison rape in prisons, jails, police lock-ups, and community confinement facilities.

Story County Jail has a zero-tolerance policy that complies with the PREA standards. Our facility and programs comply with the federal laws that pertain to PREA, sexual harassment, and sexual misconduct.

Definitions:

Sustained Allegation: Any allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

Unfounded Allegation: Any allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

Not Sustained Allegation: Any allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.

Annual Report

In 2024, Story County Jail had the PREA allegations. Below are the stats for the year.

| | Allegation | Substantiated | Unsubstantiated | Unfounded | Ongoing | Total Results |
|---|------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|---------|---------------|
| Inmate-on-Inmate Sexual Misconduct | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Staff on Inmate Sexual Misconduct and Harassment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

In 2024, the Story County Jail received zero PREA allegations. This demonstrates the jail's ongoing commitment to upholding the PREA standards. During this time, we emphasized the importance of officers announcing their presence during rounds and provided guidance on how to handle any PREA allegations that may arise. Additionally, we focused on reviewing our classification system to ensure that all inmates are classified using the same criteria. I believe these efforts have contributed to maintaining a safe environment within our jail population.

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