

Prison Rape Elimination Act

2014

This report has been prepared in accordance with §115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training. In the subsequent years information collected for this report will be used to identify problem areas and take corrective action on an ongoing basis.

- Offender–on–offender sexual assault and abuse
- Staff–on–offender sexual misconduct (sexual/inappropriate relationships with offenders)
- Offender–on–offender and staff–on–offender sexual harassment

The Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for staff and offenders. ACRJ has zero tolerance for sexual misconduct of any kind and will impose discipline for such misconduct, up to and including dismissal for staff and serious infractions for inmates who victimize other inmates. All allegations of sexual misconduct, sexual harassment and abuse will be investigated. Inmates will be and offenders will be prosecuted when applicable. ACRJ policies regarding sexual misconduct apply to all inmates, employees, contractors and volunteers.

This report summarizes the extensive effort by the Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional to achieve compliance with The Prison Rape Elimination Act.

Inmates separated immediately, added to the complainants keep separate list and alerts were added by Classification.

All incidents were investigated promptly, thoroughly, and objectively. All incidents were reviewed to ensure that there may not be need for additional staff, camera monitoring or whether there are some other factors that may need to be corrected to prevent a similar incident from taking place.

Upgrades and Changes

In 2014, with the retirement of several staff to include those in administration there have been promotions that have impacted continuing processes and well as changes at ACRJ. With a new administration on board, ACRJ continued to look for ways to comply with the requirements of the PREA standards. The Accreditation Manager was tasked with taking the role of PREA Coordinator. PREA was considered during the planning and designing process. The floor plans were and current set ups were reviewed to determine blind spots. ACRJ hired a PREA auditor to give a pre-audit inspection to help assist in determining compliance with the standards.

Simplex Grinnell was hired to address video technology concerns as blind spots for safety and security were considered for remote observing by master control. ACRJ is in the process in conjunction with Albemarle County Police & Sheriff's Office, the City of Charlottesville Police &

Sheriff's Office, UVA Police, Albemarle and Charlottesville Fire and Rescue as well as Offender Aid and Restoration- Jefferson Area Community Corrections (OAR-JACC) have been working together to strategize on ways to collaborate and share information as it relate to the public, inmates and staff to minimize recidivism. This is being done by searching for a vendor that proposes to address each of the agency's individual needs collectively.

The Superintendent declares that ACRJ will become PREA compliant. All staff are working to comply with his directive.

Statistics

Allegation of Inmate-on-Inmate Non-Consensual Sexual Acts		
	2013	2014
Substantiated	8	0
Unsubstantiated	1	0
Unfounded	7	0
Investigation Ongoing	0	1
TOTAL	16	1

Allegation of Inmate-on-Inmate Sexual Harassment		
	2013	2014
Substantiated	0	2
Unsubstantiated	0	2
Unfounded	0	2
Investigation Ongoing	0	0
TOTAL	0	6

Allegation of Inmate-on-Inmate Abusive Sexual Contacts		
	2013	2014
Substantiated	1	0
Unsubstantiated	1	0
Unfounded	0	0
Investigation Ongoing		1
TOTAL	2	1

Allegation of Staff Sexual Misconduct		
	2013	2014
Substantiated	0	0
Unsubstantiated	1	0
Unfounded	0	0
Investigation Ongoing	0	0
TOTAL	0	0

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Allegation of Staff Sexual Harassment		
	2013	2014
Substantiated	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0
Unfounded	0	1
Investigation Ongoing	0	0
TOTAL	0	1