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# 2024 PREA Annual Report

## **Background:**

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was enacted by Congress and signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2003 to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment occurring in the confinement setting.

The Caldwell County Sheriff's Office has adopted a "zero tolerance" policy since the inception of this new act, and has prohibited all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, in accordance with Federal PREA Standards, within its entire organization. The Caldwell County Sheriff's Office administratively and/or criminally investigates all reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment within its organization.

## **Compliance:**

The Caldwell County Sheriff's Office achieved full compliance with Federal PREA Standards in 2017, and has established policies to provide for staff training, inmate education, screening and risk assessments, and affirmative responses to any report of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. The Caldwell County Sheriff's Office conducts thorough investigations of any reported allegation of sexual abuse or sexual harassment and monitors its population and facility continuously. All employees and applicants at the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office are screened prior to employment and/or promotion and trained annually in PREA awareness and program requirements.

## **Annual Surveys:**

Each year, in compliance with PREA Standard 115.87, the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office conducts and review of data collected concerning allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, to evaluate the effectiveness of prevention, detection, and response to said allegations. This review helps to identify areas for improvement, and identify deficiencies in the prevention, detection, response, and training within our PREA Program and Policies. This data is also reported to the U.S. Department of Justice when requested.

## **Definitions:**

**Substantiated:** an allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

**Unsubstantiated:** an allegation that was investigated, and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the allegation occurred.

**Unfounded:** An allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.



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## 2024 Reported Incidents

### Inmate on Inmate Sexual Harassment:

Unsubstantiated:

Substantiated:

Unfounded:

### Inmate on Inmate Sexual Abuse:

Unsubstantiated:

Substantiated:

Unfounded:

### Staff Sexual Misconduct:

Unsubstantiated:

Substantiated:

Unfounded:

### Staff on Inmate Sexual Harassment:

Unsubstantiated:

Substantiated:

Unfounded:

### Staff on Inmate Sexual Abuse:

Unsubstantiated:

Substantiated:

Unfounded:

## 2023 Reported Incidents

### Inmate on Inmate Sexual Harassment:

Unsubstantiated:

Substantiated:

Unfounded:

### Staff on Inmate Sexual Harassment:

Unsubstantiated:

Substantiated:

Unfounded:



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### 2023 Reported Incidents (Continued)

#### Inmate on Inmate Sexual Abuse:

Unsubstantiated:

Substantiated:

Unfounded:

#### Staff on Inmate Sexual Abuse:

Unsubstantiated:

Substantiated:

Unfounded:

#### Staff Sexual Misconduct:

Unsubstantiated:

Substantiated:

Unfounded:

### Years in Review:

Review of Uniform Data reveals a increase in reported PREA Incidents from 2023 to 2024. Reported incidents increased from 1 to 4, with 3 of the 4 incidents being unfounded (investigation determined the allegation did not happen), and one being unsubstantiated (investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the allegation occurred)

There were no reported incidents of Sexual Abuse, or Sexual Misconduct for reporting years 2023 and 2024.



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