

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL

## CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA



### Sexual Violence Annual Report

Data in this report reflects calendar year 2023 - January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

- On December 31, 2023, the daily population was 87 inmates, including 85 males and 2 females
- The average daily population for the MCJ in 2023 was 72
- There were 2845 commitments to the MCJ in 2023

The following definitions are used when discussing sexual violence and Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA).

**Abusive Sexual Contact** – Unwanted contact with another inmate or any contact with staff that involves touching of the inmate's buttocks, thighs, penis, breasts or vagina in a sexual way.

**Allegation** – An oral, written or electronic statement that sexual abuse has occurred or might occur, that is provided to a staff member or outside agency.

**Behavior of a sexual nature** – Includes, but is not limited to, inappropriate remarks or conversations, sexualized name calling, correspondence that suggests a romantic or sexual relationship and physical contact in a sexual manner.

**Non-consensual Sexual Acts** – Unwanted contact with another inmate or any contact with staff that involves oral, anal or vaginal penetration, hand jobs or other sexual acts.

**Sexual Assault** – Any contact between the sex organ of one person and the sex organ, mouth or anus of another person, or any intrusion of any part of the body of one person, or of any object into the sex organ, mouth or anus of another person, by the use of force or threat of force, against the will of the victim, or under conditions in which the perpetrator knows, or should know that the victim is mentally or physically incapable of resisting or understanding the nature of his/her conduct.



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**Sexual Harassment** – Sexual harassment includes:

Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one inmate or detainee directed toward another; and

**Sexual Misconduct** – Any act or behavior of a sexual nature directed toward an inmate by any staff member. This includes acts or attempts, including but not limited to, sexual assault, sexual harassment, sexual contact, conduct of a sexual nature and unreasonable or unnecessary invasion of privacy.

**Sexual Victimization/Sexual Violence** – All types of sexual activity: oral, anal and vaginal penetration; hand jobs; touching of the inmate's thighs, buttocks, penis, breasts or vagina in a sexual way; abusive sexual contacts; and both willing and unwilling sexual activity with staff.

**Substantiated** – An allegation investigated and determined to have occurred

**Unfounded** - An allegation investigated and determined not to have occurred

**Unsubstantiated** - An allegation that was investigated and evidence was insufficient to make a determination of substantiated or unfounded

**Other** - Repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to an inmate or detainee by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer, including demeaning references to gender, sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing, or obscene language or gestures.

The Montgomery County Jail policy prohibits **ANY AND ALL SEXUAL ACTIVITY**. All allegations of sexual misconduct and/or harassment, whether inmate on inmate, staff on inmate, or inmate on staff are investigated fully and appropriate action taken. All substantiated allegations of conduct that appear to be criminal are reported to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department for further investigation and referral to the Commonwealth Attorney for criminal charges.

During the calendar year January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 there were 0 total allegations of sexual assault and sexual harassment.

The Montgomery County Jail utilizes numerous methods of reporting an incident. These methods include verbal, written, third-party, and through the Montgomery County Jails website PREA Report Form. These reporting tools provides the offenders various ways to report any incident to the staff openly or privately.

After a review of PREA policy for calendar year 2023, it indicates that inmates are aware of the available reporting methods at the MCJ and continue to be comfortable reporting to staff, using the various tools available to them.

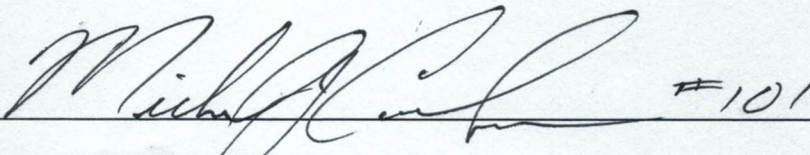
Mandated annual refresher PREA training for all staff was completed.

No locations within the jail facility contain blind spots or hiding areas. No problem areas were identified or requires corrective action.

The Montgomery County Jail utilizes a tracking system for allegations and PREA related matters. This is a spreadsheet maintained by the PREA Coordinator and includes basic information for each allegation.

Planned efforts for 2024 include continued training and education of staff regarding the application of the PREA standards, including a focus on screening and intake procedures, searches, inmate education, response procedures and investigations. Education for inmates will focus of rights and responsibilities, reporting procedures, ways to avoid sexual assault and the availability of services.

The inmate PREA education video has been added to the tablets in the inmate housing areas to increase awareness and educational opportunities.

  
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