



October 10, 2019

TO: [REDACTED]  
Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM: [REDACTED]  
Lead Compliance Inspector  
The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: **Annual Inspection of the Geauga County Jail**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual/180 day re-inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS-Over 72 Hours) of the Geauga County Jail in Chardon, Ohio during the period of October 8-10, 2019. This is an IGSA facility.

The annual/180 day re-inspection was performed under the guidance of [REDACTED] Lead Compliance Inspector. Team members were:

Subject Matter Field	Team Member
Detainee Rights	[REDACTED]
Security	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Safety	[REDACTED]

### **Type of Inspection**

This is a scheduled annual/180 day re-inspection, which is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE NDS for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a rating of Deficient during the November 2018 annual inspection.

### **Inspection Summary**

The Geauga County Jail is currently accredited by:

- The American Correctional Association (ACA) - No
- The National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) - No
- The Joint Commission (TJC) - No
- Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) - No

### **Standards Compliance**

The following information is a summary of the standards that were reviewed and overall compliance that was determined as a result of the 2018 annual inspection and 2019 annual/180 day re-inspection.



<b>2018 Annual Inspection</b>	
Acceptable	33
Deficient	3
Repeat Finding	1
Not Applicable	3

<b>2019 Annual/180 Day Reinspection</b>	
Acceptable	36
Deficient	0
Repeat Findings	0
Not Applicable	3

The inspection team identified sixteen (16) deficient components in the following ten (10) standards:

- Correspondence and Other Mail – 1
- Hunger Strikes – 1
- Suicide Prevention and Intervention – 1
- Detention Files – 1
- Environmental Health and Safety – 1, which is a repeat deficiency
- Key and Lock Control – 1, which is a repeat deficiency
- Security Inspections – 1
- Tool Control – 1
- Detainee Transfer – 5, one of which is a repeat deficiency
- Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention – 3

### Facility Snapshot/Description

The Geauga County Jail was constructed in 2005 and is located in Chardon, Ohio. The facility is owned by the County of Geauga and operated by the Geauga County Sheriff's Department. [REDACTED] The facility employs the indirect model of supervision to all custody levels of adult male and female detainees for ICE and county inmates. [REDACTED]

ICE detainees are comingled in nine independent housing units with populations of similar custody levels. Six of the housing units are used to house male detainees; while the three remaining housing units are reserved for female detainees. Detainee housing ranges from eight-person and twelve-person single cell housing units to 60-bed open dormitory style living arrangements. Three of the celled housing units have two cells that may be used for special management housing. SMU cells are double occupancy and separated from the remaining housing unit by a detention grade sliding door that creates a sally port entrance. Living units are well lit with both natural and artificial light and have adequate open space for detainees. The dayrooms in each of the housing units are furnished with tables and chairs for detainees to participate in leisure time activities and socializing. Detainees were observed playing board games, reading, playing cards, visiting, watching television, and talking on the telephones. The facility provides two dedicated areas for detainee recreation. The outdoor recreation area is covered but equipped with screened openings that allow for natural light and fresh air to enter. A basketball court is available in the outside recreation area. The indoor recreation area is equipped with stationary exercise equipment for detainee use.

The entire facility is climate controlled. The inspection team found the environment to be relaxed with detainees freely approaching inspectors, ICE officials, and facility personnel to participate in formal interviews and general discussions. The facility appeared in good repair and the sanitation level was found to be above average. All officers interviewed were well-versed in facility guidelines and operating procedures as well as the National Detention Standards. Officers and staff were professional when dealing with detainees and the inspection team.

The inspection team interviewed or extended the opportunity to be interviewed to all 46 LEP and English speaking detainees housed at the facility. Interviews were held confidentially in small groups and individually in housing units or other common areas of the facility. There were no substantive concerns voiced when asked



about their personal safety, ICE services, treatment by staff, access to telephones, access to the law library, or food services. One detainee raised a concern about medical treatment that he was receiving for he believed to be a hernia. The medical SME reviewed the medical file and conducted an interview with the detainee. At the completion of the interview, the medical SME shared his observations and concerns with the HSA who arranged for a meeting with the detainee to ensure that all relative medical concerns were being addressed. During one LEP confidential interview, a Cuban detainee of Spanish descent complained that he has not been able to reach his family on the telephone for several weeks. He indicated that each time he attempts a telephone call to his family a recorded message informs that the call cannot be completed. The detainee's concern was brought to the attention of the administrative officer who was aware of the difficulty the detainee was having trying to reach his family and had been in contact with the telephone provider to resolve the issue. Efforts made by the telephone provider at the time of inspection had not resolved the problem.

Food and medical services are provided by Geauga County personnel. The facility does not charge co-pays for medical, mental health, or dental care. The facility doctor, dentist and mental health services are contracted with local providers.

Detainee telephone services are provided by Combined Public Communications (CPC) via contract with the facility.

**Areas of Concern/Significant Observations**

There were no areas of concern or significant observations.

**Recommended Rating and Justification**

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Acceptable. The facility complies with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS). No (0) standard was found Deficient and three (3) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-six (36) standards were found to be in compliance.

**LCI Assurance Statement**

The findings of compliance and non-compliance are accurately and completely documented on the G-324A Inspection Form and are supported by documentation in the inspection file. An out brief was conducted at the facility and in addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, the following were present:

- ICE Officials – [Redacted]
- Facility Staff – [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted], Lead Compliance Inspector

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Printed Name of LCI

Date

