



The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

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TO: [REDACTED]
Acting Assistant Director Custody Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Inspection of the Adams County Correctional Center**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011 of the Adams County Correctional Center in Natchez, Mississippi during the period of November 30 through December 2, 2021. This is an IGSA facility.

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

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

Type of Inspection

This is a scheduled annual inspection to determine overall compliance with the ICE PBNDS 2011 for Over 72-hour facilities. The facility received a rating of Meets Standards during the December 2020 inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Adams County Correctional Center is currently accredited by:

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

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 2020 and 2021 PBNDS annual inspections:



<i>2020 Annual Inspection</i>	
Meets Standards	40
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	3

<i>2021 Annual Inspection</i>	
Meets Standards	40
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	3

No deficiencies were identified in any component.

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Adams County Correctional Center is located on the outskirts of Natchez, Mississippi in an uninhabited area. It is owned and operated by CoreCivic (detention contractor), a private corporation. During the first day of the inspection the facility housed [REDACTED] male ICE detainees of all custody levels. The current contract allows for female ICE detainees but none have been housed at the facility since April 2020. Most detainees are transferred directly from the Mexico border to the facility. [REDACTED]

The facility was built in [REDACTED] by CoreCivic and housed United States Bureau of Prisons inmates until it was transitioned to housing only ICE detainees in September 2019. The compound is comprised of fourteen one-story buildings of which thirteen of them are inside the secure perimeter; the administration building is located outside the fence. The complex is compartmentalized into several fenced quadrants/sections designed to quickly contain unauthorized activity. The outer perimeter of the compound is designed with two twelve-foot chain link fences with multiple rows of razor ribbon affixed to the interior and exterior fencing runs. The interior fence line has stun fence capability. The compound is encircled by a paved perimeter road that is routinely patrolled by an armed officer in a vehicle 24 hours a day. Surveillance cameras offer visibility around the entire perimeter, into the housing units, the common areas, recreation yards, and interior movement sidewalks. All exterior building doors and interior movement gates are controlled by central control staff and are under constant camera surveillance through a 200 surveillance camera network that is monitored 24 hours a day. All movement is subject to sight line observation.

The facility has eighteen general population housing unit wings that are either dormitory settings ranging in size from [REDACTED] beds or two-tier configurations ranging in size from [REDACTED]-bed cells. There are four special management units (also referred to as restricted housing units) containing either [REDACTED]-bed cells. There was one detainee residing in the SMU during the inspection. All housing units are managed by direct and/or indirect supervision pending population distribution. Each housing unit has a barber shop, a medical consult/treatment room, and a law library/indoor recreation room (shared space). Select housing units/wings currently serve as COVID-19 quarantine/isolation units where newly admitted detainees and existing detainees are housed until negative testing results/protocols are complete. During the inspection there were two active COVID-19 cases in the facility. The health care unit is not an infirmary but does have five one-bed rooms used for short-term treatment and/or observation and isolation.

All officers and some medical staff carry a radio. The facility does not currently offer on-site visitation due to COVID-19 conditions except for legal visits. Only a remote video-visit format is permissible for general visitation. It is a fee based system. No accommodations have been established to permit all de-



tainees the opportunity to participate in general visitation at no charge. However, the OIC has set a workable plan to restore pre-COVID-19 on-site visiting privileges in July 2022.

Each housing unit/wing has a common dayroom equipped with three televisions, individual telephone stations, a bank of electronic tablets, LexisNexis computer work stations, and fixed table/chair units for detainees to eat their meals, play games and gather for conversation. Tablets and dayroom use time are available daily from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays, and from 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, and holidays. Tablets provide detainees the ability to retrieve the facility handbook in twelve languages; order commissary and access commissary account balances; access LexisNexis (view only); submit ICE/facility requests; retrieve all program/activity schedules; file grievances; read books; play games; send/receive emails; make telephone calls; listen to music; read books; and play games. Detainees are provided daily indoor and outdoor recreation. Overall, the facility is very clean with shower/bathroom locations showing a good level of cleanliness.

The inspectors conducted eleven formal confidential detainee interviews, eighteen informal detainee interviews in the housing units and on work details, and one special management unit detainee interview during the inspection. All detainees interviewed stated they received the facility and National Detainee handbooks during intake. There were no substantive concerns expressed about any facet of their detention. All detainees were asked about: their receipt of the handbooks during intake; their sense of safety and staff treatment; the quality/quantity of food; satisfaction with medical care; law library and recreation availability; ICE/ERO contact with their assigned deportation officer and responses to their requests; their awareness of OIG services (those who were unaware of the services were informed and instructed how to contact them); cleanliness of their living areas; the current visitation format and their plans for the future. All of the detainees interviewed have been at the facility between 22 days to four months. Most of the detainees were transferred to this facility directly from the border. There were two minor health care related concerns mentioned. Both of these concerns were discussed with the health services administrator by the medical SME. Their issues had been previously addressed and follow-up care was already scheduled. No further action was necessary. Overall, the detainees were very content with their current situation despite not knowing when they would be released.

There were two deaths (natural causes), no suicide attempts, escapes, hunger strikes, calculated uses of force or sexual abuse allegations reported during this inspection period.

Medical, dental, mental health and maintenance services are provided by CoreCivic employees. Food services are provided by Trinity Food Services. Detainee telephone and tablet services are provided by Talton Communication. Detainees are not charged co-pays for medical, mental health, or dental care services.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

The facility is providing the following optimal levels of service as described in the standards in: 2.12 – Special Management Units (SMU), detainees in the SMU in disciplinary segregation status receive a daily recreation period of one hour, and SMU administrative use-of-force audiovisual records are retained by the facility for at least one year after litigation or any investigation has concluded or been resolved; 4.3 – Medical Care, the facility is accredited by ACA and NCCHC; 4.4 – Medical Care (Women), the facility is accredited by NCCHC and the health care unit has adequate space for tele-health services; 4.6 – Significant Self-Harm and Suicide Prevention and Intervention, prevention/treatment and therapeutic aftercare for suicidal detainees or detainees at risk for self-harm are within NCCHC standards; 4.7 – Terminal Illness, Advance Directives and Death, medical care for terminally ill detainees are within NCCHC standards; and 6.3 - Law Libraries and Legal Materials, detainees are provided law library access hours for more than fifteen hours per week.



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This was a hybrid inspection in which some of the inspectors worked remotely. Remote inspectors were unable to personally observe practices and procedures within the facility and relied upon photographs and/or videos to validate the observation of many standards. There were no areas/components of concern or significant observations noted.

Recommended Rating and Justification

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Meets Standards unless unobserved practices and conditions are contrary to what was reported to the inspection team. The facility complies with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011 for Over 72-hour facilities. No (0) standards were rated as Does Not Meet Standard and three (3) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining forty (40) standards were found to Meet Standards.

LCI Assurance Statement

The findings 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. In addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team (one SME via conference call) the following were present:

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

[REDACTED] Lead Compliance Inspector
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