

January 8, 2021

TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

**SUBJECT:** Annual Inspection of the Alamance County Detention Center

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed a remote annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS 2000/2011 SAAPI) of the Alamance County Detention Center in Graham, North Carolina, during the period of January 6-8, 2021. This is an IGSA facility.

The annual inspection was performed under the guidance of Inspector. Team members were:

Subject Matter Field	Team Member
Detainee Rights	
Security	
Medical Care	
Medical Care	
Safety	

# **Type of Inspection**

This is a scheduled annual inspection which is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE NDS 2000 for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a rating of Meets Standards during the November 2019 inspection.

# **Inspection Summary**

The Alamance County Detention Center 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 2019 inspection and the 2021 NDS inspection:



2019 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	35
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	4

2021 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	35
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	4

The inspection team identified ten (10) deficient components in the following five (5) standards:

Visitation - 1
Detainee Handbook - 1, which is a repeat deficiency
Food Service - 2
Recreation - 2
Environmental Health and Safety - 4

### **Facility Snapshot/Description**

According to the lieutenant, Alamance County Detention Facility is located in Graham, North Carolina, and is operated by the Alamance County Sheriff's Office. The physical plant consists of East and West sections, three floors and two floors respectively. There is a control center for each floor and a control "tower" for the West section. Housing units consist of open bay dormitories and single occupancy cells. The indirect supervision facility houses male and female detainees for Alamance County, State Misdemeanor Confinement Program (SMCP), U.S. Marshals Service, and ICE. The facility houses non-ICE juvenile detainees in the east wing of the jail.

s. The facility began housing ICE detainees in February 2019. Male ICE detainees are housed separately from non-ICE detainees. Female ICE detainees are housed with local detainees with compatible classification designations.

There is no outdoor recreation available. Each housing unit dayroom is utilized for recreation. The dayroom is furnished with televisions, telephones, board games and kiosks. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all visitation is conducted remotely via video.

One detainee was admitted to the facility during the inspection. The detainee was interviewed remotely. The detainee had no complaints. He confirmed that he received the detainee handbook and a free telephone call. He stated that he was screened by medical staff. During Day Two of the inspection, four detainees were admitted late in the evening and subsequently released early on Day Three. There was no opportunity to interview any of these four detainees.

Photo images revealed safety and sanitation issues related to the Food Service and Environmental Health and Safety standards. Seventeen photo images are attached and include:

Food Service - Component 34

Photos 1-5 depict trash cans without lids; a can opener that is rusty and dirty; coolers and freezers that are disorganized; walls and baseboards that have an apparent build-up of dirt; piping and drains under the counter that are dirty; as well as tables, counters, and shelves that are cluttered.



Environmental Health and Safety - Component 1

Photos 6-8 depict cleaning and sanitizing agents for the 3-compartment sink (J-512 and PanClean) that are not secured.

Environmental Health and Safety – Components 1 and 7

Photos 9-10 depict a flammable liquid material (Enzolve) pictured under a counter in food service that is not being stored according to labels and the SDS recommendations.

Environmental Health and Safety – Component 29

Photos 11-17 reveal that additional cleaning is needed. Baseboards have an accumulation of dirt, shower walls and dividers have peeling paint, and day room tables are marked up and have peeling paint. Toilet bowls are rusty and sink area is cluttered with hygiene supplies.

The facility does not charge ICE detainees co-pays for medical, mental health, or dental care. Health services are provided by Southern Health Partners. Food service is provided by Aramark.

# **Areas of Concern/Significant Observations**

The inspection was conducted remotely and inspectors were unable to personally observe practices and procedures within the facility. The inspection team relied upon photographs and/or videos to validate the observation of many standards.

# **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 National Detention Standards (NDS/SAAPI 2011). No (0) standards were rated Does Not Meet Standards, there were zero (0) Repeat Findings, and four (4) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-five (35) standards were found to Meet Standards.

#### **LCI Assurance Statement**

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

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	, Lead Compliance Inspector	January 8, 2021	
• Facili	ty Staff –		
• <u>ICE</u> (	Officials –		

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Date