

June 17, 2021

TO:

Assistant Director Custody Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: Annual Inspection of the Alamance County Detention Center

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS 2000) of the Alamance County Detention Center in Graham, North Carolina during the period of June 15-17, 2021. This is an IGSA facility.

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

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

Type of Inspection

This is an annual inspection that is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE NDS for Over 72 hour facilities. The January 2021 inspection was rated Meets Standards.

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 January 2021 and June 2021 annual compliance inspections:



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

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

The inspection team identified eight (8) deficient components in the following seven (7) standards:

Visitation – 1, which is a repeat deficiency
Detention Files - 1
Detainee Handbook - 1, which is a repeat deficiency
Food Service – 1, which is a repeat deficiency
Recreation – 2, which are both repeat deficiencies
Environmental Health and Safety – 1, which is a repeat deficiency
Key and Lock Control - 1

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Alamance County Detention Center was built in 2007 and is operated by the Alamance County Sheriff's Office. The facility is located in Graham, North Carolina, approximately 55 miles northwest of Raleigh, North Carolina. This IGSA employs the indirect model of supervision to male and female inmates 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; however, no juveniles were being housed in the facility at the time of inspection.

The facility maintains 22 housing units with two housing units dedicated to housing ICE detainees. Housing assignments are based on same custody levels with an open dormitory style arrangement for low and mediumlow custody level detainees, and single occupancy celled housing for medium-high and high custody level ICE detainees. The facility does not maintain a dedicated special management housing unit (SMU). Detainees requiring special management housing are transferred to another facility within 24 hours. Onsite inspectors found the living units to be well lit with both natural and artificial light and observed 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. Board games, leisure reading material, playing cards, and televisions are among the amenities available to detainees. Computer tablets and kiosks, programmed to allow detainees to communicate with ICE electronically and participate in video visitation with family and friends from remote locations, are available in the housing units. Video visitation was available onsite, free of charge prior to March 2020 and COVID 19 restrictions. Currently, video visitation is available for a fee. Other COVID-19 response operational changes include all newly received detainees are quarantined and COVID-19 tested upon admission to the facility. One deportation officer is assigned onsite to coordinate admissions, releases, and communications between staff and ICE detainees. There is no outdoor recreation available. Detainees use housing unit dayrooms for recreation.

The facility is climate controlled and the physical plant was found to be in good repair. All staff interviewed was well-versed in facility guidelines and operating procedures as well as the National Detention Standards. Officers and staff were professional during interviews and detainees that agreed to be interviewed spoke willingly and respectfully. A review of sanitation inspection reports, interviews with staff and detainees, and observation of onsite inspectors concluded that the sanitation level of the facility was adequate.



The inspection team interviewed all three detainees housed at the facility during the inspection. Interviews were conducted in person by onsite inspectors and without the assistance of an interpreter as all detainees understood and spoke English. There were no substantive concerns voiced when asked about personal safety, food services, medical services, or access to telephones. The detainees verified that they received a National and local handbook upon admission to the facility and confirmed that memorandum, posters, and other type of key information are posted in English and Spanish throughout the facility, which are the languages primarily spoken by detainees. The onsite medical SME conducted an interview with a female ICE detainee and found that she was aware of how to report incidents of sexual assault and/or abuse, and how to access programs and services, to include medical consultations. Detainees were reminded of the proper procedures for filing grievances and the availability of the OIG hotline for submitting complaints.

Medical services are provided by Southern Health Partners and the food service provider is Aramark. The facility does not charge co-pays for medical, mental health, or dental care. The detainee telephone provider is Pay Tel Communication Inc. and video visitation is made available by HomeWAV, LLC.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

There were no areas of concern or significant observations during this hybrid inspection. Onsite inspection team members were provided all requested documentation and observed the practice and procedures of the facility. Remote inspectors 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) 2000 for Over 72-hour facilities. No (0) standards were rated as Does Not Meet Standard 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-324A Inspection Form and are supported by documentation in the inspection file. An out brief was conducted telephonically with facility staff and ICE representatives. In addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, the following were present:

ICE Officials –

 Facility Staff

Lead Compliance Inspector June 17, 2021

Printed Name of LCI Date