



March 5, 2020

TO: [REDACTED]  
Assistant Director for Detention Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Detention Inspection of the Boone County Jail**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS) of the Boone County Jail in Burlington, Kentucky during the period of March 3-5, 2020. This is an IGSA facility.

The 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]
Safety	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]

### **Type of Inspection**

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

### **Inspection Summary**

The Boone 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 2019 and 2020 NDS annual compliance inspections:



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<b>2019 Annual Inspection</b>	
Acceptable	36
Deficient	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	3

<b>2020 Annual Inspection</b>	
Acceptable	36
Deficient	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	3

The inspection team identified five (5) deficient components in the following four (4) standards:

- Correspondence and Other Mail – 1, which is a repeat deficiency
- Hold Rooms – 1
- Use of Force – 1, which is a repeat deficiency
- Detainee Transfer Standard – 2, both of which are repeat deficiencies

### **Facility Snapshot/Description**

The Boone County Jail is owned by Boone County and operated under the jurisdiction of a jailer, an elected public entity. The jailer is responsible for daily operations and reports to the Boone County Fiscal Court. The facility is located about ten miles southwest of Cincinnati, Ohio. The facility houses adult male and female ICE detainees of all classification levels; U.S. Marshals Service detainees; Boone and surrounding county inmates; State of Kentucky inmates and U.S. Bureau of Prisons inmates. [REDACTED]

The physical plant was built in 2005. It is a one-story building that houses the detention center and all of its support services. The facility has 42 individual general population housing units, which are designed into dormitory settings ranging in capacity from seven to ten beds. ICE detainees are housed with non-ICE detainees of compatible custody levels. There are two special management units that serve all populations; one sixteen bed unit for males and one four bed unit for females.

The exterior walls of the building comprise the facility’s secure perimeter. The outside to the building is periodically foot patrolled by an unarmed deputy. All exterior doors of the building are under camera surveillance and checked each shift; their access is governed by control center deputies. The entire perimeter and most of the facility interior are under the constant oversight of control center deputies who monitor a 148-surveillance camera network. Camera coverage provides sight lines into all movement corridors and common areas.

All detainees have access to a television, a telephone, a video-visit station, library books and personal hotpots and have the same law library, recreation and visiting privileges regardless of their classification level or housing assignment. All detainees receive outdoor recreation for at least one hour a day, five days a week. Telephones are provided in the general population dayrooms at a ratio of one telephone to ten detainees.

During the inspection, detainees were observed socializing in the dayrooms and recreating in the outdoor yard areas. Conditions of confinement were recognized as uncluttered and clean. The overall facility is maintaining an above average level of sanitation. Staff interactions with the detainees were casual with no sense of imposing governance. Detainees’ responses to these encounters appeared routine.

The inspection team conducted casual interviews with detainees in the housing units, on work assignment and in the health care unit, 33 confidential interviews with LEP detainees using the language line or an interpreter and fourteen communal dayroom interviews. None of the detainees voiced any substantive



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concerns regarding their safety, conditions of confinement, meals, medical care, treatment by staff, access to ICE personnel or the availability of activities and programs.

Medical, food and building maintenance services are provided by Boone County employees. Health care staff are on-duty 24 hours a day. ICE detainees do not incur medical co-payments.

**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) standards were 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 noncompliance 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

March 5, 2020

Printed Name of LCI

Date

