



The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

December 19, 2019

TO: [REDACTED]  
Assistant Director for Detention Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Detention Inspection of the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS) of the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center in North Charleston, South Carolina, during the period of December 17-19, 2019. 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
Security	[REDACTED]
Detainee Rights	[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 November 2018 inspection.

### **Inspection Summary**

The Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center is currently accredited by:

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

### **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 November 2018 NDS and December 2019 NDS annual compliance inspections:



<i>2018 Annual Inspection</i>		<i>2019 Annual Inspection</i>	
Acceptable	36	Acceptable	36
Deficient	0	Deficient	0
Repeat Finding	0	Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	3	Not Applicable	3

The inspection team identified twenty-five (25) deficient components in the following ten (10) standards:

- Correspondence and Other Mail - 1, which is a repeat deficiency
- Detainee Handbook - 1
- Food Service - 3, one of which is a repeat deficiency
- Detainee Grievance Procedures - 2
- Environmental Health and Safety - 3
- Key and Lock Control – 4, one of which is a repeat deficiency
- Security Inspections - 1
- Special Management Unit (Administrative Segregation) - 7
- Special Management Unit (Disciplinary Segregation) - 2
- Tool Control - 1

### **Facility Snapshot/Description**

The Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center (SACDC) is located in a business district of North Charleston, South Carolina, and is operated by the Charleston County Sheriff’s Office. The detention center was originally built in 1966 and has been expanded three times. The facility consists of three buildings; Towers A, B, and C. In total, SACDC includes 32 housing units which include a behavioral management unit, protective custody unit, three female units, work detail unit, Department of Alcohol and other Drug Abuse Services unit, podular remote general population units, and a 22-bed medical infirmary. The [REDACTED] direct supervision facility houses male and female detainees for Berkeley County, Dorchester County, ICE, and the U.S. Marshals Service. [REDACTED] During the inspection, ICE detainees were housed in one open bay dormitory. ICE detainees are housed with detainees from other jurisdictions with similar classifications. [REDACTED]

Each housing unit is adjacent to an outdoor recreation area. Indoor and outdoor recreation is available daily from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. The dayroom is furnished with televisions, telephones, board games, kiosks, tablets, and reading materials.

The inspectors interviewed each ICE detainee during the inspection. The interviews were confidential. Two detainees stated that meals are not served “hot enough”. The Safety SME followed up and confirmed that food temperatures met the standard guidelines. Meal trays were observed and were within the required temperature range. There were no other concerns or issues expressed. Detainees stated that they felt safe in the facility and had no issues communicating with staff.

The atmosphere in the housing unit was calm. Detainees freely engaged the inspection team and facility staff. Facility sanitation was observed to be acceptable in all areas with the exception of the kitchen and special management unit. The kitchen and SMU were observed to be in need of general cleaning. ICE detainees are not charged a medical copayment. Food service is provided by Aramark. Carolina Correctional Healthcare Management (CCHM) provides medical services. All other services are provided by Charleston County employees.

**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 standards were found Deficient. 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 Official – [REDACTED]
- Facility Staff – [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector

December 19, 2019

Printed Name of LCI

Date

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