

November 29, 2018

TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM: 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 (formerly known as the Charleston County Detention Center) in North Charleston, South Carolina during the period of November 27-29, 2018. This is an IGSA facility.

The annual inspection was performed under the guidance of the second sec

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

## 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 December 2017 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) 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 December 2017 and November 2018 NDS annual compliance inspections:



2017 Inspection		2018 Inspection	
Acceptable	35	Acceptable	36
Deficient	1	Deficient	0
At-Risk	0	At-Risk	0
Not Applicable	3	Not Applicable	3

The inspection team identified seven (7) deficient components in the following five (5) standards:

Correspondence and Other Mail – 2, both of which are repeat deficiencies Food Service – 1 Emergency Plans - 1 Key and Lock Control- 2 Staff Detainee Communications – 1, which is a repeat deficiency

#### **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 thirty-two housing units which include a behavioral management unit, protective custody unit, three female units, ICE detainee unit, work detail unit, Department of Alcohol and other Drug Abuse Services unit, podular remote general population units and medical infirmary.

During the inspection, ICE detainees were housed in one dormitory. There were no detainees housed in either special management unit or medical unit. ICE detainees are not housed with detainees from other jurisdictions.

Each housing unit has its own outdoor recreation area adjacent to the dayroom. 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 and reading materials.

The inspectors interviewed each ICE detainee during the inspection. The interviews were confidential. Each detainee voiced a similar complaint regarding food portions. The Safety SME followed up with the food services department and determined that the concerns were unfounded. The menus were reviewed and found to meet standard guidelines. One detainee claimed that he had recently received "some pills" from the medical staff and wasn't sure if they were helping him. The Medical SME reviewed the detainee's chart and determined that his prescription was correct. Another detainee was visibly distressed during the interview. The Medical SME reported the concern to medical staff. The detainee was scheduled to see a mental health specialist.

The atmosphere in the ICE housing unit was calm. Detainees freely engaged the inspection team, facility staff and the ICE officer. Facility sanitation was observed to be acceptable in all areas, with the exception of the kitchen. The kitchen was observed to be in need of general cleaning. ICE detainees are not charged a medical copayment. Food service is provided by Aramark. Carolina Center for Occupational Health (CCOH) 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:





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Printed Name of LCI

Date