



March 17, 2021

TO: [REDACTED]
Assistant Director Custody Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Pre-Occupancy Inspection of the Dorchester County Detention Center**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed a hybrid annual pre-occupancy inspection for compliance with the ICE detention standards of the Dorchester County Detention Center in Summerville, South Carolina during the period of March 16 and 17, 2021. 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
Detainee Rights	[REDACTED]
Security	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Safety	[REDACTED]

Type of Inspection

This is an annual pre-occupancy inspection, which is performed to determine overall compliance with ICE detention standards for Under 72-hour facilities.

Inspection Summary

The Dorchester 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

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Dorchester County Detention Center, also known as the LC Knight Detention Center, is located on the outskirts of Summerville, South Carolina. It is owned and operated by the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office. The facility, constructed in 2016, is an 83,000 square foot pre-trial complex located on ap-



The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

proximately nineteen acres. The perimeter is surrounded by a ten-foot fence with razor wire. The facility will house adult male and female ICE detainees of all classification levels. [REDACTED]

The facility houses inmates/detainees for Dorchester County, U.S. Marshals Service, and several surrounding police departments.

The physical plant includes nine housing units and a booking/intake unit. Four of those units are made up of 21 double occupancy cells and one single-occupant cell consisting of 43 beds and 22 cells in each unit. These units house minimum and medium classification inmates/detainees. Two housing units are used to house maximum classification detainees and consist of sixteen rooms and 31 rooms per unit. Three open bay units house minimum classification detainees. Two of these units consist of 32 beds each and one of the units consists of 64 beds. Each unit is equipped with a multi-purpose program room used for educational and religious functions.

A kiosk is available in each unit for detainee requests, grievances, commissary orders, medical requests, and numerous other functions and needs. Each general population housing unit has a dayroom that provides space and seating for detainees to socialize. Board games, televisions, microwaves, telephones, and 280 tablets are available for detainees. Detainees may use the tablets for text messaging with family and friends, playing music, and games. There is an outdoor recreation yard attached to each housing unit.

Detainees currently visit with family and friends through remote (off-site) video visitation for a fee. General visitation has been suspended since March 13, 2020, due to COVID-19. According to the major, there have been no COVID-19 cases in the facility.

The atmosphere in the housing units was observed to be relaxed.

Medical care is provided by Southern Health Partners. Food services are provided by county employees. Inmates/detainees are charged co-pay fees for medical, dental, and mental health services.

Due to COVID-19, anyone entering the facility must wear a mask and have their temperature taken. Sanitation was noted to be above average with areas frequently touched being constantly cleaned.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

There were no areas of concern or significant observations during this inspection.

Recommended Rating and Justification

This pre-occupancy inspection does not include ratings. If the facility completes the action plans along with the implementation of other procedures and policy revisions, to which the AFOD, OIC, and other key staff committed during the inspection, the facility will comply with detention standards.

LCI Assurance Statement

The findings 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 at the facility. In addition to the Nakamoto Group Inspection Team, the following were present:

- ICE Officials – [REDACTED]

