

April 16, 2021

TO:

Assistant Director Custody Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT:

Annual Detention Inspection of the Freeborn County Adult Detention Cen-

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The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS 2019) of the Freeborn County Adult Detention Center, Albert Lea, Minnesota, during the period of April 14-16, 2021. This is an IGSA.

The inspection was performed under the guidance of members were:

Subject Matter Field	Team Member	
Detainee Rights		
Security		
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 2019 for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a rating of Meets Standards during the September, 2020, inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Freeborn County Adult 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) -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 2020 and 2021 annual inspections:



2020 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	37
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

2021 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	32
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

The inspection team identified thirty-one (31) deficient components in the following sixteen (16) standards:

Environmental Health and Safety - 1

Admission and Release - 1

Hold Rooms in Detention Facilities - 2

Post Orders - 1

Special Management Units - 2

Staff Detainee Communication - 2

Disciplinary System - 2

Food Service - 7

Medical Care - 1

Personal Hygiene - 1

Suicide Prevention and Intervention - 2

Disability Identification, Assessment, and Accommodation - 3

Recreation - 1

Visitation - 1

Detainee Handbook - 2

Grievance System - 2

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Freeborn County Adult Detention Center is owned by Freeborn County and operated by the Freeborn County Sheriff's Office. It is located in downtown Albert Lea, MN, which is ninety miles southwest of Minneapolis-St. Paul.

The facility currently houses adult male ICE detainees of all custody levels and adult male and female Freeborn County detainees.

The jail is contained in the Freeborn County building. The exterior walls of the building serve as the secure perimeter of the facility which is monitored by surveillance cameras. All exterior doors are alarmed and controlled by master control officers. There is no exterior perimeter patrol but there is an inside perimeter patrol each shift that checks pipe chases, hallways, doors, and ceilings.

The jail is comprised of three general population housing units which are configured into one two-tier 48-bed dormitory with 24 beds up and 24 beds down; one two-tier housing unit with a fourteen-bed dormitory up and four two-bed cells down; and one two-tier housing unit with sixteen two-bed cells up and sixteen two-bed cells down. The SMU is a two-tier design with eight disciplinary segregation one-bed cells downstairs and six administrative segregation two-bed cells upstairs. The general population housing units have day rooms equipped with telephones, informational kiosks, video-visit stations, televisions, and fixed table/chair units. Detainees have access to indoor and outdoor recreation.



There were 26 detainee interviews conducted by inspectors including four LEP detainees interviewed by use of a language line interpretation service. One detainee stated that he needed to see a doctor. He said that he had been seen by a nurse. The medical SME reviewed his medical chart and found that he had been seen, evaluated, treated, and has been refusing medication. He had no other issues and was very complimentary of the staff. Other detainees interviewed stated that everything at the facility was good and staff were responsive to their needs. All stated they had access to recreation daily and one shared that he was participating in a Bible study. All liked the electronic tablets/text phones available in the housing units. No complaints concerning food, medical, or access to the law library or ICE staff were shared. All detainees stated they felt safe in the facility and that staff, in general, were respectful. All were also aware of the OIG hotline

Sanitation in all areas of the facility were noted to be above average.

Medical services are provided by Advanced Correctional Healthcare. Food services are provided by Summit Food Services. Maintenance services are provided by Freeborn County employees. ICE detainees are not charged medical co-payments.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

The inspection was conducted as a hybrid. Four inspectors conducted the inspection on-site. The other inspector was unable to personally observe practices and procedures within the facility but was able to interview staff and review files.

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) 2019. No (0) standards were found Does Not Meet Standards and two (2) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-two (32) standards were found to Meet Standards.

LCI Assurance Statement

The findings of compliance and noncompliance 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 and in addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, the following participated:

• ICE Officials –		
• Facility Staff –		
, Lead Compliance Inspector	April 16, 2021	
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