

April 14, 2022

TO: [REDACTED]
Acting Assistant Director Custody Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Inspection of the Freeborn County Adult Detention Center**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the National Detention Standards (NDS) 2019 of the Freeborn County Adult Detention Center in Albert Lea, Minnesota during the period of April 12-14, 2022. 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
Safety	[REDACTED]
Security	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Detainee Rights	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]

Type of Inspection

This is a scheduled annual inspection to determine overall compliance with the ICE NDS 2019 for Over 72-hour facilities. The facility received a rating of Meets Standards during the April 2021 annual 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 2021 and 2022 NDS annual compliance inspections:



2021 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	31
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

2022 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	31
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

The inspection team identified eight (8) deficient components in the following four (4) standards:

- Environmental Health and Safety – 1
- Facility Security and Control – 1
- Disability Identification, Assessment and Accommodation – 3, two are repeat deficiencies
- Visitation - 3

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Freeborn County Adult Detention Center is owned by Freeborn County and operated under the jurisdiction of the Freeborn County Sheriff’s Office. It is located in downtown Albert Lea, Minnesota, which is ninety miles south of Minneapolis-St. Paul. The facility currently houses [REDACTED]. The facility has an operational capability of [REDACTED] beds.

The jail is contained inside the Freeborn County government office complex. The interior and exterior walls of the complex serve as the jail’s outer secure perimeter. The jail proper is only accessible through various sally port vestibules, which are controlled by security posts. The entire complex is monitored by a 140-camera surveillance network. All jail doors are alarmed and under constant monitoring by central control personnel. There is no exterior perimeter patrol but there is an inside perimeter patrol each shift that checks pipe chases, hallways, doors, and ceilings throughout the jail.

The jail is comprised of [REDACTED]-tier general population housing units but only [REDACTED] were housing detainees at the time of the inspection. One housing unit is designed with a [REDACTED]-bed dormitory upstairs, and [REDACTED]-bed cells downstairs; the other housing unit contains [REDACTED]-bed cells upstairs and [REDACTED] bed cells downstairs. The [REDACTED]-tier special management unit (SMU) is configured into [REDACTED] bed cells downstairs for disciplinary segregation status detainees, and [REDACTED]-bed cells upstairs for administrative segregation status detainees. [REDACTED]

The facility has dedicated sections of its housing units to serve as COVID-19 wings; there were no positive COVID-19 cases on site during the inspection. The health care unit is not a licensed infirmary and has no rooms for patient observation. A holding room in intake serves as the only negative air pressure room in the facility. All officers and medical staff carry a radio.

All general population housing units have a dayroom that is accessible daily from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. The dayrooms are equipped with telephones, informational kiosks, video-visit stations, two televisions, a charging bank for electronic/texting devices and fixed table/chair units for dining and leisure. Using the kiosks, detainees can order commissary, check their account balance, retrieve the facility handbook (in different languages), submit facility and ICE/ERO requests, file grievances, submit sick-call requests, and conduct video-visits. Each detainee can request a personally assigned electronic/text device that has the



capability to make telephone calls, serve as a video-visit station, access the facility handbook, and send and receive text messages. A security deposit is required for the device to be assigned.

All general population and SMU detainees have access to outdoor recreation for at least one hour daily.

All general/family visits are non-contact in a video-visit format. There are five video-visit stations off the front entrance lobby; these stations can be used at no cost. General/family video-visits can also be conducted through a remote setting; these video-visits are fee-based. Legal visits are non-contact using a remote video-visit format or on-site partitioned room on the third floor courtroom area of the county building.

There were twelve detainee interviews conducted by inspectors during the inspection; four were in a confidential private setting with one of those requiring the use of a language line. The rest of the interviews were casual dayroom conversations. The detainees' residency at the facility ranged from two weeks to six months. Detainees were favorable in their comments about treatment by staff and other detainees. They registered no substantive concerns regarding the food, their health care, access to the law library, recreation, visitation privileges, the cleanliness of their living environment, or the availability of facility or ICE/ERO staff. They stated their submitted request/questions to the facility and ICE/ERO staff were answered promptly. All detainees interviewed were familiar with the Officer of Inspector General (OIG) posters but most had no idea of their service. Access instructions and an explanation of the resource were provided.

One detainee alleged he did not receive a facility handbook during intake. A review of his detention file revealed he signed a receipt for the handbook. To propitiate the issue, the Detainee Rights SME delivered another copy to the detainee. Another detainee had his front teeth knocked out in a car accident prior to his detention; he wanted new teeth. The Medical SME spoke with the nurse manager who was aware of his condition and request. No further action was taken. The detainee who was pleading to sign his deportation papers and return to Guatemala was discussed with ICE/ERO. His sense of urgency is related to pending manslaughter charges. ICE/ERO was aware of this situation.

Overall sanitation and cleanliness of the facility corridors, housing units, showers, and common areas was above average. Officers and staff were professional during interviews and demonstrated knowledge of the standards.

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

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

This was a hybrid inspection in which some inspectors worked remotely. The remote inspectors were unable to personally observe practices and procedures within the facility and relied upon photographs and/or videos to validate the observation of many standards. There were no major areas of concern or significant observations.

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 National Detention Standards (NDS) 2019 for Over 72-hour facilities. No (0) standards



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were rated as Does Not Meet Standard and two (2) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-one (31) standards were found to Meet Standards.

LCI Assurance Statement

The findings 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. In addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team (two SMEs via conference call) the following were present:

- ICE Officials – [REDACTED]
- Facility Staff – [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Lead Compliance Inspector April 14, 2022
Printed Name of LCI Date

