



March 17, 2021

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Assistant Director Custody Management

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Lead Compliance Inspector
The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: **90 Day Follow-Up/Annual Inspection of the Golden State Annex**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed a 90 Day Follow-Up inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2011) of the Golden State Annex in McFarland, California during the period of March 15-17, 2021 This is a DIGSA.

The 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 a scheduled follow-up inspection which is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE PBNDS 2011 for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility did not receive a rating during the October, 2020 Pre-Occupancy inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Golden State Annex 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

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 90 Day Follow-up compliance inspection:



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2020 Pre-Occupancy	
Meets Standards	N/A
Does Not Meet Standards	N/A
Repeat Finding	N/A
Not Applicable	N/A

2021 90 Day Follow-up Inspection	
Meets Standards	40
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	3

The inspection team identified three (3) deficient components in the following two (2) standards:

Hold Rooms in Detention Facilities –1
Visitation – 2, both of which are Priority Components

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Golden State Annex is located on the outskirts of McFarland, California in a small business and residential neighborhood. It is owned and operated by The GEO Group, Inc. (GEO), a private corporation based in Boca Raton, Florida. [REDACTED] The facility is currently housing male detainees of all classification levels. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The facility operates as an annex to the Mesa Verde Detention Facility. Telephone services are provided by TALTON and health services are provided by WellPath. All other services are provided by GEO. Detainees are not charged co-pay fees for medical, dental, or mental health services.

The single-story facility houses detainees in general population housing units with a design capacity of 88 detainees per unit. All housing units, which are managed by direct supervision, are located off the main corridor. The facility has a restricted housing unit which is located adjacent to the intake area and health care unit. The health care unit has no negative air pressure rooms. All detainee movement is escorted.

Each general population housing unit has a dayroom which provides space and seating for detainees to socialize and tables for board games and crafts. Televisions, microwaves, board games, puzzles and art supplies are provided for detainees. Telephones and tablets are available in the housing units. Detainees may use the tablets for video visits, messaging with family and friends, playing music and games, filing grievances, ordering commissary, and submitting requests to facility and ICE staff. Two of the telephones are in private telephone booths allowing detainees to make private legal calls during facility waking hours. The law library computers are available in a separate area of the housing units. The main law library is supervised by the library assistant who is fluent in five languages.

Detainees may currently visit with family and friends through video visitation only as all general visits have been discontinued due to COVID-19. There are two outdoor recreation yards containing exercise equipment, an area for handball, and a soccer field.

There were no detainees housed the restricted housing unit during this inspection. A review of logs and reports indicated that there have been two detainees placed in disciplinary segregation during this inspection period. There were no incidents involving the use of force on a detainee. There was one attempted escape reported. A detainee, who was in the recreation yard, attempted to climb the fence. The detainee complied with orders from the responding officers and offered no resistance. There were no injuries to the detainee or responding officers.

The atmosphere in the housing units was relaxed. During this hybrid inspection, six detainees were interviewed telephonically by inspectors working remotely and twelve detainees were interviewed by onsite inspectors. All detainees interviewed reported that they felt safe in the facility and that they are treated



well by staff. Detainees received, and signed for, the facility handbook during the intake process. One detainee stated that he did not know where his handbook was but that there was a handbook available in the housing unit information center. Detainees were aware of the grievance process. One detainee reported that he had filed several grievances and had not received any responses. A review of the grievance log indicated that all of his grievances were complaints or requests and all had been answered. The grievance coordinator went to the housing unit to speak to the detainee and reported that he had laughed about her having to come see him again. He requested copies of his grievance/complaints and they were provided to him. Detainees reported the housing unit telephones worked well. When asked about the OIG hotline several detainees said that they were not aware of it. The information was pointed out to them in the housing unit postings. No detainees had called the OIG. Detainees have access to LexisNexis in the housing units and in the law library. One detainee complained that there no Spanish law books in the housing units. He was instructed to request the materials that he needed from the law library or to request to go to the law library. It was noted that the detainee spoke English fluently. One detainee complained that there flies in the food. This was reported to facility staff and an exterminator was contacted. Inspectors observed the exterminator in the facility on the last day of the inspection.

Several detainees complained about the bathrooms and showers not being clean. Onsite inspectors observed what appeared to be mold on the vent grates in Unit A-3. It was also noted that the sinks had been re-caulked recently but the old caulk had not been removed and a black substance was observed in the old caulk. In Unit B-4 inspectors observed the vents to be clear but large stains were observed on the upper portion of the walls in the rear of the housing unit near the showers. It appeared that there had been mold or mildew on the walls and they had been cleaned but the stains remained. Staff reported that there had previously been a roof leak in that area. Sanitation in other areas of the facility was average.

Due to COVID-19 this inspection was conducted as a hybrid inspection with two inspectors onsite and three working remotely. The facility provided the inspection team all requested documentation and photographs as evidence of practices and procedures within the facility. In addition to these materials, staff were interviewed by the inspection team. All staff interviewed were well versed in facility policy and the requirements of the standards and were responsive to all requests made by the inspection team.

The facility has an aggressive COVID-19 prevention program in place. There are currently no detainees who have tested positive for COVID-19. The facility received a supply of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine and detainees who wished to receive the COVID-19 vaccine were observed being vaccinated during the inspection.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

Priority Components rated Does Not Meet Standard

Standard 5.7 Visitation

Component # 5 – PRIORITY: General visitation is permitted during set hours on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, and, to the extent practicable, the facility also establishes visiting hours on weekdays and during evening hours. The facility accommodates the scheduling needs of visitors for whom scheduled visiting hours pose a hardship. The number of visitors a detainee receives and the length of visits are limited only by reasonable constraints of space, scheduling, staff availability, safety, security, and good order.

Finding: General visitation has been suspended due to COVID-19 concerns. There is a video visitation option available on the electronic tablets available to detainees in the housing units; however, video visits



are not free. Indigent detainees do not have access to general visitation. The facility has continued to provide legal visitation.

Recommendation: The facility should provide an equal opportunity for detainees to participate in general visitation without paying a fee.

Component #9 – PRIORITY: The facility’s written rules shall specify time limits for visits. Visits should be for the maximum period practicable but not less than one hour with special consideration given to family circumstances and individuals who have traveled long distances.

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Recommended Rating and Justification

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Meets Standards. The facility complies with the ICE Performance Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2011) unless unobserved practices and conditions are contrary to what was reported to the inspection team. No standards were found Does Not Meet Standard and three (3) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining forty (40) standards were found to Meet Standards.

LCI Assurance Statement

The findings of compliance and non-compliance are accurately and completely documented on the G-324 Inspection Form and are supported by documentation in the inspection file. A telephone call-in out brief was conducted with the facility. In addition to the entire Nakamoto Group Inspection Team, the following participated in the conference call:

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

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[REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector

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