



The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

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FROM: [REDACTED]
Lead Compliance Inspector
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SUBJECT: **Annual Inspection of the Kandiyohi County Jail**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual hybrid inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS) of the Kandiyohi County Jail in Wilmar, Minnesota during the period of June 21-23, 2022. This is an IGSA.

The inspection was performed under the guidance of Lead Compliance [REDACTED] 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 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 Meets Standards during the July 2021 annual inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Kandiyohi County Jail 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 annual compliance inspections:



2021 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standard	38
Does Not Meet Standard	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

2022 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standard	38
Does Not Meet Standard	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

The inspection team identified sixteen (16) deficient components in the following seven (7) standards:

- Correspondence and Other Mail – 2
- Environmental Health and Safety – 7, six of which are repeat deficiencies
- Security Inspections – 2
- Special Management Unit – Administrative Segregation – 1
- Tool Control – 1
- Staff Detainee Communication – 2
- Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention – 1

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Kandiyohi County Jail is located in Wilmar, Minnesota, approximately 100 west of Minneapolis. The facility is owned by Kandiyohi County and operated by the Kandiyohi County Sheriff’s Office. With a capacity of [REDACTED] beds, this IGSA houses all custody levels of adult male and female detainees for ICE, Kandiyohi County inmates and inmates from surrounding counties. [REDACTED]

The facility is a [REDACTED]-story structure with [REDACTED] celled housing units; [REDACTED] for male housing and [REDACTED] for female detainee housing. Each housing unit ranges in size from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] beds managed with a balance of direct and indirect supervision. There is one special management unit (SMU) at this facility containing [REDACTED] [REDACTED] occupancy cells. One detainee was housed in SMU under disciplinary segregation status during the inspection. The medical unit has [REDACTED] negative pressure observation rooms; each is [REDACTED] occupancy.

The living units were found to be well lit with both natural and artificial light and adequate open space for detainees. The dayrooms are furnished with tables and chairs for detainees to participate in leisure time activities, play board games, and play cards. Televisions are available to view and detainees have access to computer tablets and texting devices to communicate with family and friends. There are kiosks in each housing unit programmed for video visitation and allow detainees to submit electronic requests to facility staff who forward immigration related questions to ICE for response. Group religious services have been suspended due to health concerns associated with the COVID-19 virus. Non-contact general visitation and onsite video visitation is available to detainees and their family, seven days per week, at no cost. Remote video visitation is available to detainees through a video call provider as a general visitation option; however, this service is not free. As a COVID-19 precaution, all newly received detainees are quarantined upon admission to the facility for five days. Detainees complaining of symptoms will be COVID-19 tested immediately. There is one large outdoor recreation yard for detainees to walk, play yard games, and socialize and two inside recreation areas. The recreation yard has drinking water available, but detainees are escorted back to their housing unit if a restroom break is required. Detainees participate in a voluntary work program at this facility.

The facility is climate controlled, and the physical plant was found to be in good repair. All staff interviewed were well-versed in facility guidelines and operating procedures as well as the National Detention Standards. Officers and other staff were professional during interviews and detainees interviewed spoke willingly and respectfully. The facility employs a small number of bilingual staff, so translation services are largely relied upon and easily accessible to assist in communicating with limited English proficient (LEP) detainees. A



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review of sanitation inspection reports, interviews with staff and detainees, and observation by onsite inspectors concluded that the sanitation level of the facility was above average.

The inspection team interviewed or offered an interview to all 38 detainees housed at the facility during the inspection including fifteen formal interviews. Limited English proficient detainees were interviewed with the assistance of an interpreter. There were no substantive concerns voiced when asked about personal safety, access to mail, treatment by staff, or access to recreation. Inspectors verified that memoranda, posters, and other types of key information are posted in English and Spanish throughout the facility. While conducting formal interviews, all detainees confirmed receiving a National Detainee Handbook and local supplement upon admission to the facility. Some detainees complained that food portions were small and sometimes served too salty. Others complained that potatoes were served too often. The safety subject matter expert (SME) confirmed with the food service manager that meals are prepared from written recipes with consideration for the ethnic diversity of the detainee population. He also verified that all menu items and portion sizes are approved by a registered dietician. During interpreter assisted LEP interviews, one detainee complained that he was Lactose intolerant and was unable to convince facility medical staff to approve soy milk for his daily diet. The medical subject matter expert (SME) reviewed medical notes regarding the detainee's concern and found that medical staff recommended the detainee maintain a Lactose-free diet, but the detainee declined to accept the medical advice of staff stating that a Lactose-free diet would cause him to lose weight. Finally, one LEP detainee alleged that ICE was purposely delaying deportation proceedings, thus detaining him needlessly. This concern was brought to the attention of the facility assigned deportation officer who interviewed the detainee and forwarded his concerns to his assigned case officer. Detainees were reminded of the proper procedures for filing grievances and the availability of the OIG hotline for submitting complaints.

Food service is provided by Summit Foods and medical services are contracted with MEND Correctional Care including a contract dentist, physician, and psychologist. The facility does not charge co-pays for medical, mental health, or dental care. Securus Technologies, Inc. provides detainee telephone and computer tablet services. Video visitation is provided by TurnKey Corrections.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

The inspection was conducted as a hybrid. Four inspectors were on site and one inspector worked remotely. The remote inspector was unable to personally observe practices and procedures within the facility and relied on on-site inspector's observations, photographs, and/or videos to validate the observation of many standards. 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 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. No (0) standard was rated as Does Not Meet Standard and one (1) standard was Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-eight (38) standards were found to Meet Standards.

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, with some participating telephonically, was conducted and in addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, the following participated:

- ICE Officials – [REDACTED]

