

August 12, 2021

TO:

Director of Custody Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: Annual Inspection of the Monroe County Detention Dormitory

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS) 2019 of the Monroe County Detention Dormitory in Monroe, MI during the period of August 10-12, 2021. This is an IGSA facility.

The annual inspection was performed under the guidance of Lead Compliance Inspector. Team Members were:

Subject Matter Field	Team Member	
Security		
Detainee Rights		
Medical Care		
Safety		
Medical		

Type of Inspection

This is a scheduled hybrid annual inspection which is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE NDS 2019 for over 72-hour facilities. The facility received a previous rating of Meets Standards during the December 2020 inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Monroe County Detention Dormitory 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 2020 NDS 2019 annual inspection and the 2021 NDS 2019 annual inspection.



2020 Annual Inspection		
Meets Standards	31	
Does Not Meet Standards	0	
Repeat Finding	0	
Not Applicable	2	

2021 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	30
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	3

The inspection team did not identify any deficient components during this inspection.

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Monroe County Detention Dormitory is owned and funded by Monroe County and is operated by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. The facility is located approximately 35 miles southwest of Detroit in a rural area of Monroe, Michigan. The facility houses adult males for Monroe County, U.S. Marshals Service, and ICE detainees. No female or minor detainees are housed in the facility.

According to the assistant jail administrator and confirmed by the housing roster, the facility houses minimum custody level ICE detainees.

The facility consists of two Sprung Instant Structures connected by an enclosed arterial walkway. The facility opened in 2000. The secure perimeter of the compound is enclosed by two chain-linked fences with the interior fence protected by a 50,000-volt stun fence. The entire perimeter is under camera surveillance which is continuously monitored by central control officers. The perimeter is foot patrolled on each shift by an officer carrying a Taser. All exterior doors are alarmed.

General population housing units are configured into two ninety-bed dormitories. Only one dormitory was occupied during this inspection. There is no special management unit at the facility. The housing units are managed with direct supervision monitoring and surveillance. Both housing units have access to one adjacent outdoor recreation area. Access to the recreation yard alternates between the two housing units during waking hours.

Dayroom activities include watching television, playing cards, working puzzles, reading, and talking on the telephone. The inspection team conducted sixteen formal detainee interviews. Eight of the interviews were with LEP detainees via a bilingual inspector. Without exception, each detainee stated that he felt safe in the facility. The majority of detainees stated that staff are professional and respectful. Detainees had no concerns with library services, access to ICE staff, recreation, visitation, or telephone availability. Several of the detainees were somewhat complimentary of the meals served; both in quality and quantity. The facility provides a 2,500 calorie a day diet that is approved by a dietitian. Several of the LEP detainees complained that the showers in the housing units were always filthy. The safety SME inspected the showers in response and found them to be clean.

All detainees had received and signed a receipt for the local detainee handbook and the National Detainee Handbook. Most of the detainees had not accessed the law library but knew how to do it if needed. Religious programming has been suspended due to COVID-19 conditions but they knew access to religious articles available to them. There were no concerns raised about COVID-19 protocols and the safety measures required of the detainee population. All detainees interviewed were familiar with the detainee



grievance system, but none had used it. All detainees interviewed were also familiar with the OIG Hotline number, but none had used it either.

Sanitation was observed to be above average in all areas of the facility by the on-site inspection team.

Medical services are provided by Advanced Correctional Healthcare. Food services are provided by Continental Food Service. All other services are provided by Monroe County employees. ICE detainees are not charged a co-pay for medical services.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

There were no areas of concern or significant observations. This 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 three (3) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty (30) 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. Inspector 19 participated telephonically. In addition to Inspectors 7, 10, and 32 from The Nakamoto Group, Inc., the following participated in person:

• ICE Officials –		
• Facility Staff –		
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LCI	Date	