



April 21, 2021

TO: [REDACTED]  
Assistant Director Custody Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Detention Inspection of the Pike County Correctional Facility**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2008/SAAPI 2011) of the Pike County Correctional Facility in Lords Valley, Pennsylvania during the period of April 19-21, 2021. This is an IGSA facility.

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]  |
| Safety               | [REDACTED]  |
| Medical Care         | [REDACTED]  |

**Type of Inspection**

This is a scheduled annual inspection which is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE PBNDS 2008/SAAPI 2011 for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a rating of Meets Standards during the October 2020 inspection.

**Inspection Summary**

The Pike County Correctional Facility is currently accredited by:

- The American Correctional Association (ACA) - No
- The National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) - Yes
- 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:



| <i>2020 Annual Inspection</i> |    | <i>2021 Annual Inspection</i> |    |
|-------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|----|
| Meets Standards               | 40 | Meets Standards               | 38 |
| Does Not Meet Standards       | 0  | Does Not Meet Standards       | 0  |
| Repeat Finding                | 0  | Repeat Finding                | 0  |
| Not Applicable                | 1  | Not Applicable                | 3  |

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

- Environmental Health and Safety – 2
- Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention – 1

### **Facility Snapshot/Description**

Pike County Correctional Facility is located in Lords Valley, Pennsylvania, approximately 85 miles northwest of the Newark Liberty International Airport. The facility is owned by Pike County and operates under the authority of the Pike County Prison Board. Pike County has an IGSA with Homeland Security (ICE). The facility houses all custody levels of adult male and female non-ICE detainees and male ICE detainees. [REDACTED]

The facility consists of three one-story buildings which include eleven separate detainee housing units; all with individual cells. All housing units are monitored by direct supervision of an officer. ICE detainees are commingled with non-ICE detainees of compatible custody classification level.

The secure perimeter of the jail consists of exterior walls of the building supplemented by intermittent sections of twelve-foot fencing enhanced by razor ribbon on the top and bottom. These features combine to encircle the entire compound. Surveillance cameras give full perimeter coverage and are constantly watched by control center personnel. There is a paved perimeter road around the entire complex patrolled by an unarmed officer twice per shift.

The facility has four outdoor and two indoor recreation areas. Detainees in the general population are offered either indoor or outdoor recreation two hours per day, seven days per week. Housing areas provide dayroom space, adequate restroom facilities, and seating areas for their maximum occupancy. Televisions, law library computers, playing cards, board games, and kiosks for internal communications with facility and ICE staff are available in the dayrooms. Per COVID-19 protocols, on-site general visitation was suspended in March, 2020. Detainees may participate in video visitation by using electronic tablets in the housing units.

Eighteen detainee interviews were conducted by the inspection team. Five of the interviews were with detainees with limited English proficiency and were conducted by a bilingual inspector. No detainee expressed concerns related to physical safety. All the detainees expressed satisfaction with the quality and quantity of the food provided to them.

Two detainees complained of being housed with other jurisdictions citing that detainees serving civil commitments should not be housed with inmates serving criminal commitments. All detainees interviewed stated that knew how to access both the National Detainee Handbook and the local supplement on the kiosk and electronic tablets.



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During detainee interviews a detainee stated that the 520 free minutes could not be used for video visitation. The AOIC contacted the telephone contractor and verified that the free minutes could not be used for video visits. The contractor told the AOIC that they would establish a work team to give each detainee a choice between 520 minutes of free regular telephone time each month and at least thirty minutes of video visitation each week.

There were no problems expressed about sanitation, living conditions, safety, recreation, religious programs, or communications with staff. Two detainees stated that they had not seen an ICE officer in the housing unit but due to COVID-19 they understood why and that they could communicate with ICE on the kiosk. There was one ICE detainee on disciplinary segregation status. This detainee refused to be interviewed. All detainees interviewed were asked if they had filed a grievance and/or contacted the Office of Inspector General. If they replied in the negative, they were informed of the grievance process and the availability of the OIG.

Medical services are provided by PrimeCare Medical, Inc. All other services are provided by Pike County. ICE detainees do not incur 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. The facility complies with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2008/PBNDS 2011 SA-API). No (0) standards were found Does Not Meet Standards and three (3) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-eight (38) 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** – [REDACTED]
- **Facility Staff** – [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector  
Printed Name of LCI

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Date

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