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TO: [REDACTED]
Acting Assistant Director Custody Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Inspection of the Saint Clair County Jail**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the National Detention Standards (NDS) 2019 of the Saint Clair County Jail in Port Huron, Michigan during the period of June 21-23, 2022. This is an IGSA.

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 October 2020 inspection.

Inspection Summary

Saint Clair 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) - 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 2022 NDS 2019 annual inspection. The previous inspection, completed on October 1, 2020, was conducted under PBNDS 2008 standards. As of March 1, 2022 the facility is under contract for compliance to NDS 2019 standards.



2020 PBNDS 2008 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	39
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

2022 NDS 2019 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	31
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

The inspection team identified five (5) deficient components in the following three (3) standards:

- Environmental Health and Safety – 2
- Suicide Prevention and Intervention – 2
- Recreation – 1

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Saint Clair County Jail is located on the southwest edge of Port Huron, Michigan, four miles from the Canadian border. The facility, constructed in [REDACTED] is owned by Saint Clair County and operated under the jurisdiction of the Saint Clair County Sheriff's Office. The facility has a rated capacity of [REDACTED]. It currently houses male and female Saint Clair County inmates, male ICE detainees, male and female Bureau of Prisons inmates and U.S. Marshal Service inmates. All custody levels are housed in the facility. ICE detainees are housed with non-ICE detainees of compatible classification levels. Currently, ICE/ERO keeps an on-site presence at the facility three days a week. [REDACTED]

The facility is a [REDACTED]-story structure that houses the Saint Clair County Sheriff's Office, the jail and a juvenile treatment center. There is no security fencing surrounding the building. Surveillance cameras offer visibility around the entire perimeter, down the interior movement doors, and into the recreation yards. The building perimeter is foot patrolled by an unarmed officer twice each a day. All exterior building doors and interior security doors are under constant camera surveillance and controlled by master control staff. The facility is equipped with a 250+ surveillance camera network that is monitored 24 hours a day. There are additional buildings/sheds outside the perimeter of the building that house some maintenance equipment and provide storage.

The facility is an irregular shaped building that provides access to all housing units and support services under one roof. All detainee movement is under sight escort by post and roving officers. The facility has seven individual general population housing units configured into dormitory or [REDACTED]-tier, [REDACTED]-bed cell configurations. There are [REDACTED] special management units (SMU); [REDACTED] for males and [REDACTED] for females. There is a total of [REDACTED]-bed cells in these units. There were no ICE detainees in the SMU during the inspection.

The health care unit is small and only consists of office space and one examination room.



The facility has five outdoor general population recreation yards. All housing units have direct access to an outdoor recreation yard. All detainees receive at least one hour of outdoor recreation daily, if their behavioral history does not contraindicate. The SMU has a dedicated outdoor recreation yard adjacent to the unit.

The general population housing units each have a dayroom area equipped with one television, telephones and fixed table/chair units where detainees eat their meals and gather for conversation and entertainment with board games, cards and dominos, which are available by request from the housing unit officer. Each dayroom is accessible daily from 7:00 a.m. to 10:45 p.m. Tablets and kiosks are available to all detainees. All announcements, schedules and bulletins are on the tablet and posted in the housing units. A facility handbook is posted in all housing units. Overall, the facility is very clean, as observed during multiple facility tours by the subject matter experts (SMEs). Detainees do not participate in the Voluntary Work Program.

The facility has restored normal visitation privileges in this post-Covid-19 environment. Video-visits are now conducted on site at no charge and remotely for a fee.

Select housing units and/or portions thereof currently serve as a COVID-19 quarantine/isolation unit where newly admitted detainees and existing detainees are housed until negative testing results/protocols are complete. During the inspection there were no active COVID-19 cases in the facility.

The inspectors conducted nine formal confidential interviews. They were conducted in a private staff office. Four of the interviews were conducted with the use of an interpreter; two by a bilingual SME, and two with use of a language line. There were also informal interviews conducted in the housing units and on the recreation yards. The interviewed detainees' length of stay in the facility ranged from four three days to two years. All of the detainees stated they felt safe at the facility and had not been threatened or mistreated by staff or other detainees. Recreation time was satisfactory. Medical services were acceptable. Remarkably, there were no concerns raised about the food. Visitation access and the video-visit format was deemed acceptable. Access to facility staff and ICE representatives was satisfactory. All detainees interviewed stated they received the local and National Detainee Handbook during intake. Most of the detainees were unaware of OIG services but were instructed as to its purpose and how to contact them. Overall, the detainees were content with their living conditions, their safety and treatment, cleanliness of the facility and overall living environment. The two minor concerns raised during the detainee interviews were addressed with staff. The first detainee had two concerns: he had an alleged discrepancy with his trust account balance, and his ability to place a call to India. These topics were discussed with the business office by the safety SME. The explanations revealed the detainee's money is placed into two accounts, one for the facility trust account and one for Securus (telephone contractor) for purchased telephone credits. This explanation and proof of accountability for his funds was explained to the detainee by business officer personnel. His other concern was a simple entry error. The detainee was instructed to enter the country identification number when calling India. The second detainee's concern involved his alleged denial to receive a vegetarian diet tray. This concern was discussed with the food service director by the safety SME. The detainee had never made a request for such a tray. He now receives the tray. No further action was necessary for any of the three concerns.



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The staff interviewed were aware and knowledgeable of the ICE standards and their expectations. Overall sanitation and cleanliness of the facility corridors, housing units, showers, and common areas was above average.

There were no deaths, serious suicide attempts, escapes, hunger strikes, allegation of sexual abuse, or immediate/calculated uses of force reported during the last twelve months.

Medical services are provided by YES Care Services (formerly Corizon). Food services are provided by Aramark. Maintenance services are provided by Saint Clair County employees. Detainee telephone services are provided by Securus. ICE detainees are not charged medical copayments.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

This was a hybrid inspection in which one inspector worked remotely. The remote QMC Medical inspector relied on documentation and/or electronic medical chart review to validate observations and findings.

There are 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 National Detention Standards (NDS) 2019 for Over 72-hour facilities. No (0) standards 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 on site and telephonically with facility staff and ICE representatives. In addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team (one SME telephonically) the following were present:

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

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Printed Name of LCI

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Date