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TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

## SUBJECT: Annual Inspection of the Stewart Detention Center

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011 of the Stewart Detention Center, Lumpkin, Georgia during the period of September 22-24, 2020. This is a dedicated IGSA (DIGSA) facility.

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

# **Type of Inspection**

This is a scheduled remote annual inspection which is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE PBNDS 2011 for Over 72-hour facilities. The facility received a previous rating of Meets Standards during the May 2019 inspection.

## **Inspection Summary**

The Stewart Detention Center is currently accredited by:

- The American Correctional Association (ACA) Yes
- 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 2019 PBNDS 2011 annual inspection and the 2020 PBNDS 2011 annual inspection.



2019 Annual Inspection		2020 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	39	Meets Standards	39
Does Not Meet Standards	0	Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0	Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	3	Not Applicable	3

The inspection team did not identify any component that did not meet the standards.

## **Facility Snapshot/Description**

The Stewart Detention Center is owned and operated by CoreCivic via a contract with Stewart County which has an IGSA with the Department of Homeland Security (ICE). The facility is located in Lumpkin, Georgia approximately 140 miles south of Atlanta. Construction on the facility began in 1999. The facility was subsequently acquired by the former Corrections Corporation of America (CCA) and was opened in 2006. The facility only houses adult male ICE detainees of all custody levels.

Due to the inspection being conducted remotely, all details as described herein are as reported to the inspection team by facility staff and where practical supported by photography and video presentations.

As described by the warden, the facility is a single level structure containing six general population housing units, three of which contain dormitory beds in six pods and three contain cell housing in three pods. Additionally, the facility has a segregation management unit consisting of 39 single cells. An 80-bed housing pod designated for overflow; now, due to COVID-19, is currently being used for medical housing. All housing units are provided direct supervision on each of the first two shifts; indirect supervision is provided on the night (third) shift.

Detainees are afforded both indoor and outdoor recreation with required safety procedures implemented due to COVID-19; such limiting the number of detainees in recreation and program areas to allow the required spacing. The warden explained that each dormitory contains a large dayroom area equipped with tables, chairs, telephone banks, commissary kiosks, and televisions. Board games, puzzles, playing cards, exercise equipment, video game systems and movies are available. A microwave oven is also provided. Outdoor activities include pull-up and sit-up stations, volleyball, basketball, handball, soccer, and walking in the exercise yards. Detainees may participate in the voluntary work program.

Approximately 45 detainees were interviewed. All three security classification levels were represented in these interviews: some detainees with limited English proficiency. Due to the inspection being conducted remotely; all interviews were conducted via telephone. All detainees in the special management unit were offered the opportunity to be interviewed. Confidential interviews, via telephone, were conducted. Interviews with LEP detainees were conducted in English and Spanish. The facility offered access to several InterpreTalk language lines, but because all detainees interviewed spoke English or Spanish they were not utilized. As a result of the detainee interviews, five relevant complaints were received. Two detainees alleged that the medical department was not providing them with medication they required. The medical SME researched these two allegations and confirmed that proper medication was being provided by the medical department. One detainee alleged that he filed a grievance in May for being placed in administrative segregation, and that he never received a response. A review of his complaint confirmed that he was given his response in a timely manner.



Two detainees in the special management unit alleged that they had not been given the facility detainee handbook. A review of each detainee's detention file confirmed that each file contained a form with the detainee's signature acknowledging receipt of the Stewart Detention Center Detainee Handbook.

The only concerns detainees expressed regarding life/safety issues were all related to COVID-19. Detainees were generally satisfied with living conditions, food service, access to medical care, access to the law library, access to telephones, recreation opportunities, and the responsiveness of facility and ICE staff.

Due to the remote nature of the inspection, an overall assessment of the facility sanitary conditions could not be determined.

During this inspection period, detainee medical care was provided by CoreCivic medical staff. ICE detainees are not subject to medical co-payments for medical, mental health, or dental care. Food service operations are provided via a contract with Trinity Services Group, Inc. CoreCivic personnel provide all other services.

#### Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

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 Performance Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2011. No (0) standards were found Deficient and two (3) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-nine (39) standards were found to be in compliance.

## **LCI Assurance Statement**

The findings of compliance and noncompliance are accurately and completely documented on the G-324A Inspection Form and are supported by documentation in the inspection file. A telephone call-in out brief was conducted at the facility. In addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team listed below, there were several facility and ICE/ERO personnel who phoned in and listened to the comments and concerns; however, facility staff did not identify themselves on the call.

