

December 13, 2018

TO:

Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM:

Lead Compliance Inspector The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: Annual Detention Inspection of the Wakulla County Detention Facility

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS 2000) of the Wakulla County Detention Facility in Crawfordville, FL, during the period of December 11-13, 2018. This is an IGSA facility.

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

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

# **Type of Inspection**

This is a scheduled annual inspection, which is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE NDS 2000 for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a previous rating of Acceptable during the November 2017 inspection.

## **Inspection Summary**

The Wakulla county Detention Facility 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 2017 and 2018 annual inspections:



2017 Annual Inspection	
Acceptable	37
Deficient	0
Repeat Deficiency	0
Not Applicable	2

2018 Annual Inspection	
Acceptable	37
Deficient	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

The inspection team identified nine (9) deficient components in the following eight (8) standards:

Food Service - 2

Detainee Grievance Procedures - 1

Security Inspections - 1

Special Management Units (Administrative) - 1

Special Management Units (Disciplinary) – 1

Tool Control – 1

Staff Detainee Communications -1, which is a repeat deficiency

Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention - 1

## Facility Snapshot/Description

The Wakulla County Detention Facility is operated by the Wakulla county Sheriff's Office. The facility is located in Crawfordville, Florida, approximately twenty miles south of Tallahassee.

ICE detainees are housed separate from local detainees in cells or dormitory style housing. The ICE unit has a control center providing indirect supervision to the housing units. Three of the pods are dormitory style and four have two-person cells. Detainees are housed according to classification levels. The housing units have a dayroom area with tables, a television, telephones, a video visitation terminal and a kiosk, which provides detainees with the handbook and other facility information. Dayroom activities consist of board games, dominoes, cards, chess, checkers, television, and leisure books. Detainees may purchase puzzles from the commissary.

The inspection team found the atmosphere in the facility to be calm with no obvious indicators of high stress. Staff was observed interacting with detainees in a professional and respectful manner. The inspection team visited the housing units multiple times during the inspection, interviewing detainees in groups and in a private, confidential setting. The detainees interviewed ranged in age from twenty to sixty-eight years of age. All detainees stated that they felt safe in the facility and were treated with respect by staff. There were no concerns noted regarding access to ICE personnel.

One confidential interview was conducted during the inspection using the language line (Mandarin). The detainee indicated he had been in custody since March 2018 and had recently transferred to the facility on Monday. He stated he was processed through medical using the language line and felt safe at the facility. The only concern expressed was that there were no other detainees or staff at the facility that spoke Mandarin. He was informed that he could submit requests in writing and the staff would translate his request. A copy of the site-specific handbook was translated into Mandarin for him. Four confidential interviews



were conducted in Spanish by a bilingual inspector. None of the four voiced any concerns other than one complaint that the food portions were too small.

Four detainees expressed concerns regarding health care. One detainee stated that he had not been evaluated by health care personnel for problems with his leg and mental health issues. The medical SME reviewed the detainee's health record and found the detainee had been appropriately evaluated and followed for both concerns. Three detainees expressed concerns regarding not receiving prescribed medications. Review of their medical records indicated that two detainees were, in fact, receiving the prescribed medication and the medication for the third detainee had been ordered from the contract pharmacy.

Several detainees stated that they had not been permitted to use the law library five hours per week. This was discussed with the ICE liaison captain who is in charge of the library. The captain stated that several detainees had arrived from another facility with flash drives that contained pornography. It was discovered that the detainees were using their library time to view the pornography and were putting it on the computers for other detainees to view. The library was unavailable for a time while the computers were being secured and the pornography was removed. The library has since been placed back in service and detainees are offered law library time on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The room is used for classes and other programs Monday through Thursday.

Two detainees housed in a dormitory complained that there was only one shower for 29 detainees. An inspection of the facility reflected a positive environment, acceptable sanitation, and no other issues being noted with the conditions of confinement.

Food Service is provided by Eagle Food Services. Medical, dental and mental health services are provided by employees or contractors of Armor Correctional Health Services. ICE detainees are not charged copays for medical, dental or mental health services.

## **Areas of Concern/Significant Observations**

There were no concerns or significant observations during this inspection.

## **Recommended Rating and Justification**

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Acceptable. The facility complies with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS) for Over 72 hour facilities. No (0) standards were found Deficient and two (2) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-seven (37) 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 at the facility and in addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, the following were present:

ICE Officials –
Facility Staff –
and other facility staff



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