



September 17, 2020

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Inspection of the West Texas Detention Facility**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed a remote annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS) of the West Texas Detention Facility in Sierra Blanca, Texas, during the period of September 15-17, 2020. 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]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Safety	[REDACTED]

Type of Inspection

This is a scheduled annual inspection which is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE NDS for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a rating of Acceptable during the August 2019 inspection.

Inspection Summary

The West Texas 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) - 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 and the 2020 NDS annual inspections:



2019 Annual Inspection	
Acceptable	37
Deficient	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

2020 Annual Inspection	
Acceptable	36
Deficient	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	3

The inspection team identified sixteen (16) deficient components in the following ten (10) standards:

- Admission and Release – 1
- Detainee Telephone Access – 2
- Access to Medical Care – 1
- Suicide Prevention and Intervention – 1
- Disciplinary Policy – 1
- Environmental Health and Safety – 1
- Key and Lock Control – 5
- Special Management Unit (Administrative Segregation) – 1
- Special Management Unit (Disciplinary Segregation) – 1
- Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention - 2

Facility Snapshot/Description

The West Texas Detention Facility is located in Sierra Blanca, Texas, approximately 85 miles southeast of El Paso, Texas. The facility is owned and operated by LaSalle Corrections [REDACTED]. It currently houses adult male and female U.S. Marshal Service detainees. There have been no ICE detainees in the facility since October 2019. When ICE detainees return, adult male and female detainees of all classification levels will be accepted.

The facility, constructed in 2004, is a compound of six buildings. The site is enclosed by two twelve-foot perimeter chain link fences equipped with razor ribbon rows on the top and bottom of the exterior fence and on the top of the interior fence. There is a perimeter road encircling the compound that is patrolled by an armed officer in a vehicle on a continuous but irregular schedule. The exterior doors of the buildings are alarmed, under camera surveillance, and controlled by central control officers. The entire perimeter is under monitored camera surveillance. The surveillance network, which consists of 124 cameras, offers monitoring into all housing units, common areas, and movement corridors. All movement in the facility is escorted.

When present, ICE detainees will be housed separate from non-ICE detainees in one or more of four housing units which are divided into eight separate dormitory compartments ranging in size from 83 to 105 beds. There is one special management unit (SMU - housing for administrative and disciplinary segregation status detainees). The SMU consists of 24 one-bed cells equipped with their own showers and wash basins. SMU detainees have their own outdoor recreation area.

Each of the general population detainee housing units has a dayroom area equipped with televisions, telephones, fixed table/chair units used for recreation and meals. The facility offers indoor and outdoor recreation.

Sanitation throughout the common areas of the facility could not be observed due to the remote nature of the inspection.



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Medical, food, and maintenance services are provided by LaSalle Corrections. Detainee telephone services are provided by Correct Solutions Group. The facility does not charge detainee co-pays for medical, mental health, or dental care.

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 rated as Deficient and three (3) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-six (36) standards were found to be Acceptable.

LCI Assurance Statement

The findings of compliance and non-compliance 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 on the telephone and in addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team several facility and ICE/ERO representatives participated.

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[Redacted], Lead Compliance Inspector

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