



January 16, 2020

TO: [REDACTED]  
Assistant Director for Detention Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Detention Inspection of the Western Tennessee Detention Facility**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2008) of the Western Tennessee Detention Facility in Mason, Tennessee, during the period of January 14-16, 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
Safety	[REDACTED]
Security	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Detainee Rights	[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 for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a previous rating of Meets Standard during the January 2019 inspection.

### **Inspection Summary**

The Western Tennessee Detention Facility 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 and 2020 annual inspections:



<i>2019 Annual Inspection</i>	
Meets Standards	39
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

<i>2020 Annual Inspection</i>	
Meets Standards	39
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

The inspection team found three (3) component deficiencies in the following three (3) standards:

- Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention - 1
- Staff-Detainee Communication - 1
- Hunger Strikes - 1

### **Facility Snapshot/Description**

The West Tennessee Detention Facility is located in Mason, Tennessee, approximately 25 miles east of Memphis. The facility is owned and operated by CoreCivic. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It currently houses adult male and female ICE detainees, United States Marshals Service detainees, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons inmates. The facility houses all classification levels. [REDACTED]

The facility, constructed in 1990, is a single structure that houses all of the housing units and support services except the armory which is located outside of the secure perimeter. The perimeter of the compound is encircled by a paved road and two parallel twelve-foot chain link fences supplemented with razor ribbon and a 5000 volt stun fence. It is continuously patrolled by an armed officer in a vehicle. The perimeter fence is checked once each shift by a designated officer and is under constant camera surveillance which is monitored by central control officers. The 136 camera network provides watch into all housing units and main movement corridors. All movement is either escorted or permitted by sight line observations from post officers. All exterior building doors are alarmed and controlled by central control officers.

ICE detainees are housed with other non-ICE detainees in three separate housing units; two for females and one for males. Each of these housing units is two-tier configuration with ten two-bed cells up and ten two-bed cells down; resulting in forty-bed capacity. The facility has one dedicated special management unit (SMU) for male ICE detainees; it is a two-tier unit with twenty two-bed cells (ten up and ten down). The SMU for female ICE detainees is encompassed by dedicating individual cells in one of the two female ICE detainee general population housing units. Females worthy of such status are sheltered in place with proper notifications highlighted on the exterior of their cell door. There were no ICE detainees housed in the SMU during this inspection.

Each of the housing units has a dayroom area equipped with one television, two informational kiosks, telephone banks, and table/chair units where detainees eat their meals, gather in conversation, or participate in table games. It is accessible daily from 5:00 a.m. to 9:25 p.m. Each ICE detainee has the option of requesting a personal electronic tablet which is assigned to them throughout their detention. Tablets are currently capable of accessing movies, books and games, and submitting requests to select facility and ICE/ERO personnel. All other functions and service requests are generated through the submission of paper forms. All ICE detainees have daily access to outdoor or indoor recreation for at least one hour. SMU detainees have their own dedicated recreation space. Detainees are under constant monitored camera sur-



veillance while in their housing units and while using the recreation areas. The indoor gymnasium offers a host of scheduled sporting events and functions which are coordinated by one recreation specialist.

The two ICE detainees in the facility during this inspection were interviewed during their intake processing. Their only concern was how long they were going to be at the facility.

Overall sanitation throughout the facility was average. The housing unit bathrooms, showers, and wash basins are maintained at a good level of cleanliness. Medical care and building maintenance are provided by CoreCivic employees. Food services are provided by Aramark. Detainee telephones are under contract to ICSolutions and the electronic tablets are provided and serviced by Praeses, Inc. Detainees are not charged medical, dental, or mental health co-pay fees.

**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. The facility complies with the ICE Performance Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS) 2008. No (0) standards were found Does Not Meet Standards and two (2) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-nine (39) standards were found to Meet Standards.

**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. An out-brief was conducted at the facility, which was attended by the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team and the following representatives:

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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector

January 16, 2020

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