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PINELLAS COUNTY JAIL
Clearwater, Florida

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FACILITY OVERVIEW

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) Office of Detention Oversight (ODO) conducted an ODO assisted self-inspection process (OASIP) inspection of the Pinellas County Jail (PCJ) in Clearwater, Florida, from April 15 to May 15, 2025, which included a 1-day, on-site visit on May 13, 2025..¹ The facility opened in 1977 and is owned and operated by Pinellas County. The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at PCJ in 2003 under the oversight of ERO's Field Office Director in Miami (ERO Miami). ICE is an authorized user of this facility under a United States Marshals Service Intergovernmental Agreement contract, which does not specify an ICE National Detention Standard (NDS). ODO inspected PCJ against NDS 2019, which is listed on the ERO Custody Management Division Authorized Facility List as of May 12, 2025.

[REDACTED] A colonel handles daily facility operations and manages [REDACTED] support personnel. Naphcare provides medical care, and Aramark Correctional Services provides food and commissary services at the facility. The facility was accredited by the American Correctional Association in May 2024, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies in October 2024, and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care in July 2022.

| Capacity and Population Statistics | Quantity |
|--|------------|
| ICE Bed Capacity. ² | [REDACTED] |
| Average ICE Population. ³ | [REDACTED] |
| Adult Male Population (as of May 13, 2025) | [REDACTED] |
| Adult Female Population (as of May 13, 2025) | [REDACTED] |

During its last rated inspection, in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, ODO found PCJ deficient in all listed standards..⁴

¹ This facility holds male and female detainees with low, medium-low, medium-high, and high security classification levels for periods less than 72 hours.

² Data Source: ERO Custody Management Division Authorized Facility List as of May 12, 2025.

³ *Ibid.*

⁴ ODO attempted to conduct a special review of PCJ; however, on September 20, 2024, PCJ notified ERO Miami of its refusal of ODO's scheduled special review. PCJ's refusal resulted in ODO marking all line items to be inspected as deficient and assigning a facility rating of "Failure" to that inspection.

ODO ASSISTED SELF-INSPECTION PROCESS

In FY 2025, ODO implemented an OASIP, which replaces the annual Special Review inspections ODO conducted at most low average daily population (ADP) and/or short-term use facilities. This new inspection framework is more reflective of the actual operational demand of facilities with a low ADP and/or short-term use. OASIP inspections focus on facility compliance with ICE NDS 2019 requirements that directly affect detainee life, health, safety, and/or well-being, and have corresponding Federal Performance Based Detention Standards requirements. Facilities have 30 calendar days to complete the OASIP inspection and ODO staff will go on site towards the end of the 30-day inspection window to observe facility conditions, interview ICE detainees, and spot-check the facility's reported findings.

ODO identifies violations of ICE detention standards, ICE policies, or operational procedures, as "deficiencies." ODO highlights instances when the facility resolves deficiencies prior to completion of the ODO inspection as corrective actions. Where applicable, these corrective actions are annotated with "C" under the *ODO Assisted Self-Inspection Findings* section of this report.

Upon completion of each inspection, ODO conducts a closeout briefing with facility and local ERO officials to discuss preliminary findings. A summary of these findings is shared with ERO management officials. Thereafter, ODO provides ICE leadership with a final compliance inspection report to: (i) assist ERO in developing and initiating corrective action plans; and (ii) provide senior executives with an independent assessment of facility operations. ODO's findings inform ICE executive management in their decision-making to better allocate resources across the agency's entire detention inventory.

FINDINGS BY NATIONAL DETENTION STANDARDS 2019 MAJOR CATEGORIES

| NDS 2019 Standards Inspected ⁵ | Deficiencies |
|--|--------------|
| Part 1 - Safety | |
| Environmental Health and Safety | 0 |
| Sub-Total | 0 |
| Part 2 - Security | |
| Admission and Release | 0 |
| Custody Classification System | 0 |
| Use of Force and Restraints | 0 |
| Staff-Detainee Communication | 0 |
| Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention | 0 |
| Sub-Total | 0 |
| Part 4 - Care | |
| Food Service | 0 |
| Medical Care | 0 |
| Personal Hygiene | 0 |
| Sub-Total | 0 |
| Part 6 - Justice | |
| Grievance System | 0 |
| Sub-Total | 0 |
| Total Deficiencies | 0 |

⁵ For greater detail on ODO's findings, see the ODO Assisted Self-Inspection Findings section of this report.

DETAINEE RELATIONS

ODO interviewed four detainees, who each voluntarily agreed to participate. None of the detainees made allegations of discrimination, mistreatment, or abuse. All detainees reported satisfaction with facility services.

ODO ASSISTED SELF-INSPECTION FINDINGS

ODO found no deficiencies during the inspection.

CONCLUSION

During this OASIP, ODO assessed the facility's compliance with 10 standards under NDS 2019 and found the facility in compliance with all 10 standards. This inspection is the facility's first OASIP. Due to PCJ's refusal of ODO's last scheduled inspection in September 2024, prior inspection data does not exist for ODO to perform a trend analysis. ODO recommends ERO Miami continue to work with the facility to maintain its high level of compliance with NDS 2019.

| Compliance Inspection Results Compared | FY 2024 Special Review (NDS 2019) | FY 2025 OASIP Inspection (NDS 2019) |
|--|---|---|
| Standards Reviewed | N/A | 10 |
| Deficient Standards | N/A | 0 |
| Overall Number of Deficiencies | N/A | 0 |
| Priority Component Deficiencies | N/A | 0 |
| Repeat Deficiencies | N/A | 0 |
| Areas Of Concern | N/A | 0 |
| Corrective Actions | N/A | 0 |
| Facility Rating | Failure | Superior |



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