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**Yuba County Jail  
Marysville, California**

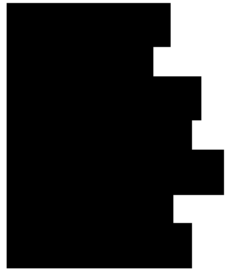
**March 14-17, 2022**

**COMPLIANCE INSPECTION  
of the  
YUBA COUNTY JAIL  
Marysville, California**

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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 a compliance inspection of the Yuba County Jail (YCJ) in Marysville, California, from March 14 to 17, 2022.<sup>1</sup> The facility opened in 1962 and is owned and operated by Yuba County. The ICE Office of Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) began housing detainees at YCJ in 1994 under the oversight of ERO’s Field Office Director in San Francisco (ERO San Francisco). The facility operates under the National Detention Standards (NDS) 2019.

ERO has a detention services manager and no deportation officers assigned to the facility. A YCJ captain handles daily facility operations and manages [REDACTED] support personnel. YCJ provides food and commissary services, and Wellpath provides medical care at the facility. The facility does not hold any national accreditations from any outside entities.

Capacity and Population Statistics	Quantity
ICE Bed Capacity <sup>2</sup>	[REDACTED]
Average ICE Population <sup>3</sup>	[REDACTED]
Adult Male Population (as of March 14, 2022)	[REDACTED]
Adult Female Population (as of March 14, 2022)	[REDACTED]

During its last inspection, in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, ODO found one deficiency in the following area: Funds and Personal Property (1).

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<sup>1</sup> This facility holds both male and female detainees with low, medium-low, medium-high, and high security classification levels for periods greater than 72 hours.

<sup>2</sup> Data Source: ERO Facility List as of March 14, 2022.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> Per the ERO Facility List of March 14, 2022, YCJ had an FY 2021 average daily population (ADP) of 13 detainees, which met ODO’s requirement for biannual inspections and ODO scheduled YCJ for 2 inspections in FY 2022.

## COMPLIANCE INSPECTION PROCESS

ODO conducts oversight inspections of ICE detention facilities with an ADP greater than 10, and where detainees are housed for over 72 hours, to assess compliance with ICE national detention standards. These inspections focus solely on facility compliance with detention standards that directly affect detainee life, health, safety, and/or well-being.<sup>5</sup>

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. Where applicable, these corrective actions are annotated with “C” under the *Compliance 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 its decision-making to better allocate resources across the agency’s entire detention inventory.

ODO was unable to conduct an on-site inspection of this facility, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and instead, conducted a remote inspection of the facility. During this remote inspection, ODO interviewed facility staff, ERO field office staff, and detainees, reviewed files and detention records, and was able to assess compliance for at least 90 percent or more of the ICE national detention standards reviewed during the inspection.

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<sup>5</sup> ODO reviews the facility’s compliance with selected standards in their entirety.

## FINDINGS BY NATIONAL DETENTION STANDARDS 2019 MAJOR CATEGORIES

NDS 2019 Standards Inspected <sup>6,7,8</sup>	Deficiencies
<b>Part 1 - Safety</b>	
Environmental Health and Safety	2
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Part 2 - Security</b>	
Admission and Release	0
Custody Classification System	0
Funds and Personal Property	0
Post Orders	0
Searches of Detainees	0
Special Management Unit	0
Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention	0
Use of Force and Restraints	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Part 4 - Care</b>	
Food Service	0
Hunger Strikes	0
Medical Care	0
Personal Hygiene	0
Significant Self-Harm and Suicide Prevention and Intervention	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Part 5 - Activities</b>	
Correspondence and Other Mail	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Part 6 - Justice</b>	
Legal Rights Group Presentations	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Part 7 - Administration and Management</b>	
Detention Files	0
Detainee Transfers	0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Deficiencies</b>	<b>2</b>

<sup>6</sup> For greater detail on ODO's findings, see the *Compliance Inspection Findings* section of this report.

<sup>7</sup> Beginning in FY 2022, ODO instituted a process of rotating all standards on a 3-year basis. As a result, some standard components may not be present in all standards.

<sup>8</sup> The Yuba County Jail does not take part in the Voluntary Work program; therefore, ODO did not review this standard.

## DETAINEE RELATIONS

ODO interviewed three 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 attempted to conduct detainee interviews via video teleconference; however, ERO San Francisco and YCJ were not able to accommodate this request due to technology issues. As such, ODO conducted detainee interviews via telephone.

## COMPLIANCE INSPECTION FINDINGS

### SAFETY

#### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (EHS)

ODO interviewed the facility captain and found facility barbering operations lack the necessary facilities and equipment for maintaining sanitary hair care procedures, including waste containers, disinfectants, disposable headrest covers, laundered towels, and haircloths. Specifically, the facility lacked the accessibility of containers for laundered towels (**Deficiency EHS-47<sup>9</sup>**).

ODO reviewed the facility's barber operations, interviewed the facility's captain, and found the facility did not clean nor disinfect all hair care tools between use for each detainee. Specifically, the detainees used barber kits issued from YCJ for use on multiple detainees and then returned the kits to the facility for cleaning and disinfecting (**Deficiency EHS-48<sup>10</sup>**).

ODO reviewed the facility's barber operations, interviewed the facility captain, and found the facility does not have a policy nor procedure to prevent the use of a towel on more than one detainee, which ODO cites as an **Area of Concern**.

ODO reviewed the facility barber operations and could not confirm if the facility barbershop had sufficient lighting for barber operations. Specifically, the facility did not provide documentation showing the barbershop area has at least 50-foot candles of light. ODO cites this as an **Area of Concern**.

ODO reviewed the facility's barber operations, interviewed the facility captain, and found no procedures in place to ensure there is notification to the facility's medical staff for appropriate treatment of those detainees who the barber identified as having head lice, which ODO cited as an **Area of Concern**.

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<sup>9</sup> "Barber operations will be provided with all equipment and facilities necessary for maintaining sanitary procedures of hair care, including containers for waste, disinfectants, disposable headrest covers, laundered towels, and haircloths." See ICE NDS 2019, Standard, Environmental Health and Safety, Section (II)(H)(1)(c).

<sup>10</sup> "All hair care tools which come in contact with detainees will be cleaned and disinfected prior to each use." See ICE NDS 2019, Standard, Environmental Health and Safety, Section (II)(H)(1)(d).

## CONCLUSION

During this inspection, ODO assessed the facility's compliance with 18 standards under NDS 2019 and found the facility in compliance with 17 of those standards. ODO found two deficiencies and three Areas of Concern in the remaining one standard. ODO recommends ERO San Francisco work with the facility to resolve any deficiencies that remain outstanding in accordance with contractual obligations. ODO has not received the uniform corrective action plan for ODO's last inspection of YCJ in September 2021.

<b>Compliance Inspection Results Compared</b>	<b>FY 2021 (NDS 2019)</b>	<b>FY 2022 (NDS 2019)</b>
Standards Reviewed	11	18
Deficient Standards	1	1
Overall Number of Deficiencies	1	2
Repeat Deficiencies	1	0
Areas Of Concern	0	3
Corrective Actions	0	0
Facility Rating	N/A	Superior