BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY

Sexual Violence 2024 Annual Report for BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY

Data included in this report is from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

Inmates confined in BRRJA on December 31, 2024 were 749 males and 141 females.
During 2024, new admissions to the jail were 6027 males and 2262 females.
The average daily population at BRRJA in 2024 was 745 males and 152 females.

Inmate on Inmate Sexual Violence

The categories of inmate-on-inmate sexual violence are reported separately and are:

Non-Consensual Acts:

- Contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse; and
- Contact between the penis and the vagina or the penis and the anus including penetration; or
- Contact between the mouth and the penis, vagina, or anus; or
- Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person by hand, finger or other object.

Abusive Sexual contacts:

- Contact of any person without consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse And
- Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks of any person, excluding contact incidental to a physical altercation.

The Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority records all allegations of inmate-on-inmate sexual violence.

There were zero (0) allegations of inmate-on-inmate Non-Consensual acts during the period.

There were two (2) allegations of inmate-on-inmate Abusive Sexual Contact during this period. One (1) allegation was determined to be unsubstantiated, which means this allegation was thoroughly and objectively investigated, and there was insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether the events had occurred. One (1) allegation was determined to be unfounded, meaning it was thoroughly and objectively investigated and determined to have not occurred.

Staff Sexual Misconduct and Harassment

Staff Sexual Misconduct and Harassment includes any behavior or act of a sexual nature directed toward an inmate by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor, or other agency representative, and includes two categories which are reported separately and defined as follows:

Staff Sexual Misconduct/Consensual or Non-Consensual Acts including:

- Intentional touching of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks with the intent to arouse, or gratify sexual desire: or
- Completed, attempted, threatened, or requested sexual acts; or
- Occurrences of indecent exposure, invasion of privacy, or staff voyeurism for sexual gratification.

Staff Sexual Harassment includes:

- Repeated verbal statements or comments of a sexual nature to an inmate by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor, or other agency representative.
- Demanded references to gender or derogatory comments about body or clothing; or
- Repeated profane or obscene language or gestures.

The Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority records all allegations of staff sexual misconduct and sexual harassment.

There were seven (7) allegations of Staff Sexual Misconduct during this period. Three (3) allegations were determined to be unfounded, meaning it was thoroughly and objectively investigated and determined to have not occurred. Four (4) allegations were determined to be unsubstantiated, which means this allegation was thoroughly and objectively investigated, and there was insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether the events had occurred.

There were nine (9) allegations of Staff Sexual Harassment during this period by an arresting agency. Eight (8) allegations were determined to be unfounded, meaning they were thoroughly and objectively investigated and determined to have not occurred. One (1) allegation was determined to be unsubstantiated, which means this allegation was thoroughly and objectively investigated, and there was insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether the events had occurred.

A review was conducted by the PREA incident review committee; assembled to discuss our current PREA procedures, current video monitoring capabilities, available resources, and previous allegations. The committee determined that our current policies and procedures are sufficient in addressing the issue of sexual abuse in our facility.

History:

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2023, there were twenty-nine (29) allegations of inmate on inmate non-consensual acts.

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2023, there were thirty (30) allegations of inmate on inmate abusive sexual contact.

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2023, there were thirty-nine (39) allegations of staff sexual misconduct.

Between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2023, there were fifty (50) allegations of staff sexual harassment.