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Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Coordinator's
Annual PREA Report

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Reference: (a) Sections 1560-09 of title 42, United States Code (PREA)
(b) 28 CFR 115; Prison Rape Elimination Act- National Standards
(c) Section 44-23-1150; SC Code of Laws
(d) SCDC Policy GA-06.11; Prevention, Detection, and Response to Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment; and GA-06.11B, "Applying the PREA Standards"

Enclosure: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Findings and Corrective Actions

PREA Standards §115.88 and §115.89 require the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) to prepare an annual report relative to our Agency's efforts to assess and improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response during the previous calendar year. Additionally, the standards require that the enclosed report be posted on our Agency's website for public access. This report meets the requirements of the PREA Standards and is approved through the PREA Coordinator's Office, the Office of Legal and Compliance, and the Office of the Director by signature below.

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Salley Elliott, Deputy Director of Legal & Compliance

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Introduction and Report Summary

The PREA Coordinator's office, under the Office of Legal and Compliance, is pleased to provide this annual report of PREA activities and implementation efforts for 2020.

PREA Standard §115.88 requires SCDC to review its data collected and aggregated pursuant to Standard §115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training by:

1. Identifying problem areas;
2. Taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and
3. Preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as the Agency as a whole.

The SCDC PREA Coordinator submits the following information for your review and consideration:

In calendar year 2020, SCDC received 379 reported allegations of sexual abuse/sexual harassment. SCDC Office of Investigations and Intelligence investigated 30% of the allegations of sexual abuse/sexual harassment for criminal intent. 70% of the allegations were investigated by institutional investigators. 22% of reports were allegations of inmate-on-inmate abuse, and 23% were allegations of staff-on-inmate abuse. Of the 379 allegations, 6% of the allegations were substantiated, 40% were unsubstantiated, 38% were unfounded, and 16% of the cases are ongoing.

In 2020, nine (9) SCDC institutions were audited for compliance with the National PREA Standards by PREA Auditors certified by the United States Department of Justice.

Training on the National PREA Standards and SCDC Policy GA-06.11 was conducted at each Agency On-boarding, Orientation, and Basic Training class provided in 2020, in addition to the annual mandatory Legal Update provided by the Agency's Division of Training and Staff Development.

As with previous years, SCDC continued our Agreements with multiple Rape Crisis Centers (RCC) to provide emotional support services to incarcerated survivors of sexual abuse. The ten (10) RCCs provide hundreds of hours of support to survivors inside SCDC, including individual face-to-face contacts, group sessions, written correspondence, and phone calls through a toll-free hotline. Because of COVID-19, face-to-face and mail contact was not available to the advocates for the majority of 2020. Therefore, other methods were used by the RCCs to provide support to survivors, including video conferencing and distribution of pre-recorded trauma trainings.

In 2020, SCDC continued working with the grant programs begun in 2019. Grant funding continues to assist SCDC with developing programs, purchasing equipment, and enhancing the Agency's compliance with the National PREA Standards.

2020 PREA Audits:

In 2020, the nine institutions that successfully completed audits for compliance with the National PREA Standards are the following:

- Allendale Correctional Institution – *February 2020*
- McCormick Correctional Institution – *July 2020*
- Palmer Pre-Release Center – *August 2020*
- Manning Reentry/Work Release Center – *August 2020*
- Goodman Correctional Institution – *September 2020*
- MacDougall Correctional Institution – *October 2020*
- Evans Correctional Institution - *October 2020*
- Lee Correctional Institution – *November 2020*
- Lieber Correctional Institution – *December 2020*

*Tyger River CI was scheduled to be audited but was postponed because of COVID-19 complications.

Areas of Concern:

The South Carolina Department of Corrections continues to adjust its policies, procedures, and practices as it measures, through auditing, compliance with the National PREA Standards. Through internal reviews and audits conducted by certified PREA Auditors, SCDC has made continuous improvements to its correctional practices. Some areas of concern are the risk of sexual victimization and abusiveness assessments and reassessments, and inmate education.

Although greatly affected by COVID-19, the institutions audited in 2020 noted the need to ensure initial and reassessments for risk of sexual abuse were conducted and conducted within the timeframes prescribed by Standard §115.41. Additionally, institutions also were instructed to ensure inmates are provided training on the Agency's and institutional policies, rules, and guidelines surrounding reporting of allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in a timeline prescribed.

These concerns were addressed during the corrective action periods of multiple audits of institutions and does not extend across the Agency.

**Information provided in the PREA Coordinator's Annual Report is based on available information and data provided at the time of the published report and may change over time.*

Agency Aggregate Data

The following is a breakdown of each institution's inmate population as of December 31, 2020:

FACILITY	POPULATION
Allendale Correctional Institution	857
Broad River Correctional Institution	1,231
Camille-Graham Correctional Institution	949
Evans Correctional Institution	203
Goodman Correctional Institution	581
Kershaw Correctional Institution	1,212
Kirkland Reception and Evaluation Center	1530
Leath Correctional Institution	394
Lee Correctional Institution	1,276
Lieber Correctional Institution	1,130
Livesay Correctional Institution	239
MacDougal Correctional Institution	519
Manning Reentry/Work Release Center	210
McCormick Correctional Institution	856
Palmer Pre-Release Center	86
Perry Correctional Institution	801
Ridgeland Correctional Institution	1,048
Trenton Correctional Institution	392
Turbeville Correctional Institution	797
Tyger River Correctional Institution	865
Wateree Correctional Institution	498
TOTAL:	15,674

On December 2020, the SCDC inmate population was lower than it was on December 31, 2019, which had an inmate population of 18,059 inmates. On December 31, 2018, the inmate population was 18,505.

Based on the inmate population at the end of 2020, of the 379 allegations of sexual abuse/sexual harassment reported in 2020, the data received represented 2.4% of the inmate population, with 0.13% (21) of the allegations being substantiated.

2020 Aggregated Allegations of Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment

Allegation Type	2020
Inmate-on-Inmate Sexual Abuse	
Substantiated	6
Unsubstantiated	34
Unfounded	28
Investigation ongoing	15
Total:	83
Inmate-on-Inmate Sexual Harassment	
Substantiated	4
Unsubstantiated	50
Unfounded	48
Investigation ongoing	10
Total:	112
Staff Sexual Misconduct	
Substantiated	10
Unsubstantiated	34
Unfounded	26
Investigation ongoing	19
Total:	89
Staff Sexual Harassment	
Substantiated	1
Unsubstantiated	32
Unfounded	44
Investigation ongoing	18
Total:	95
Grand Total:	379
TOTAL SUBSANTIATED:	21

Of the 379 reported cases of sexual abuse/sexual harassment in 2020, 21 of these cases were found to be substantiated, 6 of which were substantiated incident(s) of inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse; 4 were inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment; 10 were staff sexual misconduct; and 1 was a staff-on-inmate sexual harassment incident. The majority of incidents were inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment allegations (112); followed by staff-on-inmate sexual harassment (95), staff sexual misconduct (89), and lastly, inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse (83).

Comparison Data 2018 – 2020

Allegation Type	2018	2019	2020	TOTALS
INMATE ON INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE				
Substantiated	7	6	6	19
Unsubstantiated	53	55	34	142
Unfounded	13	11	28	52
Investigation ongoing	9	27	15	51
TOTAL	82	99	83	264
INMATE ON INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT				
Substantiated	6	3	4	13
Unsubstantiated	38	41	50	129
Unfounded	19	19	48	86
Investigation ongoing	8	18	10	36
TOTAL	71	81	112	264
STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT				
Substantiated	2	8	10	20
Unsubstantiated	35	39	34	108
Unfounded	13	17	26	56
Investigation ongoing	0	4	19	23
TOTAL	50	68	89	207
STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT				
Substantiated	0	0	1	1
Unsubstantiated	10	9	32	51
Unfounded	1	8	44	53
Investigation ongoing	1	0	18	19
TOTAL	12	17	95	124
Totals:	215	265	379	859
TOTAL SUBSTANTIATED INCIDENTS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE	15	17	21	53

In comparison with the 2018 and 2019 data, as presented in the spreadsheet, there was an increase in allegations by 19% (50) from 2018 to 2019, and an increase by 43% (114) allegations from 2019 to 2020. While allegations of inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment increased since 2018, this same data reveals that the communications plan is still working and that offenders continue to feel safe to report. Staff sexual misconduct cases have increased over the last year, as well as staff sexual harassment cases; however, the number of total substantiated cases has remained low. There were 10 substantiated cases of staff-on-inmate sexual abuse in 2020.

Data by Institution

2020 INSTITUTIONAL DATA

		Allendale	Broad River	Camille-Graham	Evans	Goodman	Kershaw	Kirkland	Leath	Lee	Lieber	Livesay	MacDougal	Manning	McCormick	Palmer	Perry	Ridgeland	Trenton	Turbeville	Tyger River	Waterree	Agency Total
Allegation Type																							
Inmate-on-Inmate Sexual Abuse																							
Finding	Substantiated	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	6
	Unsubstantiated	0	4	1	3	1	2	5	0	2	3	0	0	1	3	0	2	0	2	0	4	1	34
	Unfounded	0	6	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	5	0	0	2	1	4	1	0	28
	Investigation ongoing	0	0	2	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	15
Inmate-on-Inmate Sexual Harassment																							
Finding	Substantiated	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
	Unsubstantiated	0	3	6	5	0	7	0	1	2	4	0	1	3	1	0	3	7	0	2	1	4	50
	Unfounded	1	11	4	5	0	10	0	0	1	5	0	3	2	0	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	48
	Investigation ongoing	3	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	10
Staff-on-Inmate Sexual Abuse																							
Finding	Substantiated	1	1	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
	Unsubstantiated	0	4	3	1	1	5	4	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	7	1	1	2	0	0	34
	Unfounded	0	5	2	0	0	4	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	3	0	1	3	2	1	26
	Investigation ongoing	3	0	3	0	0	0	6	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	19
Staff-on-Inmate Sexual Harassment																							
Finding	Substantiated	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Unsubstantiated	1	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	4	3	0	0	11	1	1	0	1	0	32
	Unfounded	3	12	1	1	0	6	1	0	0	1	0	5	6	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	44
	Investigation ongoing	1	0	2	0	0	1	5	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	18
		13	51	30	22	2	38	28	4	16	19	0	18	20	15	0	30	20	9	21	13	10	379

Analysis

Allendale Correctional Institution

In 2020, Allendale Correctional Institution housed approximately 857 Inmates. Allendale Correctional Institution reported 13 allegations of sexual abuse/sexual harassment. Of those 13 allegations, 4 allegations were sexual abuse, and 9 were sexual harassment. There were 9 allegations against staff members.

Of the 13 investigations, 1 was substantiated, 1 was unsubstantiated; 4 were unfounded, and 7 investigations are ongoing.

Allendale Correctional Institution was audited for compliance with the National PREA Standards in 2020 and was found to have met or exceeded all Standards and provisions.

Allegation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	On-going	Total
IOI Sexual Abuse ¹	0	0	0	0	0
SOI Sexual Abuse	1	0	0	3	4
IOI Sexual Harassment	0	0	1	3	4
SOI Sexual Harassment	0	1	3	1	5

Broad River Correctional Institution

In 2020, Broad River Correctional Institution housed approximately 1,231 Inmates. Broad River Correctional Institution reported 51 allegations of sexual abuse/sexual harassment. Of those 51 allegations, 21 allegations were sexual abuse and 30 were sexual harassment. There were 26 allegations against staff members.

Of the 51 investigations, 2 were substantiated, 15 were unsubstantiated; 34 were unfounded, and no investigations are ongoing.

Allegation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	On-going	Total
IOI Sexual Abuse	1	4	6	0	11
SOI Sexual Abuse	1	4	5	0	10
IOI Sexual Harassment	0	3	11	0	14
SOI Sexual Harassment	0	4	12	0	16

¹ IOI = Inmate on Inmate
SOI = Staff on Inmate

Graham (Camille Griffin) Correctional Institution

In 2020, Camille Griffin Graham Correctional Institution housed approximately 949 Inmates. Camille Griffin Graham Correctional Institution reported 30 allegations of sexual abuse/sexual harassment. Of those 30 allegations, there were 14 allegations of sexual abuse and 16 sexual harassment. There were 15 allegations against staff members.

Of the 30 investigations, 5 were substantiated, 10 were unsubstantiated, 7 were unfounded, and 8 investigations are ongoing.

Allegation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	On-going	Total
IOI Sexual Abuse	0	1	0	2	3
SOI Sexual Abuse	3	3	2	3	11
IOI Sexual Harassment	1	6	4	1	12
SOI Sexual Harassment	1	0	1	2	4

Evans Correctional Institution

In 2020, Evans Correctional Institution housed approximately 203 Inmates. Evans Correctional Institution reported 22 allegations of sexual abuse/sexual harassment. Of those 22 allegations, 10 allegations were sexual abuse, and 12 were sexual harassment. There were 4 allegations against staff members.

Of the 22 investigations, 1 was substantiated; 10 were unsubstantiated; 10 were unfounded, and 1 investigation is ongoing.

Evans Correctional Institution was audited for compliance with the National PREA Standards in 2020 and was found to have met or exceeded all Standards and provisions.

Allegation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	On-going	Total
IOI Sexual Abuse	0	3	4	1	8
SOI Sexual Abuse	1	1	0	0	2
IOI Sexual Harassment	0	5	5	0	10
SOI Sexual Harassment	0	1	1	0	2

Goodman Correctional Institution

In 2020, Goodman Correctional Institution housed approximately 581 Inmates. Goodman Correctional Institution reported 2 allegations of sexual abuse/sexual harassment. Of those 2 allegations, there were 2 allegations of sexual abuse, and 0 allegations of sexual harassment. There was 1 allegation against staff members.

Of the 2 investigations, none were substantiated, 2 were unsubstantiated; none were unfounded, and no investigations are ongoing.

Goodman Correctional Institution was audited for compliance with the National PREA Standards in 2020 and were found to have met or exceeded all Standards and provisions.

Allegation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	On-going	Total
IOI Sexual Abuse	0	1	0	0	1
SOI Sexual Abuse	0	1	0	0	1
IOI Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0
SOI Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0

Kershaw Correctional Institution and Reentry Center

In 2020, Kershaw Correctional Institution housed approximately 1,212 Inmates. Kershaw Correctional Institution reported 38 allegations of sexual abuse/sexual harassment. Of those 38 allegations, 13 allegations were sexual abuse, and 25 were sexual harassment. There were 18 allegations against staff members.

Of the 38 investigations, 1 was substantiated; 15 were unsubstantiated; 20 were unfounded, and 2 investigations are ongoing.

Allegation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	On-going	Total
IOI Sexual Abuse	0	2	0	1	3
SOI Sexual Abuse	1	5	4	0	10
IOI Sexual Harassment	0	7	10	0	17
SOI Sexual Harassment	0	1	6	1	8

Kirkland Reception and Evaluation Center

In 2020, Kirkland Reception and Evaluation Center housed approximately 1,530 Inmates. Kirkland Reception and Evaluation Center reported 28 allegations of sexual abuse/sexual harassment. Of those 28 allegations, 19 allegations were sexual abuse, and 9 were sexual harassment. There were 16 allegations against staff members.

Of the 28 investigations, 2 were substantiated; 9 were unsubstantiated; 1 was unfounded, and 16 investigations are ongoing.

Allegation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	On-going	Total
IOI Sexual Abuse	2	5	0	2	9
SOI Sexual Abuse	0	4	0	6	10
IOI Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	3	3
SOI Sexual Harassment	0	0	1	5	6

Leath Correctional Institution

In 2020, Leath Correctional Institution housed approximately 394 Inmates. Leath Correctional Institution reported 4 allegations of sexual abuse/sexual harassment. Of those 4 allegations, 1 allegation was sexual abuse, and 3 were sexual harassment. There were 3 allegations against staff members.

Of the 4 investigations, 1 allegation was substantiated, 1 was unsubstantiated; none were unfounded, and there are 2 investigations ongoing.

Allegation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	On-going	Total
IOI Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	0	0
SOI Sexual Abuse	1	0	0	0	1
IOI Sexual Harassment	0	1	0	0	1
SOI Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	2	2

Lee Correctional Institution

In 2020, Lee Correctional Institution housed approximately 1,276 Inmates. Lee Correctional Institution reported 16 allegations of sexual abuse/sexual harassment. Of the 16 allegations, 7 allegations were sexual abuse, and 9 were sexual harassment. Of the 16 allegations, there were 8 allegations against staff members.

Of the 16 investigations, 1 was substantiated; 10 were unsubstantiated; 3 were unfounded, and 2 investigations are ongoing.

Lee Correctional Institution was audited for compliance with the National PREA Standards in 2020 and will need further corrective action to meet full compliance.

Allegation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	On-going	Total
IOI Sexual Abuse	0	2	1	1	4
SOI Sexual Abuse	0	2	1	0	3
IOI Sexual Harassment	1	2	1	0	4
SOI Sexual Harassment	0	4	0	1	5

Lieber Correctional Institution and Reentry Center

In 2020, Lieber Correctional Institution housed approximately 1,130 Inmates. Lieber Correctional Institution reported 19 allegations of sexual abuse/sexual harassment. Of those 19 allegations, 8 allegations were sexual abuse, and 11 were sexual harassment. There was 4 allegations against staff members.

Of the 19 investigations, 1 was substantiated; 7 were unsubstantiated; 8 were unfounded, and 3 investigations are ongoing.

Lieber Correctional Institution was audited for compliance with the National PREA Standards in 2020 and will need further corrective action to meet full compliance.

Allegation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	On-going	Total
IOI Sexual Abuse	1	3	1	0	5
SOI Sexual Abuse	0	0	1	2	3
IOI Sexual Harassment	0	4	5	1	10
SOI Sexual Harassment	0	0	1	0	1

Livesay Correctional Institution

In 2020, Livesay Correctional Institution housed approximately 239 Inmates. Livesay Correctional Institution reported no allegations of sexual abuse/sexual harassment.

Allegation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	On-going	Total
IOI Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	0	0
SOI Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	0	0
IOI Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0
SOI Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0

MacDougall Correctional Institution

In 2020, MacDougall Correctional Institution housed approximately 519 Inmates. MacDougall Correctional Institution reported 18 allegations of sexual abuse/sexual harassment. Of those 18 allegations, 4 allegations were sexual abuse, and 14 were sexual harassment. There were 12 allegations against staff members.

Of the 18 investigations, 1 allegation was substantiated; 7 were unsubstantiated; 10 were unfounded, and there are none ongoing.

MacDougall Correctional Institution was audited for compliance with the National PREA Standards in 2020 and were found to have met or exceeded all Standards and provisions.

Allegation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	On-going	Total
IOI Sexual Abuse	0	0	1	0	1
SOI Sexual Abuse	0	2	1	0	3
IOI Sexual Harassment	1	1	3	0	5
SOI Sexual Harassment	0	4	5	0	9

Manning Reentry/Work Release Center

In 2020, Manning Reentry/Work Release Center housed approximately 210 Inmates. Manning Reentry/Work Release Center reported 20 allegations of sexual abuse/sexual harassment. Of those 20 allegations, 5 allegations were sexual abuse, and 15 were sexual harassment. There were 12 allegations against staff members.

Of the 20 investigations, none were substantiated; 7 were unsubstantiated; 11 were unfounded, and 2 investigations are ongoing.

Manning Reentry/Work Release Center was audited for compliance with the National PREA Standards in 2020 and were found to have met or exceeded all Standards and provisions.

Allegation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	On-going	Total
IOI Sexual Abuse	0	1	2	0	3
SOI Sexual Abuse	0	0	1	1	2
IOI Sexual Harassment	0	3	2	0	5
SOI Sexual Harassment	0	3	6	1	10

McCormick Correctional Institution

In 2020, McCormick Correctional Institution housed approximately 856 Inmates. McCormick Correctional Institution reported 15 allegations of sexual abuse/sexual harassment. Of those 15 allegations, 12 allegations were sexual abuse, and 3 were sexual harassment. There were 5 allegations against staff members.

Of the 15 investigations, 1 allegation was substantiated; 5 were unsubstantiated; 7 were unfounded, and 2 investigations are ongoing.

McCormick Correctional Institution was audited for compliance with the National PREA Standards in 2020. McCormick C.I met 42 of the 45 audited Standards and needed to make additional corrections on Standards §115.33, §115.41, and §115.81. These corrections are being addressed by the institution.

Allegation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	On-going	Total
IOI Sexual Abuse	0	3	5	1	9
SOI Sexual Abuse	1	1	1	0	3
IOI Sexual Harassment	0	1	0	0	1
SOI Sexual Harassment	0	0	1	1	2

Palmer Pre-Release Center

In 2020, Palmer Pre-Release Center housed approximately 86 Inmates. Palmer Pre-Release Center Correctional Institution reported no allegations of sexual abuse or allegations of sexual harassment.

Palmer Pre-Release Center was audited for compliance with the National PREA Standards in 2020 and were found to have met or exceeded all Standards and provisions.

Allegation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	On-going	Total
IOI Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	0	0
SOI Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	0	0
IOI Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0
SOI Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0

Perry Correctional Institution

In 2020, Perry Correctional Institution housed approximately 801 Inmates. Perry Correctional Institution reported 30 allegations of sexual abuse/sexual harassment. Of those 30 allegations, 14 allegations were sexual abuse, and 16 were sexual harassment. There were 25 allegations against staff members.

Of the 30 investigations, 1 was substantiated; 23 were unsubstantiated; 4 were unfounded, and 2 investigations are ongoing.

Allegation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	On-going	Total
IOI Sexual Abuse	0	2	0	0	2
SOI Sexual Abuse	1	7	3	1	12
IOI Sexual Harassment	0	3	0	0	3
SOI Sexual Harassment	0	11	1	1	13

Ridgeland Correctional Institution

In 2020, Ridgeland Correctional Institution housed approximately 1,048 Inmates. Ridgeland Correctional Institution reported 20 allegations of sexual abuse/sexual harassment. Of those 20 allegations, 6 allegations were sexual abuse, and 14 were sexual harassment. There were 5 allegations against staff members.

Of the 20 investigations, 2 were substantiated; 9 were unsubstantiated; 4 were unfounded; and 5 investigations are ongoing.

Allegation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	On-going	Total
IOI Sexual Abuse	2	0	2	1	5
SOI Sexual Abuse	0	1	0	0	1
IOI Sexual Harassment	0	7	1	2	10
SOI Sexual Harassment	0	1	1	2	4

Trenton Correctional Institution

In 2020, Trenton Correctional Institution housed approximately 392 Inmates. Trenton Correctional Institution reported 9 allegations of sexual abuse/sexual harassment. Of those 9 allegations, there were 5 allegations of sexual abuse. There were 4 allegations sexual harassment. There were 4 allegations against staff members.

Of the 9 investigations, none were substantiated, 4 were unsubstantiated; 5 were unfounded, and no investigations are ongoing.

Allegation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	On-going	Total
IOI Sexual Abuse	0	2	1	0	3
SOI Sexual Abuse	0	1	1	0	2
IOI Sexual Harassment	0	0	2	0	2
SOI Sexual Harassment	0	1	1	0	2

Turbeville Correctional Institution

In 2020, Turbeville Correctional Institution housed approximately 797 Inmates. Turbeville Correctional Institution reported 21 allegations of sexual abuse/sexual harassment. Of those 21 allegations, 15 allegations were sexual abuse, and 6 were sexual harassment. There were 7 allegations against staff members.

Of the 21 investigations, 1 allegation was substantiated, 4 were unsubstantiated; 10 were unfounded, and 6 investigations are ongoing.

Allegation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	On-going	Total
IOI Sexual Abuse	0	0	4	6	10
SOI Sexual Abuse	0	2	3	0	5
IOI Sexual Harassment	1	2	1	0	4
SOI Sexual Harassment	0	0	2	0	2

Tyger River Correctional Institution

In 2020, Tyger River Correctional Institution housed approximately 865 Inmates. Tyger River Correctional Institution reported 13 allegations of sexual abuse/sexual harassment. Of those 13 allegations, 8 allegations were sexual abuse, and 5 were sexual harassment. There were 5 allegations against staff members.

Of the 13 investigations, none were substantiated, 6 were unsubstantiated; 6 were unfounded, and 1 investigation is ongoing.

Allegation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	On-going	Total
IOI Sexual Abuse	0	4	1	0	5
SOI Sexual Abuse	0	0	2	1	3
IOI Sexual Harassment	0	1	2	0	3
SOI Sexual Harassment	0	1	1	0	2

Wateree River Correctional Institution

In 2020, Wateree River Correctional Institution housed approximately 498 Inmates. Wateree River Correctional Institution reported 10 allegations of sexual abuse/sexual harassment. Of those 10 allegations, 4 allegations were sexual abuse, and 6 were sexual harassment. There were 5 allegations against staff members.

Of the 10 investigations, none were substantiated, 5 were unsubstantiated; 2 were unfounded; and 3 are ongoing.

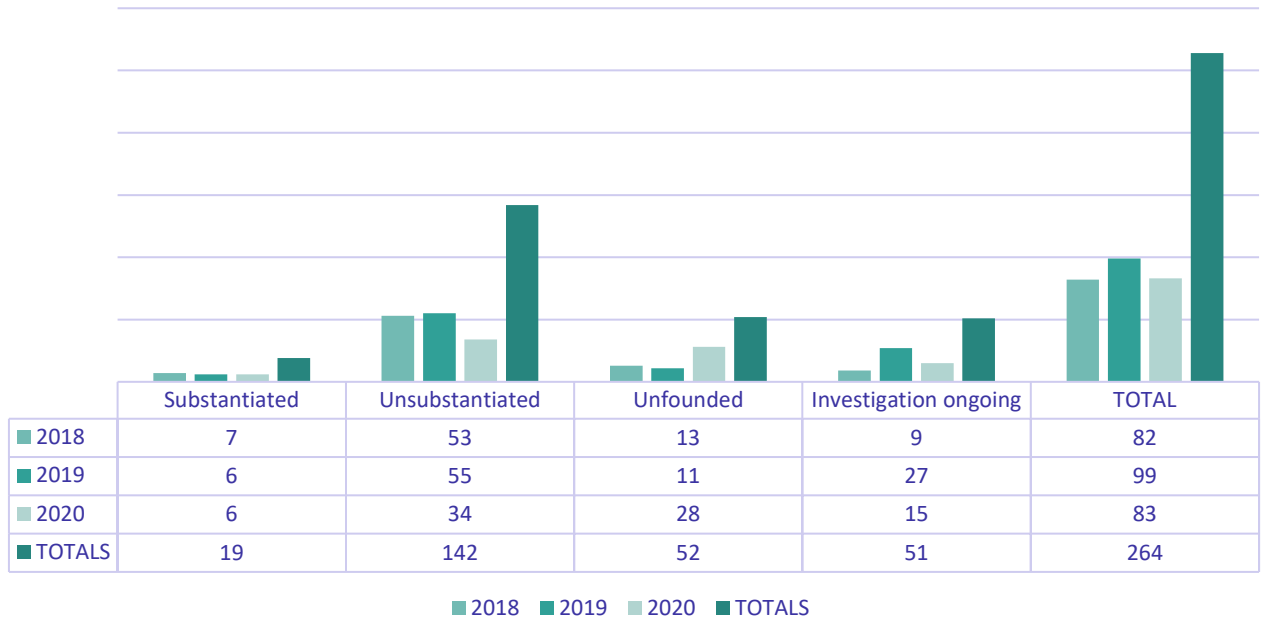
Allegation Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	On-going	Total
IOI Sexual Abuse	0	1	0	0	1
SOI Sexual Abuse	0	0	1	2	3
IOI Sexual Harassment	0	4	0	0	4
SOI Sexual Harassment	0	0	1	1	2



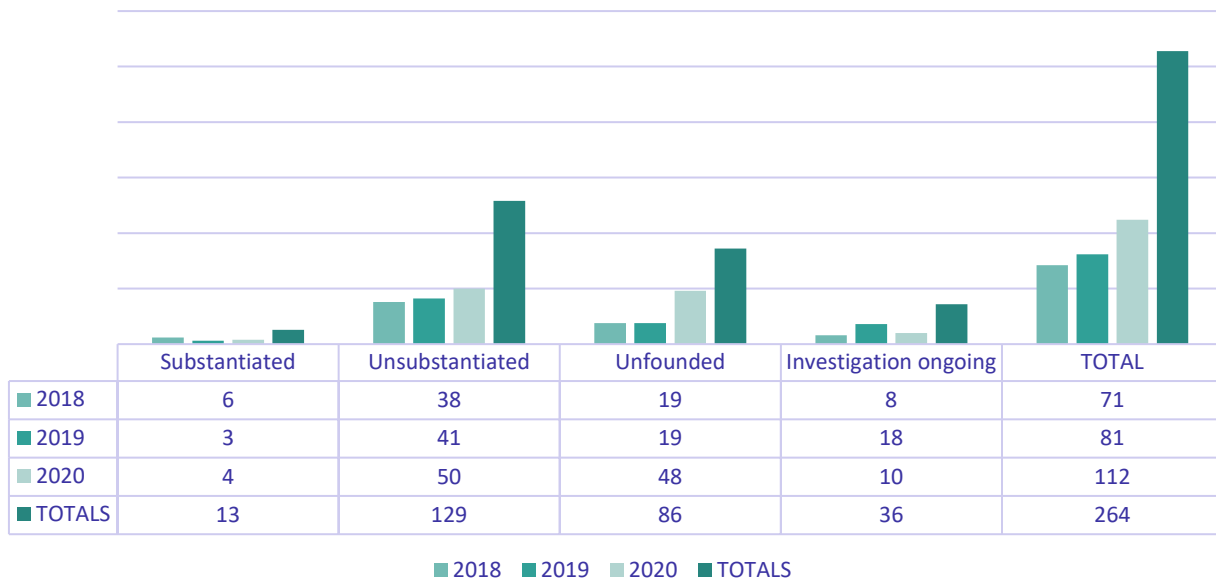
Broad River Correctional Institution reviewing documentation with U.S.D.O.J Certified Auditor, Mr. Adam Barnett. Pictured: Assoc. Warden Chestnut, Warden Nelson, Assoc. Warden Carter.

Allegation Breakdown

INMATE ON INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2020

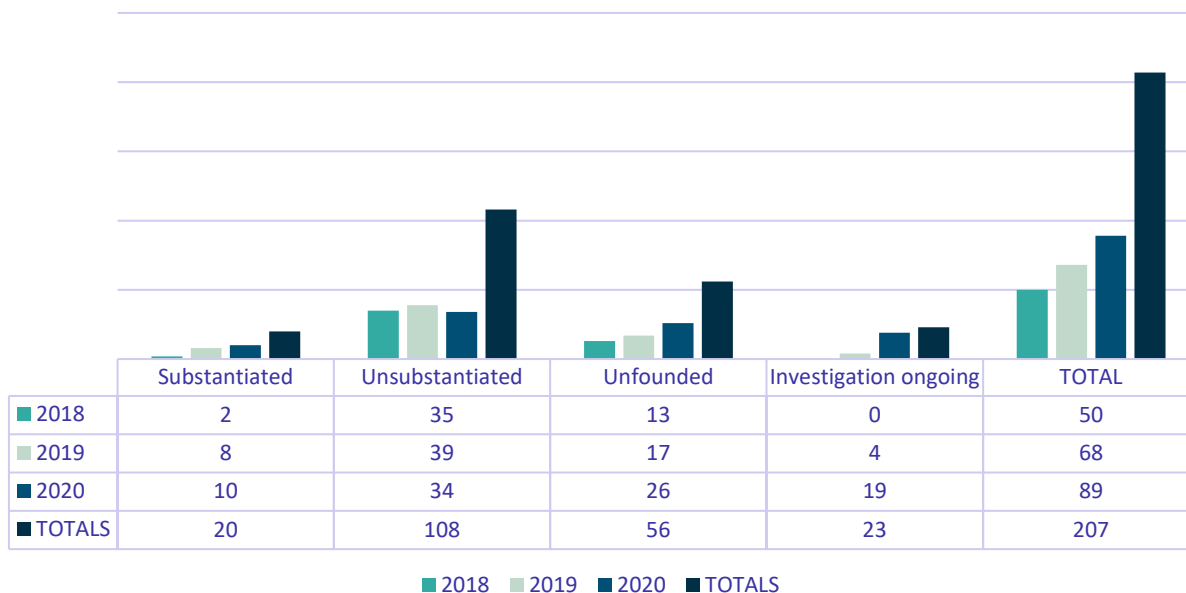


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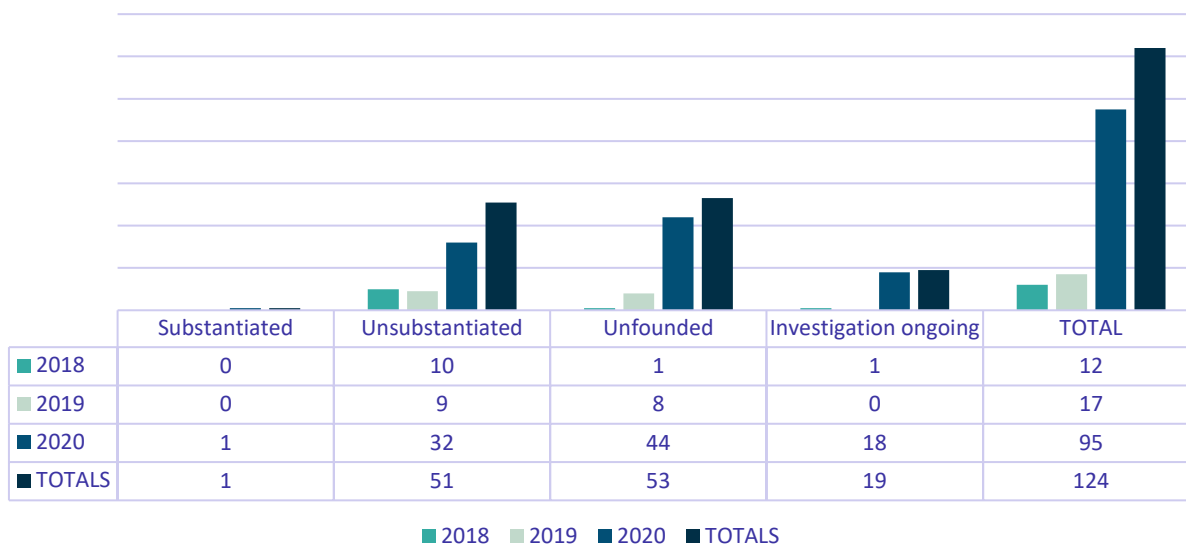


Allegation Breakdown

STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2020



STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2020



Corrective Actions

To ensure SCDC continues its path to full compliance with the Federal PREA Standards, the Office of Legal and Compliance and PREA staff, in coordination with institutional PREA Compliance Managers, have implemented several corrective actions to address recommendations noted in the nine (9) PREA interim audit reports.

1. **Screening for Risk of Sexual Victimization and Abusiveness:** As prescribed in multiple SCDC policies and procedures, screening for risk of sexual victimization and abusiveness is required within the first 72 hours of an offender's arrival into an institution, and a reassessment is conducted within the first 30 days. This required timeframe has been difficult to achieve due to the effects of COVID on staffing in the institutions. To correct, the institutions have recruited additional staff from multiple disciplines to assist.
2. **Inmate Education:** As mentioned in the previous corrective action, SCDC policies and procedures prescribe a timeframe and description of what will be provided to offenders upon arrival. This requirement was affected by COVID in 2020. Institutions were instructed to ensure that all educational and training requirements for offenders are met within the timeframes prescribed.
3. **Video Monitoring:** SCDC Division of Security has implemented a plan created to increase and improve video monitoring throughout the Agency for the protection of offenders and staff. In 2020, several institutions were provided additional cameras and monitoring systems to increase visibility for staff. Due to the consequences of COVID, the plan was slowed and will be continued.
4. **Medical and Mental Health Screenings:** As required by multiple SCDC policies, all inmates who inform staff of previous incidents of sexual abuse are offered assistance by medical and/or mental health staff. To improve documentation of this offering, SCDC has included a screening alert for all inmates who indicate previous encounters with sexual abuse which is sent to applicable medical and mental health practitioners.
5. **Documentation:** Although several new forms were created to ensure documentation of required procedures, some forms were not being completed or were being completed incorrectly, causing corrective actions to be implemented. To improve the effectiveness of these forms, additional training will be provided to applicable staff members to ensure documentation is completed correctly.
6. **Physical Plant:** Due to the age of some of the Agency's institutions, it was noted that there is a need for additional physical plant improvements. PREA Staff are working with Facilities Maintenance to address concerns provided by PREA auditors.

7. **Training:** SCDC's Division of Staff Training and Development provides PREA training to all employees during Agency on-boarding, orientation, basic training, and annually as a required training for all staff. Although staff receive several trainings, several have had difficulty expressing knowledge of PREA during audits. To address this concern, the institutional PREA Compliance Managers (PCMs) have implemented intermediate trainings during briefings, routine announcements over loudspeakers, and monthly PREA updates. Additionally, the Agency's Multidisciplinary Management and Treatment Team (MMTT) has created a training that will be provided to all staff to further communicate and highlight some requirements of the PREA Standards.

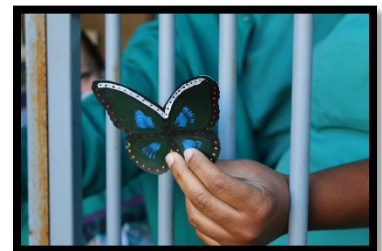


Notable Successes

Despite the constraints imposed upon the Agency and the State by COVID-19, SCDC was able to make observable strides in its efforts to achieve and maintain compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003. In 2020, SCDC had nine institutions audited for compliance with the National PREA Standards, for which 6 were found fully compliant, 1 needs minimal corrective action due to the effects of COVID-19 on administrative staffing, and 2 are awaiting final reports.

As an outcome of the COVID-19 pandemic, visitation from outside vendors, visitors, and contractors was suspended to mitigate the possible spread of the virus. This caused a suspension of face-to-face visits with advocates from the local rape crisis centers. To assist our inmate survivors, many of our local rape crisis centers were able to hold sessions with our inmates virtually through telehealth applications and some produced videos to teach survivors ways to cope and work with trauma related stress. These videos were shared through the inmate tablets and kiosks systems with all inmates at each institution.

Additionally, SCDC partnered with Just Detention International (JDI) in creation of the #PrisonersToo project. The project provides an outlet to female survivors of sexual abuse and domestic violence and allows incarcerated women a voice in the #MeToo movement. With assistance from a contracted artist, female inmates at Leath and Camille Griffin Graham Correctional Institutions completed Phase one of the project, completing an art project. The project consisted of up to 16 inmates at both institutions painting individual panels to express their individual expressions of their trauma from sexual abuse. To complete the project, executive staff from Leath and Camille painted a few panels in solidarity with the women. When completed, the 16 individual panels collectively made a butterfly. The butterfly mural expressed the change in growth from being a caterpillar going into a cocoon and coming out a beautiful butterfly.



As a part of the project, the artist and participants were given an opportunity to express how the project affected them and what they hope will be expressed to others through their art. SCDC intends to continue working with JDI as the project progresses through its subsequent phases.



Schedule of Audits

CYCLE 3 PREA Audit Schedule

August 20, 2019 through August 19, 2022

	Facility/Institutions	# Inmates	Audit Date
Year 1	Kirkland CI	2003	September 23-25, 2019
	Allendale CI	1021	February 5-7, 2020
	Manning CI	839	March 30 – April 1, 2020
	McCormick CI	835	April 2-4, 2020
	Palmer CI	235	April 27-29, 2020
	McDougall CI	672	June 1-3, 2020
Year 2	Goodman CI	350	September 21 – 23, 2020
	Evans CI	1225	October 7-9, 2020
	Lee CI	1310	November 30 – Dec 4, 2020
	Lieber CI	1153	November 30 – Dec 4, 2020
	Broad River CI	1319	March 15-17, 2021
	Turbeville CI	1008	April 7 -9, 2021
	Ridgeland CI	927	May 11 – 13, 2021
Tyger River	1108	May 10 - 12, 2021	
Year 3	Leath CI	844	September 6, 2021
	Kershaw CI	1375	October 26, 2021
	Livesay CI	492	September 13, 2021
	Camille G. Graham CI	883	October 18, 2021
	Wateree River CI	871	October 4, 2021
	Perry CI	877	September 9, 2021
	Trenton	719	November 1, 2021

PREA Audit Cycle 3 began on August 20, 2019 and runs through August 19, 2022. To meet compliance, SCDC will audit seven correctional facilities each cycle year as prescribed by Standard 115.401(b).

§ 115.401 Frequency and scope of audits.

- (a) During the three-year period starting on August 20, 2013, and during each three-year period thereafter, the agency shall ensure that each facility operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, is audited at least once.
- (b) During each one-year period starting on August 20, 2013, the agency shall ensure that at least one-third of each facility type operated by the agency, or by a private organization on behalf of the agency, is audited.
- (c) The Department of Justice may send a recommendation to an agency for an expedited audit if the Department has reason to believe that a particular facility may be experiencing problems relating to sexual abuse. The recommendation may also include referrals to resources that may assist the agency with PREA-related issues.
- (d) The Department of Justice shall develop and issue an audit instrument that will provide guidance on the conduct of and contents of the audit.
- (e) The agency shall bear the burden of demonstrating compliance with the standards.
- (f) The auditor shall review all relevant agency-wide policies, procedures, reports, internal and external audits, and accreditations for each facility type.
- (g) The audits shall review, at a minimum, a sampling of relevant documents and other records and information for the most recent one-year period.
- (h) The auditor shall have access to, and shall observe, all areas of the audited facilities.
- (i) The auditor shall be permitted to request and receive copies of any relevant documents (including electronically stored information).
- (j) The auditor shall retain and preserve all documentation (including, e.g., video tapes and interview notes) relied upon in making audit determinations. Such documentation shall be provided to the Department of Justice upon request.
- (k) The auditor shall interview a representative sample of inmates, residents, and detainees, and of staff, supervisors, and administrators.
- (l) The auditor shall review a sampling of any available videotapes and other electronically available data (e.g., Watch tour) that may be relevant to the provisions being audited.
- (m) The auditor shall be permitted to conduct private interviews with inmates, residents, and detainees.
- (n) Inmates, residents, and detainees shall be permitted to send confidential information or correspondence to the auditor in the same manner as if they were communicating with legal counsel.
- (o) Auditors shall attempt to communicate with community-based or victim advocates who may have insight into relevant conditions in the facility.

Definitions

PREA standard definitions are provided in 28 CFR §115.5 and 28 CFR §115.6, which include the following:

Sexual abuse of an offender by another offender – Sexual acts, sexual contact or any other intentional touching, either directly, through the clothing or with an object, of or with the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks of another person, excluding contact incidental to a physical altercation, in which the victim does not consent, is coerced by overt or implied threats of violence, or is unable to consent or refuse.

Sexual abuse of an offender by a staff member – Sexual acts, sexual contact or any other intentional contact, either directly, through the clothing or with an object, of or with the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks, any attempt, threat, or request by a staff member or service provider to engage in these activities, any display by a staff member or service provider of his or her uncovered genitalia, buttocks, or breast in the presence of an offender, or voyeurism by a staff member or service provider, when these acts are unrelated to official duties or where the staff member or service provider has the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire.

Sexual Harassment – Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one offender directed toward another or repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to an offender by a staff member or service provider.

Sexual Misconduct – Includes sexual abuse of an offender by another offender, sexual abuse of an offender by a staff member or service provider, sexual harassment, and voyeurism.

Substantiated – An allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred.

Unfounded – An allegation that was investigated and determined not to have occurred.

Unsubstantiated – An allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether the event occurred.

Voyeurism – An invasion of privacy of an offender by a staff member or service provider for reasons unrelated to official duties.