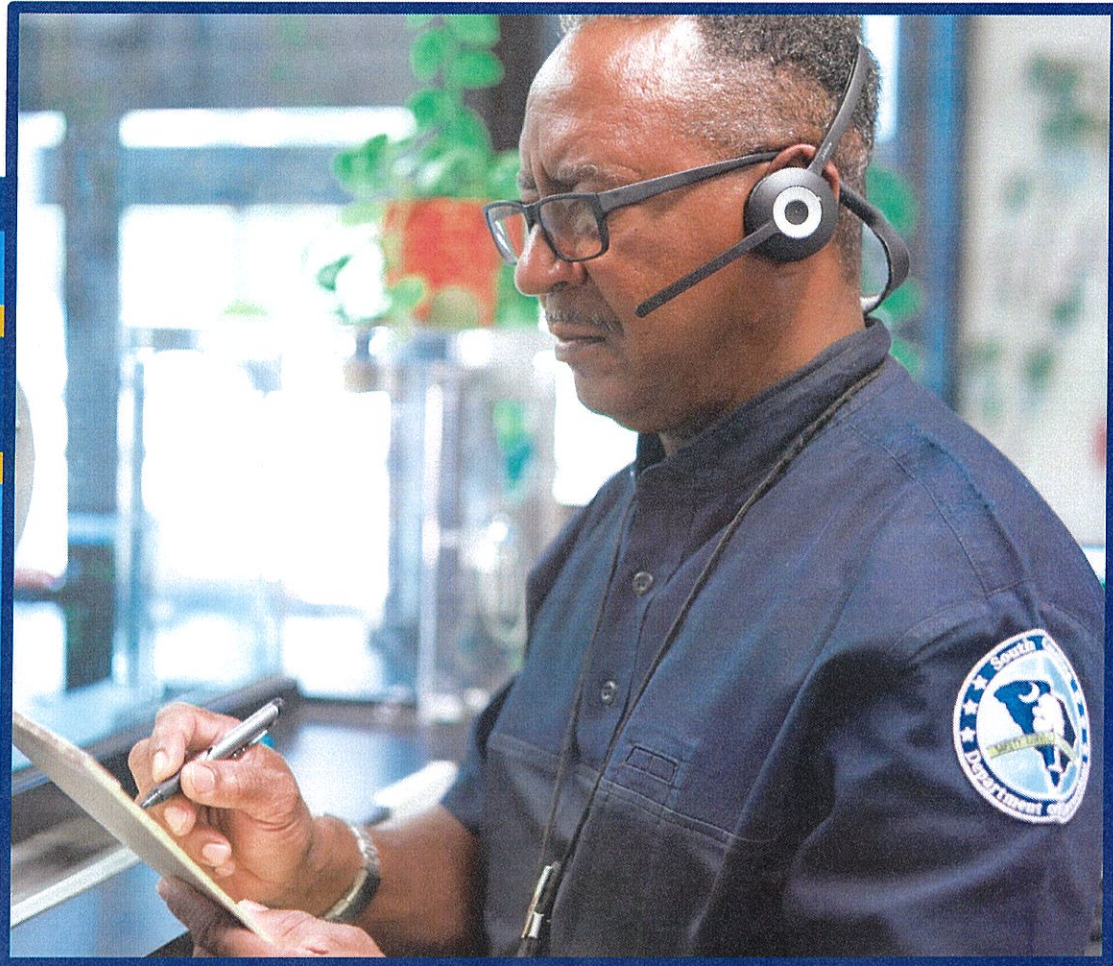




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Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Coordinator's Annual PREA Report

Date: August 4, 2026

To: Joel Anderson, Director

Through: Salley Elliott, Deputy Director of Legal and Compliance

From: Tracy Webb, Acting Agency PREA Coordinator

Subject: PREA Compliance Annual Report for Year 2025

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.

S/ 
Salley Elliott, Deputy Director of Legal & Compliance

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Joel Anderson, Director



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MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING AGENCY PREA COORDINATOR



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Annual PREA Report

Background and Introduction

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was signed into federal law by President George W. Bush in September 2003. The purpose of the law is to provide information, resources, recommendations, and funding to protect individuals from sexual harassment and sexual abuse in confinement facilities. SCDC maintains a "zero tolerance" policy against sexual abuse and sexual harassment and provides guidelines for the prevention, detection, response, investigation, and tracking of allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment of offenders within the Agency's 21 state prison facilities.

All sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations are investigated. Each case is documented on an incident report and entered into SCDC's PREA Event Database. All investigators have received specialized investigations training. The originating facility is required to complete an administrative investigation and is required to retain all investigation documents at the local level. Allegations can also be criminally investigated by our Office of the Inspector General's investigators depending on the nature of the alleged incident. Upon completion of each investigation, appropriate disciplinary action is taken against the perpetrator; where criminal intent is discovered, the case is presented for prosecution.

The South Carolina Department of Corrections is continually striving to improve the reporting and investigation methods to ensure the highest level of compliance, as well as swift corrective action where needed. The Agency's zero tolerance policy aims not only to protect all offenders in SCDC from sexual harassment and sexual abuse, but to also protect anyone who reports an allegation from retaliation.

Purpose

This report summarizes all PREA allegations that were made in 2025. Data from all institutions is collected and aggregated to report on the four categories: 1) Inmate-on-Inmate Sexual Abuse; 2) Inmate-on-Inmate Sexual Harassment; 3) Staff-on-Inmate Sexual Abuse (Misconduct); and 4) Staff-on-Inmate Sexual Harassment. In addition, upon completion of an investigation, all allegations will be deemed one of the four dispositions: 1) *Substantiated* (the allegation was determined to have occurred); 2) *Unsubstantiated* (there was insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether the event did or did not occur); 3) *Unfounded* (the allegation was proven to not have occurred); or 4) *Pending Outcome* (the investigation is still in process). The following pages of this report provide a detailed view of PREA Allegations in 2025.

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Tracy Webb, Acting Agency PREA Coordinator

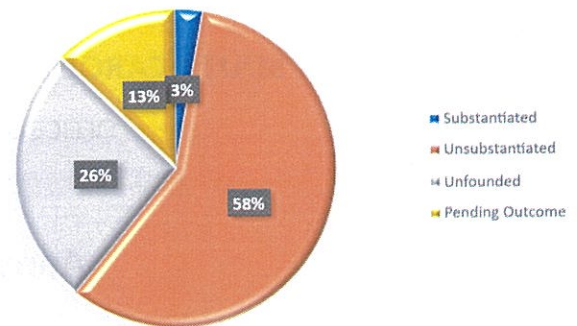


REPORT SUMMARY

The PREA Coordinator's Office, under the Office of Legal and Compliance, is pleased to provide this annual report on PREA activities and implementation efforts for 2025.

In 2025, SCDC received 315 reported allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment. The SCDC Office of the Inspector General (OIG) investigated 21% of these allegations for criminal intent, while institutional investigators examined 79%. Out of the total number of reports, 37% were allegations of inmate-on-inmate abuse, and 24% were allegations of staff-on-inmate abuse. Of the 315 allegations, 3% were substantiated, 58% were unsubstantiated, and 26% were unfounded. There are also 13% of the cases still pending outcomes.

Dispositions of Investigations - 2025



In addition to the Agency's Division of Training and Staff Development's annual mandatory PREA training, training on the National PREA Standards, and SCDC Policy GA-06.11, "Prevention, Detection, and Response to Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment," was provided at each Agency Onboarding, Orientation, and Basic Training class in 2025.

SCDC continues our agreements with ten (10) Rape Crisis Centers (RCCs) to provide emotional support services to incarcerated survivors of sexual abuse. The RCCs provide hundreds of hours of support to survivors inside SCDC, including face-to-face contacts, group sessions, written correspondence, and phone calls through a toll-free hotline. In addition, video conferencing and distribution of pre-recorded trauma trainings were provided. SCDC continues to apply for grant programs which assist SCDC with purchasing equipment, developing programs, and enhancing the Agency's compliance with the National PREA Standards.

2025 PREA Audits:

In 2025, a PREA Auditor certified by the United States Department of Justice audited seven (7) SCDC institutions for compliance with the National PREA Standards. All seven institutions were found fully compliant. These institutions are as follows:

Kirkland Reception & Evaluation Center – August 2025	Palmer Pre-Release Center – December 2025
McCormick Correctional Institution – September 2025	MacDougall Correctional Institution – January 2026
Manning Correctional Institution – October 2025	Allendale Correctional Institution – February 2026
Goodman Correctional Institution – November 2025	

Of note, Manning C.I., Goodman C.I., and Allendale C.I. received five "Exceeds"; Palmer Pre-Release received four "Exceeds"; and Kirkland R&E, McCormick C.I., and MacDougall C.I. received three "Exceeds" on their Final Audit Reports.

Aggregated Allegations of Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment with Female Victim v. Male Victim Comparisons



Per the aggregation of data for 2025, there were a total of 39 female alleged victims and 276 male alleged victims of sexual abuse/sexual harassment, which equates to 12% of the total that were female and 88% were male alleged victims of the 315 total reported allegations.

Allegation Type	Female Victims	Male Victims	Total 2025
Inmate-on-Inmate Sexual Abuse			
Substantiated	0	1	1
Unsubstantiated	13	63	76
Unfounded	5	15	20
Pending Outcome	1	20	21
Total:	19	99	118

Allegation Type	Female Victims	Male Victims	Total 2025
Inmate-on Inmate Sexual Harassment			
Substantiated	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	7	47	54
Unfounded	1	16	17
Pending Outcome	0	4	4
Total:	8	67	75

Allegation Type	Female Victims	Male Victims	Total 2025
Staff Sexual Misconduct			
Substantiated	1	5	6
Unsubstantiated	6	25	31
Unfounded	0	24	24
Pending Outcome	1	14	15
Total:	8	68	76

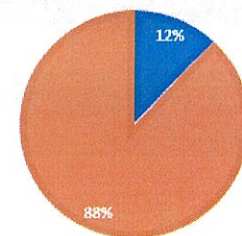
Allegation Type	Female Victims	Male Victims	Total 2025
Staff Sexual Harassment			
Substantiated	1	1	2
Unsubstantiated	3	19	22
Unfounded	0	22	22
Pending Outcome	0	0	0
Total:	4	35	46

GRAND TOTAL:	39	276	315
TOTAL SUBSTANTIATED	2	7	9

Of the 315 reported cases of sexual abuse/sexual harassment in 2025, 9 of these cases were found to be substantiated; 1 of the 9 was an incident of inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse; 0 was inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment; 6 were staff sexual misconduct; and 2 were staff-on-inmate sexual harassment incidents. Most incidents were inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse allegations (118); followed by staff-on-inmate sexual abuse (76), inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment (75), and lastly, staff-on-inmate sexual harassment (46).

PERCENTAGE OF FEMALE VS MALE VICTIMS

■ FEMALE VICTIMS ■ MALE VICTIMS





Comparison Data 2023 – 2025

Allegation Type	2023	2024	2025	TOTALS
INMATE ON INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE				
Substantiated	1	1	1	3
Unsubstantiated	46	74	76	196
Unfounded	44	35	20	99
Pending Outcome	19	20	21	60
TOTAL	110	130	118	358
INMATE ON INMATE SEXUAL HARASSMENT				
Substantiated	6	3	0	9
Unsubstantiated	53	47	54	154
Unfounded	47	24	17	87
Pending Outcome	0	1	4	6
TOTAL	106	75	75	256
STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT				
Substantiated	12	18	6	36
Unsubstantiated	34	26	31	91
Unfounded	49	30	24	103
Pending Outcome	5	19	15	39
TOTAL	100	93	76	269
STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT				
Substantiated	2	2	2	6
Unsubstantiated	26	24	22	72
Unfounded	32	17	22	71
Pending Outcome	1	1	0	2
TOTAL	61	44	46	151
Totals:	377	342	315	1034
TOTAL SUBSTANTIATED INCIDENTS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE	21	24	9	54

Compared with the 2023 and 2024 data, as presented in the spreadsheet, there was a decrease in allegations of 9% (35), and from 2024 to 2025, a decrease of 8% (27). Allegations of Inmate-on-Inmate Abuse and Staff Sexual Misconduct have decreased slightly.

Data by Institution



2025 ALLEGATIONS OF INMATE-ON-INMATE SEXUAL ABUSE

FACILITY	POPULATION	SUBSTANTIATED	UNSUBSTANTIATED	UNFOUNDED	PENDING	TOTAL
Allendale CI	926	1	0	1	0	2
Broad River	1,096	0	1	1	2	4
Camille-Graham CI	610	0	13	2	0	15
Evans CI	1,272	0	8	0	3	11
Goodman CI	310	0	0	3	0	3
Kershaw CI	1,340	0	8	1	1	10
Kirkland CI	2,010	0	12	4	0	16
Leath CI	550	0	0	0	1	1
Lee CI	1,280	0	6	0	3	9
Lieber CI	552	0	1	1	2	4
Livesay CI	413	0	0	0	0	0
MacDougall CI	683	0	0	2	0	2
Manning	665	0	0	0	0	0
McCormick CI	487	0	1	0	1	2
Palmer	189	0	0	0	0	0
Perry CI	831	0	4	1	0	5
Ridgeland CI	833	0	6	3	0	9
Trenton CI	708	0	0	1	2	3
Turbeville CI	1,047	0	13	1	2	16
Tyger River CI	1,013	0	3	2	1	6
Wateree River CI	604	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	17,419	1	76	23	18	118

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2025 ALLEGATIONS OF STAFF ON INMATE SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

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Wateree River CI	604	0	1	1	0	2
Totals	17,419	2	21	22	0	46

Analysis

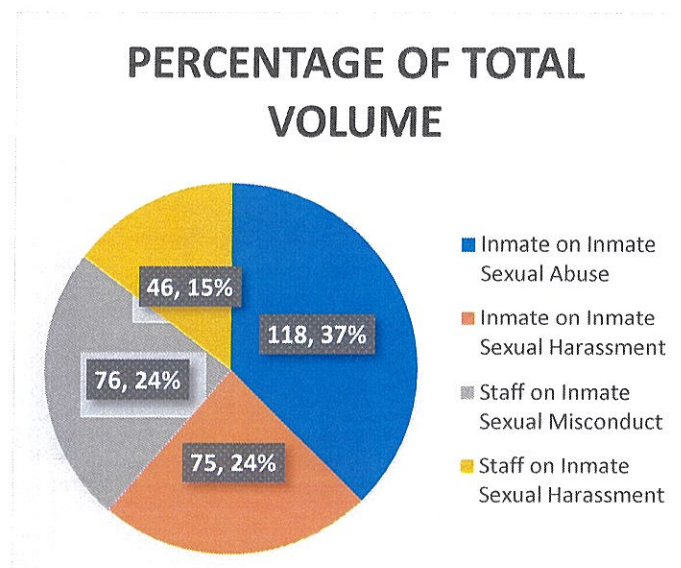
Institutions with Highest Volume of Cases

RANK	FACILITY	POPULATION	TOTAL PREA CASES	SUBSTANTIATED CASES
1	Turbeville C.I.	1,047	57	0
2	Kirkland C.I.	2,010	40	0
3	Camille-Graham C.I.	610	30	1
4	Lieber C.I.	552	25	1
5	Kershaw C.I.	1,340	18	0
6	Evans C.I.	1,272	18	0
7	Perry C.I.	831	15	0

The table above illustrates that out of 21 institutions, the seven (7) institutions with the highest volume of PREA cases for year 2025 had a low number of substantiated cases.

Type of Cases and Percentage of Total Volume

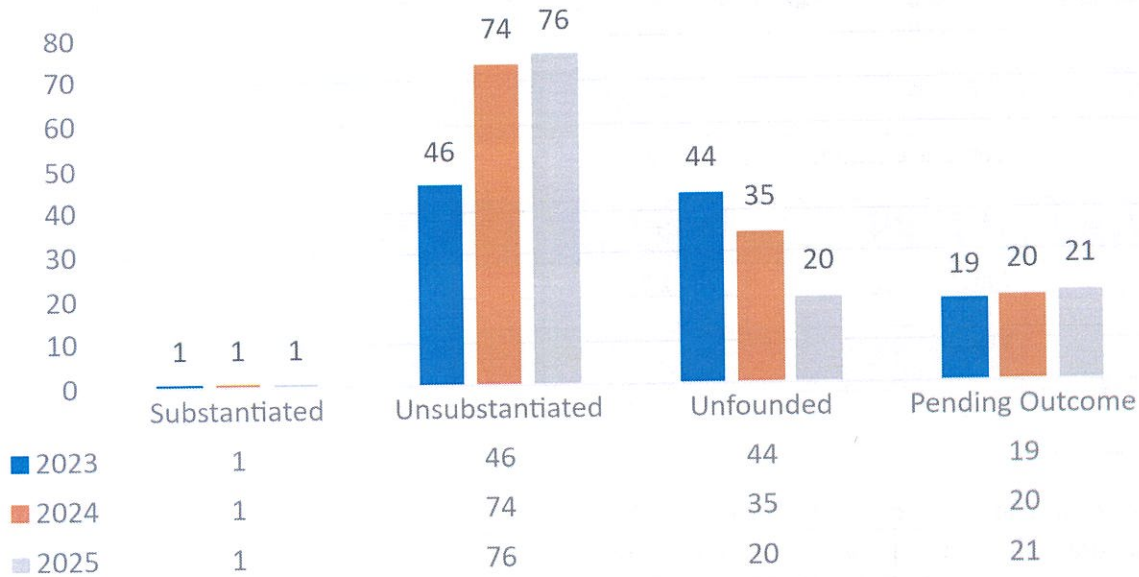
TYPE OF REPORT	TOTAL CASES	% OF TOTAL VOLUME
Inmate-on-Inmate Sexual Abuse	118	37%
Inmate-on-Inmate Sexual Harassment	75	24%
Staff-on-Inmate Sexual Misconduct	76	24%
Staff-on-Inmate Sexual Harassment	46	15%
Total Cases:		315 cases



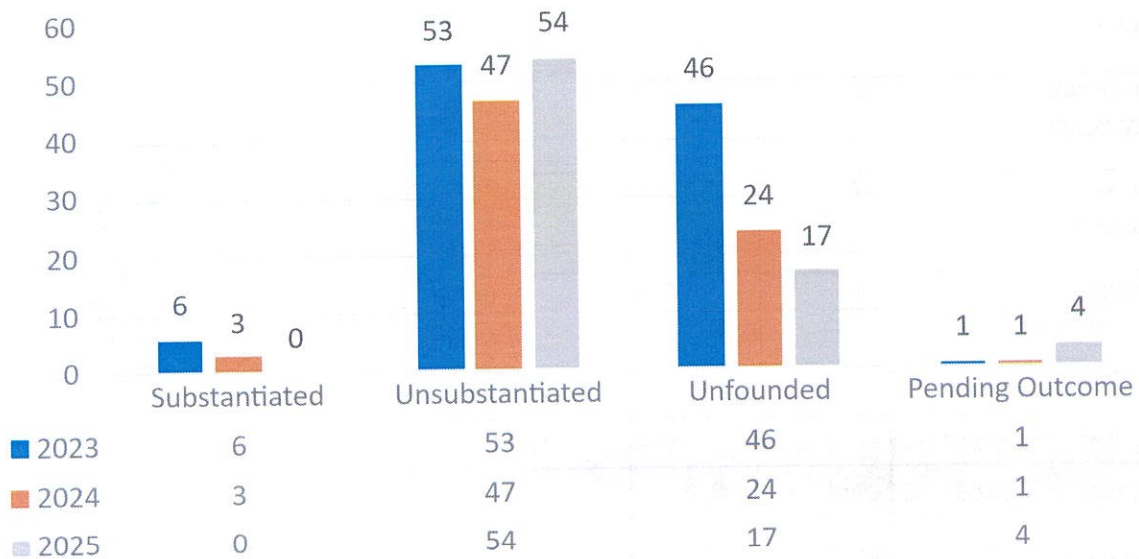
Inmate-on-Inmate sexual abuse cases presented the highest in volume of allegation type for 2025.

Allegation Breakdown

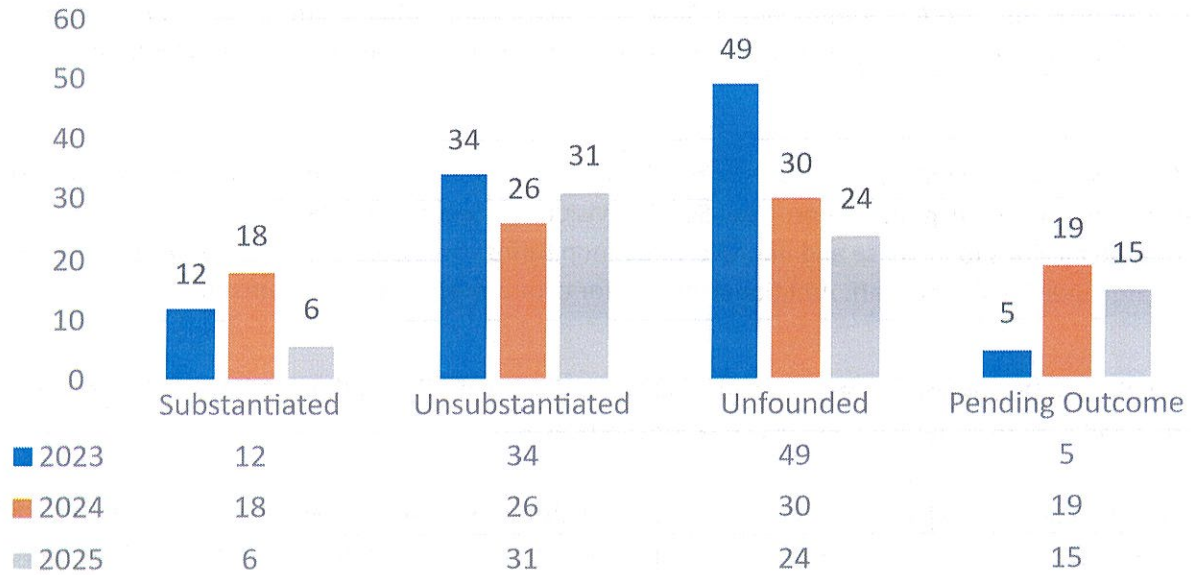
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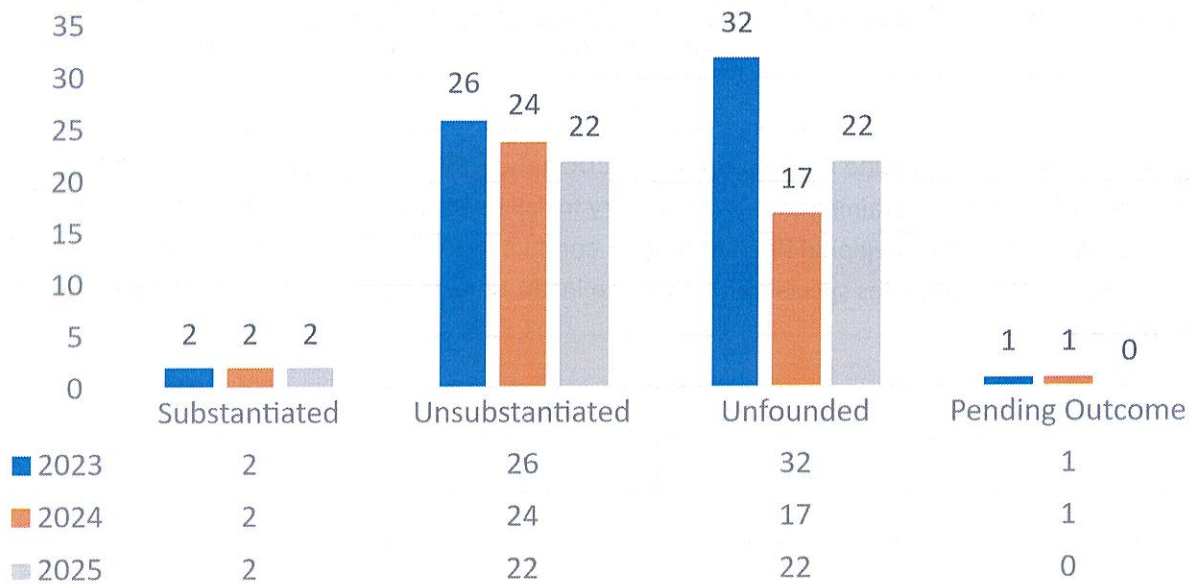
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STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT JANUARY 1, 2023 - DECEMBER 31, 2025



STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT JANUARY 1, 2023 - DECEMBER 31, 2025



Corrective Actions

To ensure SCDC continues its path maintaining full compliance with the Federal PREA Standards, the Office of Legal and Compliance and PREA Coordinator's Office, in coordination with institutional PREA Compliance Managers, have continued to work on our current processes to streamline and improve our processes in 2025.

1. **Video Monitoring/Mirrors:** SCDC continues to purchase additional cameras and mirrors to improve sexual safety in institutions with grant funds. The SCDC Division of Security is installing purchased cameras throughout the facilities to increase and improve video monitoring throughout the Agency for the protection of incarcerated individuals and staff. Additional mirrors for common spaces are in demand.
2. **Documentation:** SCDC continually reviews and adjusts our documentation and procedures to better capture information and data to streamline our investigational processes.
3. **Physical Plant:** Due to the age of the buildings, several institutions require repairs and upgrades. The PREA Coordinator's Office is collaborating with Facilities Maintenance to address concerns raised by PREA auditors.
4. **Screening for Risk of Sexual Victimization and Abusiveness:** SCDC continues to improve its initial and 30-day reassessment processes for PREA Risk Screening. Increased communication to ensure timely assessments during staff shortages is vital. In addition, the PREA Office has been authorized to purchase an electronic multifunctional database to better manage our cases and systems in the future.
5. **Specialized Training:** SCDC is creating specialized training for investigators, medical, and mental health staff with emphasis on SCDC policies, forms and practices. This training will be utilized to ensure compliance of Standards §115.34, Specialized Training: Investigations and §115.35 Specialized Training: Medical and Mental Health Care.
6. **Training:** SCDC continues to provide relevant updated SCDC annual PREA training to all staff. In addition, the PREA Office has created Audit Training that is mandatory for all institutions to complete prior to their audit. The PREA Coordinator's Office Regional PREA Managers conduct mock audits of case files quarterly, and the PREA Coordinator's Office provides specialized training to institutions in preparation for upcoming audits and the audit process.

Notable Successes

SCDC continues to make observable strides in achieving and maintaining compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003. In 2025, in Cycle 5 Year 1, all SCDC institutions audited for compliance with the National PREA Standards were fully compliant with each facility audited making at least three or more "Exceeds." Through an ongoing grant, SCDC provides office space for Pathways to Healing, a local rape crisis center, at Camille-Graham and at Kirkland R&E to provide both male and female inmates access to the rape crisis center and programs provided by them, such as individual and group counseling, calm groups, mindfulness groups, and more.

The PREA Coordinator's Office is continuing the program called "Pathfinders," which trains selected inmates to provide trauma-informed assistance and resources to inmates who experienced sexual trauma. These inmates are activated when limited mental health staff are available, such as at night and on weekends. Their role is to guide their peers to available resources to assist them in their time of need. SCDC held four graduations this year at Kirkland, Allendale, Leath and Camille-Graham for those that completed this training.

SCDC continues to work with Just Detention International (JDI), in a program initiated through JDI called "Cards Across America," where SCDC inmates create holiday cards to incarcerated individuals at other agency institutions across the United States. JDI sends out these cards promoting cheer during the holidays.

SCDC is creating specialized training for investigators, medical, and mental health staff with emphasis on SCDC policies, forms and practices. This training will be utilized to ensure compliance of Standards §115.34, Specialized Training: Investigations and §115.35 Specialized Training: Medical and Mental Health Care. Audit Training was also developed to ensure institutions understand the audit process, what to expect, how to complete the Pre-Audit Questionnaire, and how to be prepared at time of audit. In addition, SCDC has been authorized to purchase an electronic multifunctional database to better manage our cases and systems in the future.

The PREA Coordinator's office has worked with our certified PREA Auditor to streamline the auditing process to ensure necessary documentation is forwarded to the auditor prior to the onsite audit timely and ensures that at the time of the onsite auditor, the auditor has readily on hand all necessary documentation and files required for a seamless process.

Schedule of Audits

CYCLE 5 PREA Audit Schedule August 20, 2025, through August 19, 2028

AUDIT CYCLE	FACILITY TO BE AUDITED	PROPOSED AUDIT SCHEDULE
CYCLE 5 YEAR 1	Kirland Reception & Evaluation Center	August 26-28, 2025
	McCormick Correctional Institution	September 23-25, 2025
	Manning Reentry & Work Release Ctr.	October 21-23, 2025
	Goodman Correctional Institution	November 18-20, 2025
	Palmer Pre-Release Center	December 16-18, 2025
	MacDougall Correctional Institution	January 13-15, 2026
	Allendale Correctional Institution	February 18-20, 2026
CYCLE 5 YEAR 2	Broad River Correctional Institution	August 25-27, 2026
	Evans Correctional Institution	September 22-24, 2026
	Livesay Correctional Institution	October 20-22, 2026
	Tyger River Correctional Institution	November 17-19, 2026
	Lee Correctional Institution	December 8-10, 2026
	Perry Correctional Institution	January 12-14, 2027
	Ridgeland Correctional Institution	February 9-11, 2027
CYCLE 5 YEAR 3	Leath Correctional Institution	August 24-26, 2027
	Kershaw Correctional Institution	September 21-23, 2027
	Lieber Correctional Institution	October 19-21, 2027
	Camille-Graham Correctional Institution	November 16-18, 2027
	Wateree River Correctional Institution	December 7-9, 2027
	Turbeville Correctional Institution	January 11-13, 2028
	Trenton Correctional Institution	February 8-10, 2028

Note: Dates and times are subject to change.

