

PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT

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TANGIPAHOA PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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All PREA allegations are tracked through a secured database which can be easily accessed by Agency Head and Jail Administrator.

Only the aggregate numbers will be reported annually on Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office website. There will be no reporting by Agency victim's name or perpetrator's name to ensure the integrity of the process, protect the security of the Agency, and to encourage the reporting of all PREA allegations in the future.

ANALYSIS

During the calendar year of 2013, there were a total of eight PREA related allegations. The number of substantiated cases was two. The majority of cases reported were in the category of the unfounded cases. The relevance in this area should be attributed to offender training, more thorough and appropriate reporting of PREA related incidents and ongoing clarification and better interpretation of the established PREA standards.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

The Agency has implemented PREA and has adopted rules and regulations for the deterrence, protection, and reporting of prison rapes. These rules include but are not limited to the immediate separation of the victim and perpetrator through the use of administrative segregation or suspension pending investigation for employees and if substantiated, the filing of criminal charges against the perpetrator whether staff or offender. The Agency has also made third party reporting available through Tri-Parish Rape Crisis 24 hour toll free hotline and Tangipahoa Crime Stoppers. Further specialized training has been made mandatory for the Prison Rape Elimination Act, PREA Investigator, Medical Health staff, and PREA Coordinator. PREA Coordinator has received specialized training to serve as Victim Advocate when necessary.

Tangipahoa Parish Prison

Built in 1984, the Tangipahoa Parish Prison can house a maximum capacity of 504 men and 22 women prisoners. A majority of the prisoners held at the jail are parish detainees awaiting court appearances.

Total – Offender on Offender Allegations

7- Offender / Offender Sexual Abuse Allegations

3 – Non-consensual Sexual Acts Allegations

0 – Substantiated

2 – Unsubstantiated

1 – Unfounded

3 – Abusive Sexual Contact Allegations

1 – Substantiated

0 – Unsubstantiated

2 – Unfounded

1 – Sexual Harassment Allegations

0 – Substantiated

0 – Unsubstantiated

1 – Unfounded

Total – Staff on Offender Allegations

1 – Staff on Offender Sexual Abuse Allegation

1 – Substantiated

0 – Unsubstantiated

0 – Unfounded

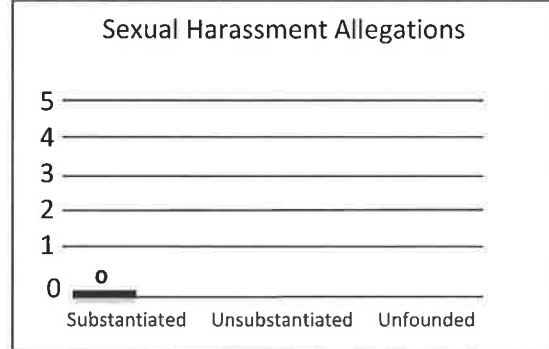
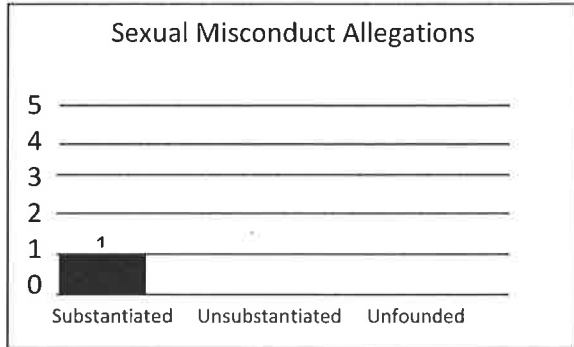
0 – Staff on Offender Sexual Harassment

0 – Substantiated

0 – Unsubstantiated

0 - Unfounded

**Staff – On – Offender Allegations
January 1 – December 31, 2013**



**Offender – On – Offender Allegations
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