

Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office

Corrections Department Annual PREA Report

Year: 2021

This report contains aggregated incident-based sexual abuse data for the Lafourche Parish Correctional Complex and the Lafourche Transitional Work Program. Data included answers all questions from the most recent version of the Department of Justice's Survey of Sexual Violence (SSV). SSV Year: 2019

DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this report, sexual abuse is separated into three categories of **inmate-on-inmate** sexual victimization. These categories are:

1. NON-CONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS

Sexual 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 vulva or the penis and the anus including penetration, however slight;

OR

*Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva

OR

*Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument.

2. ABUSIVE SEXUAL CONTACT

Sexual contact of any person without his or her 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 incidents in which the contact was incidental to a physical altercation.

3. 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 inmate directed toward another.

For purposes of this report, sexual abuse is separated into two categories of **staff-on-inmate** sexual abuse. These categories are:

1. STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Any behavior or act of a sexual nature directed toward an inmate by an employee, volunteer, or contractor, official visitor or other agency representative (excluding family, friends or other visitors).

Sexual relationships of a romantic nature between staff and inmates are included in this definition. Consensual or nonconsensual acts include:

*Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks that is unrelated to official duties or with the intent to abuse, 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 reasons unrelated to official duties or for sexual gratification.

2. STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to an inmate by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor, or other agency representative (excluding family, friends, or other visitors) including:

*Demearing references to gender; or sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing;

OR

*Repeated profane or obscene language or gestures.

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Once a report of sexual abuse has been investigated, the incident will be classified using one of the following findings:

1. **SUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATION:** An allegation that was investigated and the investigation determined the incident did occur.
2. **UNFOUNDED ALLEGATION:** An allegation that was investigated and the investigation determined the incident did not occur.
3. **UNSUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATION:** An allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the incident occurred.
4. **PENDING ALLEGATION:** An allegation that is under investigation and the outcome cannot be decided or settled due to awaiting DNA or other evidence to conclude the investigation

Allegations/Investigations

During the year, 2021 there were a total of 1 PREA related allegations.
The number of substantiated, unsubstantiated, and unfounded cases are detailed as follows.

DATA

Total number of persons under the supervision of LPCC/TWP on the last day of the year:	Total:	87
	Males:	87
	Females:	0
Total number of persons ADMITTED to LPCC/TWP during this report's calendar year:	Total:	99
	Males:	99
	Females:	0
Average daily population of both facilities combined in this report's calendar year:	Total:	93
	Males:	93
	Females:	0
1. Number of allegations of inmate-on-inmate nonconsensual sexual acts reported:	Total:	0
	Substantiated:	0
	Unsubstantiated:	0
	Unfounded:	0
	Pending allegation:	0
2. Number of allegations of inmate-on-inmate abusive sexual contact reported:	Total:	0
	Substantiated:	0
	Unsubstantiated:	0
	Unfounded:	0
	Pending allegation:	0
3. Number of allegations of inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment reported:	Total:	0
	Substantiated:	0
	Unsubstantiated:	0
	Unfounded:	0
	Pending allegation:	0
4. Number of allegations of staff sexual misconduct reported:	Total:	1
	Substantiated:	1
	Unsubstantiated:	0
	Unfounded:	0
	Pending allegation:	0
5. Number of allegations of staff sexual harassment reported:	Total:	0
	Substantiated:	0
	Unsubstantiated:	0
	Unfounded:	0
	Pending allegation:	0
Total number of substantiated incidents reported:		1

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CORRECTIVE ACTION

The Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office has implemented PREA rules and regulations for the deterrence, protection, and reporting of prison rapes. These rules include, but are not limited to the immediate separation of victim and perpetrator through the use of administrative segregation or suspension pending investigation for employees. The Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office has also made anonymous third party reporting available through a toll-free number within its corrections facilities and on the LPSO website, www.lpsso.net. Further specialized training has been made mandatory for staff and The Haven provides victims services at no cost. In August of 2021 the facility that houses the Transitional Work Program was damaged as a result of Hurricane Ida. Since that time the resident population has been housed off site. During the planning phase to address the repairs to the facility it was decided to add an upgraded camera surveillance system equipping the building with more camera coverage and better quality images. It was also decided to move the Medical Exam Office from the rear of the building to the Administration Area which will provide more Security Staff Coverage. Scheduling for Medical Exams will be submitted to Security Staff for review to prevent multiple movements of the resident population at one time.

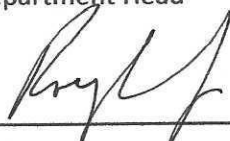
Per Agency policy and procedure and federal PREA guidelines, this report is compiled annually. It is reviewed by the Corrections Department Head, Chief Deputy, and Sheriff. Once approved, it is posted publicly on the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office website, www.lpsso.net.


Report Submitted By

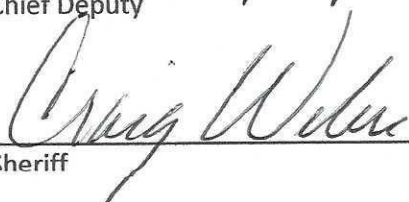
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Date


Corrections Department Head

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Chief Deputy

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Sheriff

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