# COLLIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CORRECTIONS DIVISION

# Prison Rape Elimination Act 2023 ANNUAL REPORT





# PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA) of 2003

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), a federal law enacted in 2003, was established to address the sexual abuse and sexual harassment of persons in custody of U.S. prison and/or correctional facilities.

A major provision of PREA was the establishment of a "zero-tolerance" policy and included the development of national standards for detection, prevention, response to sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

The Act applies to all public and private institutions that house adult or juvenile offenders and is also relevant to community based agencies.



#### PREA Standards Timeline

February 2011 Draft of Department of Justice standards released

February – April 2011 Public comment period for DOJ standards

May 2012 Department of Justice (DOJ) completes final

review of PREA standards

June 20, 2012 Final PREA standards published in the Federal Register

August 20, 2012 Standards applicable to state and local facilities

August 20, 2013 Three-year audit cycle begins

(Agencies must comply within one year unless they have multiple facilities.)

May 20 – 22, 2014 PREA Audit

March 12 - 15, 2018 PREA Audit

2021 PREA Audit COV-19 Pandemic Waiver

June 20 – 24, 2022 PREA Audit

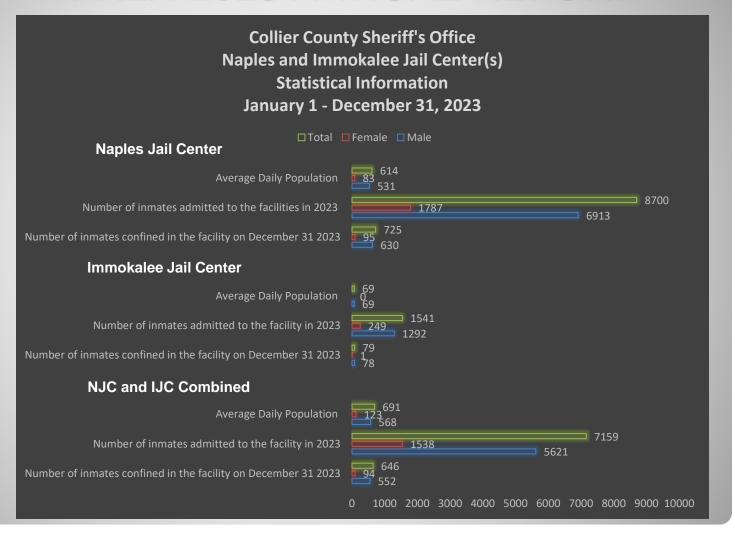
June 2025 PREA Audit DOJ Inspection



#### Types of Allegations

- Unfounded Allegation: An allegation was investigated and determined to not have occurred; allegation is false or not factual.
- ➤ **Substantiated Allegation**: An allegation that was investigated and determined to have occurred; allegation is supported by sufficient factual evidence.
- ➤ Unsubstantiated Allegation: An allegation that was investigated and the investigation produced insufficient evidence to make a final determination as to whether or not the event occurred.
- \*Definitions as defined by 28 C.F.R. §115.5 Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003







Collier County Sheriff's Office Jail System
Allegations of Inmate – on – Inmate Nonconsensual Sexual Acts
January 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

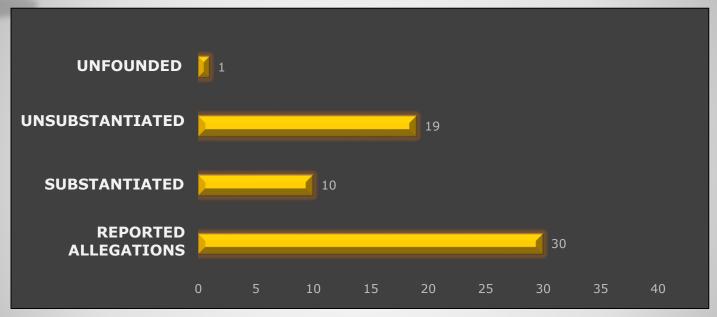
**Nonconsensual Sexual Acts / Contact**: Sexual contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse; intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh or buttocks of any person.

**CCSO Naples Jail Center reported no incidents of inmate – on – inmate sexual abuse in 2023.** 

\*Definitions as defined by 28 C.F.R. §115.6 Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003



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- > **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 person directed toward another.
- Examples of sexual harassment include verbal threats/proposals, inappropriate language, inappropriate touching (kissing, hugging, etc.).

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#### Data Review & Recommendations

Pursuant to §115.87 the Jail Command Staff & PREA Coordinator reviewed data collected & aggregated in order to assess & improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, & response policies, practices, and training. In response to this review, the following actions have been implemented:

PREA Training specific for Booking Staff on vulnerability screening & inmate education on Zero Tolerance policy.

Annual training sessions conducted for all staff members, contract staff & volunteer personnel on the detection, prevention & response to sexual abuse & sexual harassment.

2023 Staffing Plan.

Memorandum of Understanding with Project Help renewed through December 31st, 2024

June 2022, Department of Justice Certified Auditor conducted re-audit of Naples & Immokalee Jail Center(s).

No deficiencies notated.

June 2025, CCSO Jail Center Department of Justice DOJ audit (3 year cycle).



The Collier County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division is committed to a zero-tolerance of the sexual abuse of inmates.

Through compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA), Collier County Sheriff's Office will ensure all inmates in custody are afforded equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the agency's efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment.