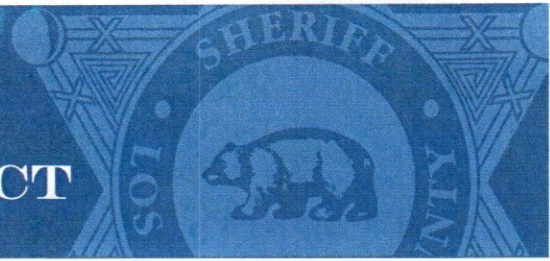




Los Angeles County

Sheriff's Department

PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT



Custody Services Division

Office of PREA Compliance

2022 PREA Annual Report

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed in 2003 with unanimous support from both parties in the United States Congress. The purpose of the act was to “provide for the analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape in federal, state and local institutions and to provide information, resources, recommendations and funding to protect individuals from prison rape.” (Prison Rape Elimination Act, 2003.) In addition to creating a mandate for significant research from the Bureau of Justice Statistics and through the National Institute of Justice, funding through the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the National Institute of Corrections supported major efforts in many state correctional, juvenile detention, community corrections and jail systems.

The act also created the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission and charged it with developing draft standards for the elimination of prison rape. Those standards were published in June 2009, and were turned over to the Department of Justice for review and passage as a final rule. That final rule became effective August 20, 2012. In 2010, the Bureau of Justice Assistance funded the National PREA Resource Center (PRC) to provide federally funded training and technical assistance to states and localities. Additionally, the PRC was mandated to serve as a single-stop resource for leading research and creating tools for all those in the field working towards compliance with federal standards.

To attain compliance with the Federal Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) has created a zero-tolerance policy toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in our jails. LASD enforces all federal, state, and local laws pertaining to incidents of staff and inmate sexual abuse and sexual harassment. All sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations received are investigated promptly, objectively, and thoroughly by LASD. LASD is committed to maintain an organizational culture of zero-tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment through annual training of staff, volunteers, contractors, and inmates.

Inmate education begins immediately following arrest. Every inmate is advised they can and should report allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment to staff, volunteers, contractors, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Office of the Inspector General, a friend, or a relative who can report on their behalf. Informational PREA posters are located throughout all LASD jails. The Informational PREA posters provide the details for LASD's zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and how inmates can report sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

As dictated in PREA Standard 115.86 Sexual Abuse Incident Reviews (SAIR), at the conclusion of all sexual abuse allegations found to be substantiated or unsubstantiated, the responsible facility shall conduct a SAIR. Ordinarily, the SAIR shall occur within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation. The incident review is conducted by upper-level management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners. The review team considers whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect or respond to sexual abuse. The review team considers whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race, ethnicity, gender identity, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex identification status or perceived status or gang affiliation or was motivated or otherwise caused by other group dynamics of the jail. The review team will examine the area in the jail where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse. The review team will assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during the incident and will determine whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff.

In 2022, LASD conducted 15 SAIR's for allegations that were substantiated or unsubstantiated. Of the SAIR's conducted in 2022, zero resulted in recommendations for corrective action.

The following charts show the name of the facility and the quantity of SAIR's conducted by each facility.

2022 Custody Division

Facility Name	Qty of SAIR's*
Men's Central Jail	6
Inmate Reception Center	0
North County Correctional Facility	0
Pitchess Detention Center - North	0
Pitchess Detention Center - South	0
Pitchess Detention Center - East	0
Century Regional Detention Facility	9
Twin Towers Correctional Facility	0

*Data subject to change. The quantity of SAIR's does match the quantity of Substantiated and Unsubstantiated Allegations of Sexual Abuse due to several factors (i.e. release of the inmate and start or end of the year overlap).

2022 Patrol Division

Facility Name	Qty of SAIR's*	Facility Name	Qty of SAIR's*
Lancaster	0	Carson	0
Malibu/Lost Hills	0	Cerritos	0
Palmdale	0	Lakewood	0
Santa Clarita	0	Lomita	0
West Hollywood	0	Norwalk	0
Avalon	0	Pico Rivera	0
East Los Angeles	0	Altadena	0
Marina Del Rey	0	Crescenta Valley	0
South Los Angeles	0	Industry	0
		San Dimas	0
		Temple	0
		Walnut / Diamond Bar	0

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The following charts show the number of sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations submitted during 2021 and 2022.

2021 Allegations of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment*

Inmate on Inmate	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Staff on Inmate	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment
Unfounded	37	13	Unfounded	31	43
Unsubstantiated	26	12	Unsubstantiated	7	6
Substantiated	0	2	Substantiated	1	1

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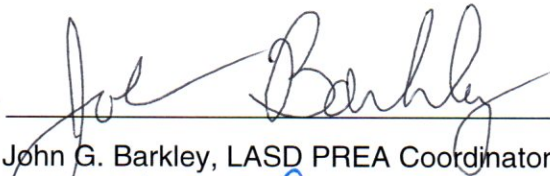
2022 Allegations of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment*

Inmate on Inmate	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment	Staff on Inmate	Sexual Abuse	Sexual Harassment
Unfounded	37	24	Unfounded	33	27
Unsubstantiated	17	6	Unsubstantiated	3	5
Substantiated	0	2	Substantiated	0	0

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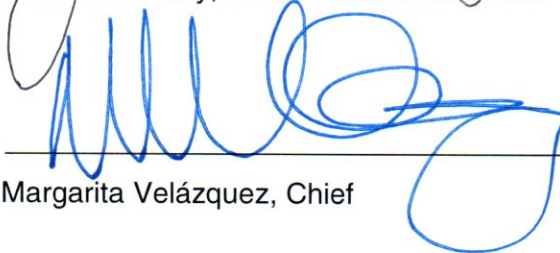
PREA Standards 115.88 and 115.89 require LASD to prepare this annual report to document LASD's efforts to assess and improve the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response during the previous calendar year. Additionally, the standards require this report be posted on our Agency's website for public access. This report meets the requirements of the PREA standards and was approved by the LASD PREA Coordinator, the Chief of Custody, the Assistant Sheriff of Custody Division, the Assistant Sheriff of Patrol Division and the Sheriff.

APPROVED/DENIED:


John G. Barkley, LASD PREA Coordinator

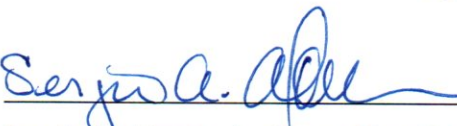
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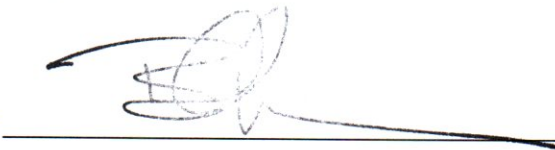
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Sergio A. Aloma, Assistant Sheriff of Custody Division


4/24/23
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Bruce D. Chase, Assistant Sheriff of Patrol Division

04/25/23
Date

APPROVED/DENIED:


Robert G. Luna, Sheriff

5.17.23
Date