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## Bonneville County Jail 2020 Annual PREA Report

Rape and sexual activity seriously reduces the mission of the Bonneville County Sheriff's Office to prevent crime and provide quality criminal justice service. In accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003, the Bonneville County Jail has established a zero tolerance standard regarding the incidence of rape and sexual activity.

By providing training, education, and reviewing our policy and procedures on a yearly basis we are confident that we are providing the inmates, staff, contractors, and volunteers everything we can so they are confident and comfortable with the PREA mandates. We are also confident that all of our staff, contractors, and volunteers have a thorough knowledge and understanding of the PREA mandates and the Bonneville County Jail policy and procedures in order to effectively provide sexual abuse and harassment prevention, detection, and response to those allegations. A PREA incident review is conducted on all PREA allegations that have been substantiated and unsubstantiated. The results of these reviews are used to assess and improve our effectiveness and any corrective actions that may be needed pursuant to PREA mandate 115.88. The occurrence of sexual abuse at the Bonneville County Jail is very low. Upon reviewing the aggregated data for 2020 we had two (2) substantiated allegations of sexual abuse, both involving inmate on inmate contact. Both were minor in nature, resulting in administrative disciplinary action.

In assessing and reviewing these incidents the PREA incident review team felt that our current policy and procedures effectively provided prevention, detection, and response to the allegations. The incident review team did not feel the incidents were motivated by group dynamics. The incident review team determined that there were not physical barriers enabling the abuse in either incident. The incident review team felt that we had sufficient staffing to provide prevention, detection, and response. The perpetrators were both disciplined within the administrative process of the jail. A criminal investigation was initiated in both incidents. In one incident the victim did not want to pursue criminal charges. In the other incident, the criminal investigation was forwarded to the Bonneville County Prosecutor's Office for review and they declined to pursue criminal charges.

We realize that we must continually provide training to our staff members, contractors, and volunteers and we must continually provide education to the inmates in order to provide effective detection, prevention, and response to PREA allegations. We are dedicated to providing high levels of supervision and monitoring of the inmates to provide them the protection they deserve. We are dedicated to providing strong zero-tolerance policies and procedures, and a safe and secure environment for the inmates, providing them with a comfort that they can report PREA allegations free from retaliation and in a confidential format.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Covert".

Brian J. Covert  
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