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Wayne County Sheriff

## MEMORANDUM

TO: All Concerned

FROM: James E. Davis, Director, PREA Coordinator

DATE: January 11, 2023

RE: Prison Rape Elimination Act, (PREA) Statistical Quarterly Advisory and Review

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The Wayne County Sheriff's Office is committed to providing a safe environment for detainees and employees in all jail facilities county wide. Toward this end, the Sheriff has made a commitment to strive to comply with the provisions of the Prison Rape Elimination Act<sup>1</sup> (PREA), including, a zero tolerance for sexual abuse, assault and harassment. To reach the goal of zero tolerance, all our employees foster a safe environment in the jail facilities through awareness and diligence in preventing, detecting and responding to sexual abuse, assault and harassment as soon as it is reported or noticed.

The Sheriff continues to partner with the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner's Advocacy Program (SAFE), now called Avelon, however, due to the pandemic and safety of the jail, meetings were curtailed. Meetings are once again in session on weekdays in the jail and are contracted and approved through 2027 by the Wayne County Commission. Avelon provides any new assault victims and those that may be suffering from past abusive situations in their lives with counseling and support services in addition to those provided by Sheriff's Medical and Mental Health services. Since 2015 hundreds of participants have been seen and counseled by our SAFE/Avelon Advocates in the jails.

Below are the reported sexual assaults, abuse, and harassment complaints responded to by the Wayne County Sheriff's Office Internal Affairs sexual assault investigative unit for the collection period of 2022 quarter 4, October, November and December; including all of 2022.

Thank you.

James E. Davis Director  
PREA Coordinator

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<sup>1</sup> Prison Rape Elimination Act, Prisons and Jail Standards, United States Department of Justice Final Rule, 28 C.F.R. Part 115 dated May 17, 2012.

Table 1:

The following information represents calendar quarters regarding reported instances of sexual abuse in the Wayne County Jails as defined by the Department of Justice Survey of Sexual Victimization<sup>2</sup>, Local Jail Jurisdictions. These numbers are continually updated by Sheriff's Internal Affairs. Please note that the Sheriff's Office requires all complaints to be investigated and cleared including those improbable resulting in an unfounded classification.

Allegations of Inmate Nonconsensual Sexual Acts	<u>2022 Q1</u>	<u>2022 Q2</u>	<u>2022 Q3</u>	<u>2022 Q4</u>
	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
Substantiated	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	3	1	0	2
Unfounded	0	0	0	1
Investigation Ongoing	1	2	1	2
Allegations of Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact				
Substantiated	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	1	1	0	3
Unfounded	0	1	2	0
Investigation Ongoing	1	2	2	1
Allegations of Inmate Sexual Harassment				
Substantiated	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	1	1	1
Unfounded	0	0	0	0
Investigation Ongoing	0	0	0	0
Allegations of Staff Sexual Misconduct				
Substantiated	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	1	2	0
Investigation Ongoing	1	1	1	1
Allegations of Staff Sexual Harassment				
Substantiated	0	0	0	0
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0
Unfounded	0	0	0	0
Investigation Ongoing	0	0	0	0
Total	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>

<sup>2</sup> PREA 28 CFR 115.87 Data Collection, (c) the incident-based data collected shall be at a minimum the data included in the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice.