



HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMAND

PREA ANNUAL REPORT  
PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT  
2020

# PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA)

## BACKGROUND

PREA WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2003 TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF PERSONS IN THE CUSTODY OF U.S. CORRECTIONAL AGENCIES. MAJOR PROVISIONS OF PREA INCLUDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDS FOR DETECTION, PREVENTION, REDUCTION AND PUNISHMENT OF PRISON/JAIL RAPES. THIS ACT APPLIES TO ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS THAT HOUSE ADULT OR JUVENILE OFFENDERS AND IS ALSO RELEVANT TO COMMUNITY BASED AGENCIES. THE HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY ON ISSUES PERTAINING TO SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT INVOLVING INMATES AND IS WORKING CONTINUOUSLY TO IMPLEMENT NEW POLICIES, TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR STAFF AND INMATES, AND DEVELOPING STANDARDS FOR DETECTION, PREVENTION, REDUCTION AND PUNISHMENT OF RAPE.

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## DEFINITIONS

- UNFOUNDED- THE ALLEGATION IS FALSE OR NOT FACTUAL.
- SUBSTANTIATED- THE ALLEGATION IS SUPPORTED BY SUFFICIENT FACTUAL EVIDENCE.
- UNSUBSTANTIATED- THERE IS INSUFFICIENT FACTUAL EVIDENCE TO PROVE OR DISPROVE THE ALLEGATION.

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REVIEW DATA COLLECTED AND AGGREGATED IN ORDER TO ASSESS AND IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION, DETECTION, AND RESPONSE POLICIES, PRACTICES AND TRAINING, INCLUDING BY:

1. IDENTIFYING PROBLEM AREAS
2. TAKING CORRECTIVE ACTION ON AN ONGOING BASIS
3. PREPARING AN ANNUAL REPORT OF FINDINGS AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS FOR THE FACILITY

# PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA)

## ANALYSIS

IN 2020, THE HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (HCSO) AGENCY CONTINUES TO EMPLOY AN UPPER-LEVEL FULL-TIME PREA COORDINATOR. THIS INDIVIDUAL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEEING ALL ASPECTS OF THE AGENCY'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA), INCLUDING POLICY DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, AND ENSURING THE THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF ALL ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE AND HARASSMENT.

IN 2020, HCSO CONTINUES TO CONDUCT ITS OWN CRIMINAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS INTO ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT, DOING SO PROMPTLY, THOROUGHLY, AND OBJECTIVELY FOR ALL ALLEGATIONS, INCLUDING THIRD-PARTY AND ANONYMOUS REPORTS. ~~THESE INVESTIGATIONS,~~ CARRIED OUT BY TRAINED SPECIALISTS, ARE A TESTAMENT TO OUR COMMITMENT TO ENSURING THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF ALL INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS.

IN 2020, THE HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TOOK A PROACTIVE STEP TO ENHANCE PRIVACY FOR INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS. AT THE SUGGESTION OF A FEDERAL PREA AUDITOR, THE 701 JAIL FACILITY INITIATED A SHOWER CURTAIN PROJECT. THIS PROJECT INVOLVED REPLACING THE CURRENT PARTITIONS, WHICH ONLY PROVIDE PARTIAL PRIVACY, WITH FULL-LENGTH SHOWER CURTAINS. THIS SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT HAS BEEN WELL-RECEIVED BY THE INCARCERATED POPULATION, WHO HAVE REPORTED FEELING MORE COMFORTABLE AND SECURE DURING THEIR PERSONAL HYGIENE ROUTINES.

IN 2020, THE HCSO CONTINUED IN-CLASS PREA TRAINING FOR NEW STAFF AND CONTRACTORS.

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115.88 (C) THE AGENCY'S REPORT SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE AGENCY HEAD AND MADE READILY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH IT'S WEBSITE OR, IF IT DOES NOT HAVE ONE, THROUGH OTHER MEANS.

## 1200 PREA Reported Incidents YEAR ended 2020

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
<b>Reported Sexual Abuse (Staff on Inmate)</b>													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	6
Open	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	5
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Reported Sexual Abuse (Inmate on Inmate)</b>													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Unsubstantiated	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Unfounded	0	0	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	1	4	0	13
Open	1	3	4	3	3	6	2	2	3	4	1	3	35
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Reported Sexual Harassment (Staff on Inmate)</b>													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	7
Open	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	10
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Reported Sexual Harassment (Inmate on Inmate)</b>													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unsubstantiated	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Unfounded	2	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	4	0	1	2	15
Open	2	3	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	2	0	4	18
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>118</b>

## 700 N San Jacinto (JPC) PREA Annual Reported Incidents Year ended 2020



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
<b>Reported Sexual Abuse (Staff on Inmate)</b>													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Open	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Reported Sexual Abuse (Inmate on Inmate)</b>													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Open	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Reported Sexual Harassment (Staff on Inmate)</b>													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Open	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Reported Sexual Harassment (Inmate on Inmate)</b>													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Open	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>

SEXUAL ABUSE- NO SEXUAL ABUSE REPORTED  
SEXUAL HARASSMENT- 20-1215-348



## 701 PREA Reported Incidents YEAR ended 2020



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
<b>Reported Sexual Abuse (Staff on Inmate)</b>													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Open	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Reported Sexual Abuse (Inmate on Inmate)</b>													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	3
Open	2	3	2	2	3	1	1	0	4	1	3	2	24
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Reported Sexual Harassment (Staff on Inmate)</b>													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Open	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	13
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Reported Sexual Harassment (Inmate on Inmate)</b>													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		1
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		1
Unfounded	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0		5
Open	5	2	1	2	0	3	0	1	3	1	3		21
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>28</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>82</b>

# 711 JAIL PREA Reported Incidents YEAR ended 2020



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
<b>Reported Sexual Abuse (Staff on Inmate)</b>													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Open	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Reported Sexual Abuse (Inmate on Inmate)</b>													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Open	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Reported Sexual Harassment (Staff on Inmate)</b>													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Open	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Reported Sexual Harassment (Inmate on Inmate)</b>													
Substantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unsubstantiated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Open	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	