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# Harris County Sheriff's Office Criminal Justice Command

## PREA Annual Report Prison Rape Elimination Act 2021

# 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 the 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 about sexual abuse and sexual harassment involving inmates and is working continuously to implement new policies and training requirements for staff and inmates and developing standards for the detection, prevention, reduction, and punishment of rape.

# PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA)

## 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.

# PREA ANNUAL REPORT 2021

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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

2019-2021, THE HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES WERE AFFECTED BY COVID-19.

OUTSIDE COUNSELING SERVICES WERE CONDUCTED BY PHONE.

HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE APPLIED FOR A NEW FEDERAL PREA GRANT TO INCREASE STAFF WITHIN THE PREA UNIT. THE OPPORTUNITY WOULD ALLOW NON-CERTIFIED CORRECTIONAL STAFF TO BECOME INVESTIGATORS.

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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.

# PREA ANNUAL REPORT 2021

## PREA REPORT ACTIVITY 2021

### 701 PREA Reported Incidents YEAR ended 2021



|  | 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        | 1        | 0        | 0         | 1        | 2        | 4         |
| Open   | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0         | 0        | 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>1</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b>  | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>5</b>  |
| <b>Reported Sexual Abuse (Inmate on Inmate)</b>      |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |           |          |          |           |
| Substantiated  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         |
| Unsubstantiated                                      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1         |
| Unfounded  | 2        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 1        | 2        | 1         | 1        | 1        | 10        |
| Open   | 7        | 2        | 1        | 1        | 5        | 3        | 4        | 0        | 2        | 3         | 1        | 0        | 29        |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>9</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b>  | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>41</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        | 1         | 0        | 0        | 1         |
| Unfounded  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 3         | 2        | 0        | 5         |
| Open   | 0        | 2        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 3         |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>4</b>  | <b>2</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>9</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        | 2        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 1        | 0        | 3         |
| Open   | 0        | 2        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 3        | 0        | 2         | 0        | 0        | 7         |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>2</b>  | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>10</b> |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>9</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>65</b> |

# PREA ANNUAL REPORT 2021

## PREA REPORT ACTIVITY 2021

### 711 JAIL PREA Reported Incidents Year ended 2021



|  | 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        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        |
| 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>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</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        | 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        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        |
| 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>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>2</b> |



# PREA ANNUAL REPORT 2021

## PREA REPORT ACTIVITY 2021

### 700 N San Jacinto (JPC) PREA Reported Incidents YEAR ended 2021



|  | 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        | 0        |
| Unsubstantiated                                      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Unfounded  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        |
| Open   | 0        | 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>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>1</b> |
| <b>Reported Sexual Abuse (Inmate on Inmate)</b>      |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Substantiated  | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        |
| Unsubstantiated                                      | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Unfounded  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        |
| Open   | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 2        |
| <b>Totals</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>0</b> | <b>4</b> |
| <b>Reported Sexual Harassment (Staff on Inmate)</b>  |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Substantiated  | 0        | 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        | 0        |
| Unfounded  | 0        | 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        | 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>0</b> |
| <b>Reported Sexual Harassment (Inmate on Inmate)</b> |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Substantiated  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        |
| Unsubstantiated                                      | 0        | 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        | 0        |
| Open   | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>2</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>Totals</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>3</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>7</b> |

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## PREA REPORT ACTIVITY 2021

### (COURTS) PREA Reported Incidents YEAR ENDED 2021



|  | 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        | 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>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</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        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        |
| Open   | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>2</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>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        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        |
| <b>Totals</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>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> |

# PREA ANNUAL REPORT 2021

PREA REPORT ACTIVITY 2021

THE HCSO PREA UNIT HAS INVESTIGATORS WHO EXPLORE ALL PREA INCIDENTS FOR CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS.