

December 30, 2020

TO: [REDACTED]
Assistant Director for Detention Management

FROM: [REDACTED]
Lead Compliance Inspector
The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

SUBJECT: **Annual Inspection of the Yuba County Jail**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS 2019) of the Yuba County Jail in Marysville, California during the period of December 28 - 30, 2020. This is an IGSA.

The inspection was performed under the guidance of [REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector. Team Members were:

Subject Matter Field	Team Member
Detainee Rights	[REDACTED]
Security	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Safety	[REDACTED]

Type of Inspection

This is a scheduled annual inspection which is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE NDS 2019 for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a rating of Meets Standards during the November 2019 inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Yuba County Jail is currently accredited by:

- The American Correctional Association (ACA) – No
- The National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) – No
- The Joint Commission (TJC) - No
- Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) - No

Standards Compliance

The following information is a summary of the standards that were reviewed and overall compliance that was determined as a result of the 2019 and 2020 compliance annual inspections:

2019 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	36
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	3

2020 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	31
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

The inspection team identified seventeen (17) deficient components in the following ten (10) standards:

- Admission and Release – 3
- Custody Classification – 3
- Post Orders – 2
- Searches of Detainees – 1
- Special Management Units – 2
- Disciplinary System – 2
- Hunger Strikes – 1
- Medical Care – 1
- Suicide Prevention and Intervention – 1
- Detention Files - 1

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Yuba County Jail is a [REDACTED] indirect supervision facility located in downtown Marysville, California. The facility is owned by Yuba County and operates under the jurisdiction of the Yuba County Sheriff's Office. The four-story structure houses male and female detainees for local jurisdictions and adult male ICE detainees of all classification levels. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Medical care is provided by Wellpath. Detainee telephone services are provided by Global Tel*Link. All other services are provided by Yuba County employees. Detainees are not charged co-pay fees for medical, dental, or mental health services.

ICE detainees are currently housed separately from detainees from other jurisdictions in cells or dormitory style housing. ICE detainees are not placed in disciplinary segregation. The housing units have a day-room area with tables, seating, a television, telephones, board games, and a sufficient number of showers and wash basins.

During this remote inspection the inspection team requested that detainee interviews be scheduled on two different days. Facility staff reported that they had spoken to the detainees and asked for volunteers for the interviews. The team was informed that only one detainee agreed to be interviewed once they were told that the inspectors were not employed by ICE and had no information on their cases. The detainee, who is housed in general population and has been in the facility for approximately one year, was questioned regarding his stay in the facility. He reported that he had been screened by medical staff upon admission and had received a handbook. He also stated that facility staff were respectful and mostly responsive to his needs and requests. The detainee stated that he felt safe at the facility except for concerns about the recent COVID-19 outbreak. The detainee reported that the sanitation at the facility was not very good and that he was having difficulty acquiring both cleaning supplies and personal hygiene supplies. Upon



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following up on the complaint the inspectors were informed that cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items are available in the housing units upon request. The detainee stated that he had not filed a grievance and had not contacted the OIG. He was aware of the availability of both.

Due to COVID-19, this inspection was conducted remotely. The facility provided the inspection team all requested documentation, photographs, and videos as evidence of practices and procedures within the facility. In addition to these materials, staff were interviewed by the inspection team. All staff interviewed were well versed in facility policy and the requirements of the standards and were responsive to all requests made by the inspection team. Inspectors reviewed photographs provided by the facility, inspection reports from the health department, and records of pest control inspections. Based on the fact that there were no deficiencies noted in any of the materials reviewed, the safety SME determined that sanitation at the facility is acceptable.

The facility has recently had an outbreak of COVID-19 and steps are being taken to control it. During the inspection it was reported that a total of 85 detainees had tested positive for COVID-19; four of which are ICE detainees.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

There were no areas of concern or significant observations noted during the inspection. The inspection was conducted remotely and inspectors were unable to personally observe practices and procedures within the facility. The inspection team relied upon photographs and/or videos to validate the observation of many standards.

Recommended Rating and Justification

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Meets Standards. The facility complies with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS 2019) unless unobserved practices and conditions are contrary to what was reported to the inspection team. No (0) standards were found Does Not Meet Standards and two (2) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-one (31) standards were found to Meet Standards.

LCI Assurance Statement

The findings of compliance and non-compliance are accurately and completely documented on the G-324 Inspection Form and are supported by documentation in the inspection file. A telephone call-in out brief was conducted with the facility. In addition to the entire Nakamoto Group Inspection Team, the following participated in the conference call:

- ICE Officials – [REDACTED]

- Facility staff – [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector

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Date