

December 30, 2020

TO: [REDACTED]
Assistant Director for Detention Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Detention Inspection of the Monroe County Inmate Dormitory**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed a remote annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS) 2019 of the Monroe County Inmate Dormitory in Monroe, Michigan during the period of December 28-30, 2020. This is an IGSA facility.

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

Subject Matter Field	Team Member
Security	[REDACTED]
Detainee Rights	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Safety	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[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 previous rating of Meets Standards during the August 2019 inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Monroe County Inmate Dormitory 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 annual inspections:

2019 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	38
Does Not Meet Standards	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

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

The inspection team identified two (2) deficient component in the following two (2) standards:

Hold Rooms in Detention Facilities – 1
Personal Hygiene – 1

Facility Snapshot/Description

According to the assistant jail administrator, the Monroe County Inmate Dormitory is owned and funded by Monroe County and is governed by the Monroe County Sheriff and County Board of Commissioners. The facility is located approximately 35 miles southwest of Detroit in a rural area of Monroe, Michigan. The facility houses adult males for Monroe County, U.S. Marshals Service, and ICE detainees. No female or minor detainees are housed in the facility.

According to the assistant jail administrator and confirmed by the housing roster, the facility houses minimum custody level ICE detainees.

An online platform scheduled by the facility enabled the inspection team to tour the facility in real-time. The facility consists of two Sprung Instant Structures connected by an enclosed arterial walkway. The facility opened in 2000. The secure perimeter of the compound is enclosed by two chain-linked fences with the interior fence protected by a 50,000-volt stun fence. The entire perimeter is under camera surveillance which is continuously monitored by central control officers. The perimeter is foot patrolled on each shift by an officer carrying a Taser. All exterior doors are alarmed.

General population housing units are configured into two ninety-bed dormitories. There is no special management unit at the facility. The housing units are managed with direct supervision monitoring and surveillance. Both housing units have access to one adjacent outdoor recreation area. Access to the recreation yard alternates between the two housing units during waking hours.

Dayroom activities include watching television, playing cards, reading, and talking on the telephone.

The inspection team interviewed six detainees. (One detainee from the original count on day one was released.) Without exception, each detainee stated that he felt safe. The majority of detainees stated that staff are professional and respectful. Detainees had no concerns with library services, recreation, or telephone availability. Two detainees did not like the menu but had no complaints regarding portion control or the temperature of meal service.

One detainee reported being housed at the facility for seventeen months. He reported feeling safe and respected by staff; reported security staff were “good”; he could post and receive mail and make telephone calls. He has not called the OIG number, nor felt the need to contact the department. He stated he was evaluated by medical personnel on arrival and routinely receives prescribed medication. The detainee “dislikes the food as it does not smell good or taste good”.

One detainee complained that nursing personnel do not wear gloves when administering medication. The nurse manager stated that nursing personnel do not touch the medication. It is dispensed directly from either a blister pack or bottle directly into a medication cup which is given to the detainee.

One detainee indicated the food was “not good”. He said that the portions were not large enough. He also said that the medicine they were giving him was not working. According to the nurse manager, the medication is for mental health concerns.

One detainee was very positive about everything other than the “amount of food provided and the cultural differences in the food”. The Safety SME reviewed the menu and portions and found that both were within standard guideline recommendations. The facility provides a 1,700 calorie a day diet that is approved by a dietitian.

One detainee complained of a cracked tooth. The detainee was seen by the medical staff on day two of the inspection. A nurse’s note for his sick call in September 2020 was reviewed. The nurse noted that she referred him to the physician. However, he has not been seen by the physician. He was been added to the doctor's sick call list for “this week” to be seen by the physician. During the inspection, the assistant jail administrator initiated a procedure to ensure all detainees who need to see a doctor are scheduled.

Medical services are provided by Advanced Correctional Healthcare. Food services are provided by Continental Food Service. All other services are provided by Monroe County employees. ICE detainees are not charged a co-pay for medical services.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

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

LCI Assurance Statement

The findings of compliance and noncompliance are accurately and completely documented on the G-324A Inspection Form and are supported by documentation in the inspection file. An out brief was conducted remotely and in addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, the following participated:

- ICE Officials – [REDACTED]
- Facility Staff – [REDACTED]

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[Redacted], Lead Compliance Inspector
Printed Name of LCI

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