

March 12, 2020

TO: [REDACTED]
Assistant Director for Detention Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Inspection of the River Correctional Center**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS) of the River Correctional Center in Ferriday, Louisiana, during the period of March 10-12, 2020. This is an IGSA facility.

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 for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a rating of Acceptable during the October 2019 annual/180 day re-inspection.

Inspection Summary

The River Correctional Center 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) - Yes

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 180 day re-inspection and the 2020 NDS annual inspections:



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2019 180 Day Re-Inspection	
Acceptable	38
Deficient	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

2020 Annual Inspection	
Acceptable	38
Deficient	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

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

- Environmental Health and Safety - 1
- Security Inspections - 1, which is a repeat deficiency

Facility Snapshot/Description

The River Correctional Center is located in a rural area just south of Ferriday, Louisiana. The facility is owned and operated by LaSalle Corrections. LaSalle works under a contract with the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Department which has an IGSA with ICE. The staffing is somewhat unusual as the warden, assistant warden, and some medical staff are LaSalle employees. All other staff are employees of the sheriff's department. The facility houses all classification levels of male ICE detainees, Louisiana Department of Corrections detainees, Concordia Parish detainees, and detainees from surrounding parishes. [REDACTED]

The [REDACTED] facility is a single level structure with eight dormitory style housing units managed under the direct supervision model. There is an officer in every housing unit at all times, and the housing units are under visual supervision of a control center officer as well. Beds in the dormitories are double and triple bunked although the current count does not require that any detainee be assigned to a top bunk. There are nine double-bunked segregation cells. There were no ICE detainees in segregation during the inspection, and records indicate that the facility seldom has the need to place ICE detainees in segregation cells. Sanitation levels were generally average throughout the facility although the sanitation in shower and toilet areas in the housing units was below average.

The dormitories have televisions, telephones, board games, and each dormitory has a door that leads directly into an outdoor recreation yard. Detainees are offered outdoor recreation five days per week for at least one hour per session. Detainees spend the majority of their time socializing, watching television, reading, and playing board games. The atmosphere in the units was relaxed, and the dormitories were quiet considering the number of detainees present. Detainees reacted rather passively to the presence of the inspectors, seldom seeking them out to ask questions or complain. They interacted with facility staff without apparent hesitation, and those interactions were calm and appeared routine. Detainee clothing, overall, was neat and clean. Staff give the impression that they know the standards as they apply to their areas, and were professional in appearance and demeanor. The facility has bolstered communication by hiring five translation officers, whose primary duty is to facilitate communication between staff and detainees. At least one of the translation officers are on duty at all times.

The inspection team conducted no less than sixty detainee interviews including fifteen formal interviews. The most remarkable aspect of the interviews was the nearly unanimous opinion of the detainees that the food is good. Comments such as "excellent" and "very good every day" were made to the inspectors. Two Cuban detainees expressed that they sometimes found the food to be spicy, but otherwise, detainees complimented the food. One detainee was emotional during his formal interview and he was referred to the medical department for possible mental health evaluation. When the referral was made, it was discovered that the detainee was on the mental health case load and had been seeing a mental health professional on a regular basis. He was already



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scheduled to see them again that same afternoon. LEP detainees stated that they have no issues communicating with staff or obtaining services. During formal interviews, detainees stated that they feel safe at the facility.

ICE detainees are not charged co-pays for medical, mental health, or dental care.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

There were no concerns or significant observations during this inspection.

Recommended Rating and Justification

The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Acceptable. The facility complies with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS) for Over 72 hour facilities. No (0) Standards were rated as Deficient and one (1) standard was Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-eight (38) standards were found to be Acceptable.

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. An out brief was conducted at the facility and in addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, the following were present:

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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector

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Printed Name of LCI

Date