

November 16, 2018

TO: [REDACTED]
Assistant Director for Detention Management

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

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

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS 2000/ SAAPI 2011) of the Yuba County Jail in Marysville, CA, during the period of November 14-16, 2018. 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 2000 for Over 72 hour facilities. The facility received a previous rating of Acceptable during the November 2017 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 2017 and 2018 annual inspections:

2017 Annual Inspection	
Acceptable	35
Deficient	0
At Risk	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	4

2018 Annual Inspection	
Acceptable	36
Deficient	0
At Risk	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	3

The inspection team identified fifteen (15) deficient components in the following seven (7) standards:

- Detainee Handbook – 2, one of which is a repeat deficiency
- Funds and Personal Property - 1, which is a repeat deficiency
- Access to Telephones - 2, both are repeat deficiencies
- Hunger Strikes - 1
- Access to Medical Care - 2
- Environmental Health and Safety – 5, two of which are repeat deficiencies
- Tool Control – 2

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Yuba County Jail is a [REDACTED] indirect supervision facility located in downtown Marysville, CA. The facility is owned by Yuba County and operates under the jurisdiction of the Yuba County Sheriff's Office. [REDACTED]

ICE detainees are co-mingled with the local detainees in cells or dormitory style housing. ICE detainees are not placed in disciplinary segregation. The housing units have a dayroom area with tables, chairs, a television, telephones, board games and a sufficient number of showers and wash basins. Detainees housed in general population have access to the outdoor recreation area two hours per day, four days a week pursuant to a waiver approved by ICE in June 2015. During interviews with detainees, a common complaint was that they were being offered recreation at 5:00 a.m. which they consider too early.

The inspection team found the atmosphere in the facility to be calm with no obvious indicators of high stress. Staff was observed interacting with detainees in a professional and respectful manner. The inspection team visited the housing units' multiple times during the inspection interviewing detainees in groups and in a private, confidential setting. The detainees interviewed ranged in age from 23 to 56 years old and had been housed in the facility from two weeks to eight months. All detainees stated that they felt safe in the facility and were treated with respect by staff. Most detainees stated that the food was good and they were generally satisfied with the medical care they were receiving. Numerous detainees complained about the cost of telephone calls and also about how long they had to wait to make a free legal call after submitting a request. It was determined that the telephone rates comply with rates established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). It was noted that the delay in making free legal calls is due to the number of requests being submitted and the fact that detainees are using the free telephones to call family and friends instead of making legal calls. There were no concerns noted regarding the law library or with access to ICE personnel.



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Male and female LEP detainees were interviewed confidentially, in Spanish, by male and female bilingual inspectors. Several detainees stated that on a frequent basis there is no toilet paper in their housing unit and it is only provided after “enough of them” complain. This complaint was also voiced by English speaking detainees. Most of the detainees complained about being offered outdoor recreation at 5:00 a.m. Detainees reported that, in general, the detention staff was respectful and helpful. Three of the detainees stated that a couple of the officers would yell at them when they did not understand instructions given in English. Two detainees requested special diets and the information was passed on to the health services administrator. A number of medical complaints were voiced and upon follow-up it was determined that the detainees had either been seen by medical staff and were being treated or were scheduled to be seen.

The living areas were observed to be in need of general cleaning and sanitation. The showers had chipped paint, mold, rust and soap scum. The toilets and sinks were in need of basic sanitation and not all sinks and toilets were operational. An inspection of the rest of the facility reflected a positive environment, acceptable conditions, and no issues being noted with the conditions of confinement.

Medical care is provided by contract with California Forensic Medical Group (CFMG). All other services are provided by Yuba County. ICE detainees are not charged co-pays for medical, dental or mental health services.

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/SAAPI 2011) for Over 72 hour facilities. No (0) standards were found Deficient and four (4) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-five (35) 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] and other facility staff

[REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector

Printed Name of LCI

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Date