

September 10, 2020

TO: [REDACTED]  
Assistant Director for Detention Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Inspection of the Freeborn County Adult Detention Center**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual remote inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS and PBNDS/2011 SAAP) of the Freeborn County Adult Detention Center in Albert Lea, Minnesota during the period of September 8-10, 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	[REDACTED]

### **Type of Inspection**

This is a scheduled remote 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 April 2019 inspection.

### **Inspection Summary**

The Freeborn County Adult Detention 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) – 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 NDS annual inspection and the 2020 NDS compliance annual inspection

<i>2019 Annual Inspection</i>		<i>2020 Annual Inspection</i>	
Acceptable	37	Acceptable	37
Deficient	0	Deficient	0
Repeat Finding	0	Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2	Not Applicable	2

The inspection team identified sixty-one (61) deficient components in the following twenty-one (21) standards:

- Access to Legal Materials – 1
- Classification System - 1
- Correspondence and Other Mail – 3
- Food Service – 8
- Funds and Personal Property – 1
- Group Legal Rights - 1
- Recreation – 1
- Detainee Telephone Access – 2
- Visitation – 4
- Hunger Strikes – 1
- Access to Medical Care – 4
- Suicide Prevention and Intervention – 2
- Detention Files – 3
- Environmental Health and Safety – 10
- Key and Lock Control – 4
- Post Orders – 1
- Special Management Unit (Administrative Segregation) – 2
- Special Management Unit (Disciplinary Segregation) – 2
- Transportation (Land Transportation) – 3
- Staff Detainee Communications – 4
- Detainee Transfer Standard - 3

## Facility Snapshot/Description

The Freeborn County Adult Detention Center is owned by Freeborn County and operated under the jurisdiction of the Freeborn County Sheriff's Office. It is located in downtown Albert Lea, MN, which is ninety miles Southwest of Minneapolis/St. Paul.

Due to the inspection being conducted remotely and the unwillingness of the OIC to permit photographing and video of operations and features within the facility, all details as described herein are as reported to the inspection team by facility staff. The facility currently houses adult male ICE detainees of all custody levels and adult male and female Freeborn County detainees. ■■■■

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The jail is contained in the Freeborn County building. The exterior walls of the building serve as the secure perimeter of the facility which is monitored by surveillance cameras. All exterior doors are alarmed and controlled by master control officers. There is no exterior perimeter patrol but there is an inside perimeter patrol each shift that checks pipe chases, hallways, doors, and ceilings.

The jail is comprised of three general population housing units which are configured into one two-tier 48-bed dormitory with 24 beds up and 24 beds down; one two-tier housing unit with a fourteen-bed dormitory up and four two-bed cells down; and one two-tier housing unit with sixteen two-bed cells up and sixteen two-bed cells down. The SMU is a two-tier design with eight disciplinary segregation one-bed cells downstairs and six administrative segregation two-bed cells upstairs. The general population housing units have day rooms equipped with telephones, informational kiosks, video-visit stations, televisions, and fixed table/chair units. Detainees have indoor and outdoor recreation.

Inspectors interviewed nine Spanish and/or English-speaking detainees on the telephone. Generally, there were no substantive concerns. The detainees expressed concern about not getting enough sunlight during recreation. This matter was discussed with the assistant jail administrator who stated that no other venue for recreation is available due to the confines of the physical plant. There were no concerns relative to treatment by staff or telephone access. Two medical comments alleged the detainees were not getting the medication they wanted. This was discussed with medical staff by the medical SME. Both detainees were seen and provided proper medical attention for their needs. Detainees did not express any safety concerns or negative treatment by the staff.

Due to the remote nature of the inspection, an overall assessment of the facility sanitary conditions could not be determined.

Medical services are provided by Advanced Correctional Healthcare. Food services are provided by Summit Food Services. Maintenance services are provided by Freeborn County employees. ICE detainees are not subject to medical co-payments.

#### **Areas of Concern/Significant Observations**

The inspection team identified sixty-one (61) component deficiencies. This elevated number of deficient components was due to the inability of the inspectors to observe practices and procedures within the facility, or video/photographic evidence of practices and procedures within the facility. There is no indication otherwise that compliance with these components is at issue; however, without absolute confirmation, the components requiring observation had to be rated as Deficient.

#### **Recommended Rating and Justification**



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The Lead Compliance Inspector recommends that the facility receive a rating of Acceptable, 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). No (0) standards were found Deficient and two (2) standards were Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-seven (37) standards were found to be in compliance.

#### **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. A telephone, call-in out brief was conducted at the facility. In addition to the entire Nakamoto Group, Inc. Inspection Team, there were several facility and ICE/ERO personnel who phoned in and listened to the comments and concerns.



[Redacted], Lead Compliance Inspector

September 10, 2020

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Date