

August 15, 2019

TO: [REDACTED]  
Assistant Director for Detention Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Detention Inspection of the Tallahatchie County Correctional Facility**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS) of the Tallahatchie County Correctional Facility in Tutwiler, Mississippi, during the period of August 13-15, 2019. 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 was not inspected in 2018.

### **Inspection Summary**

The Tallahatchie County Correctional Facility is currently accredited by:

- The American Correctional Association (ACA) - Yes
- 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 NDS annual inspection:

<b>2018 Annual Inspection</b>	
Acceptable	N/A
Deficient	N/A
Repeat Finding	N/A
Not Applicable	N/A

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

The inspection team identified seventeen (17) deficient components in the following nine (9) standards:

- Access to Legal Materials – 2
- Correspondence and Other Mail – 3
- Detainee Handbook – 1
- Food Service – 1
- Detainee Telephone Access - 1
- Visitation – 2
- Disciplinary Policy – 1
- Environmental Health and Safety – 5
- Special Management Units (Disciplinary) – 1

### **Facility Snapshot/Description**

The Tallahatchie County Correctional Facility (TCCF) is owned and operated by CoreCivic. The single story, concrete structure is located on 149 acres in rural Tutwiler, Mississippi with 65 acres located within the fences. The perimeter is patrolled 24 hours a day. The [REDACTED] direct-supervision facility houses male and female detainees for local jurisdictions, and male detainees for the U. S. Marshals Service, ICE, the States of Vermont, South Carolina, and Vermont and the Virgin Islands DOC. [REDACTED]

The facility currently houses low custody male ICE detainees. ICE detainees are not comingled with detainees from other jurisdictions. General population detainees are permitted to be out of their cells the majority of the day, socializing in the dayroom or enjoying other indoor recreational activities. The dayrooms are equipped with televisions, cards, board games, and telephones. A leisure library with a large selection of books is available for detainee use. Detainees have access to an indoor gymnasium and three outdoor recreation yards. Exercise programs and activities are delivered within the parameters of a safe, secure and orderly operation. Outdoor activities are limited to handball, basketball, volleyball, soccer and cardiovascular activities.

The inspection team visited the detainee housing units' numerous times during the inspection observing detainees interacting with each other and with facility staff. Detainees were relaxed and spoke to the inspectors without hesitation. LEP detainees were interviewed in private via a telephonic translation service in Spanish, Bengalese, Tamil (Sri Lanka) and Mandarin. English speaking detainees were interviewed in groups or in a private, confidential setting. The detainees voiced no concerns regarding their safety and stated they are treated with respect by facility staff and other detainees. The only complaints regarding food were that it does not have enough spices and several detainees complained that meat is served too often. There were no complaints regarding medical care.



The Nakamoto Group, Inc.

A fire drill was conducted during the inspection and 22 detainees were evacuated from one housing unit. Observance of the drill indicated that staff were well trained in how to conduct a fire drill.

During this inspection, five housing units were cohorted, affecting 344 ICE detainees. There was one confirmed case of mumps and five confirmed cases of varicella.

Food service operations are provided by Trinity Services Group. All other services are provided by CoreCivic. The facility does not charge co-pays for medical, mental health or dental care. Sanitation throughout the facility was observed to be good.

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

There were no areas of concern 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 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 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] and other facility staff

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector

Printed Name of LCI

August 15, 2019

Date