



April 11, 2019

TO: [REDACTED]  
Assistant Director for Detention Management

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

SUBJECT: **Annual Inspection of the Jerome Combs Detention Center**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed an annual inspection for compliance with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS) of the Jerome Combs Detention Center in Kankakee, Illinois, during the period of April 9-11, 2019. 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
Detainee Rights	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Security	[REDACTED]
Safety	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]

### **Type of Inspection**

This is an annual inspection, which is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE NDS for Over 72 hour facilities. The April 2018 inspection was rated Acceptable.

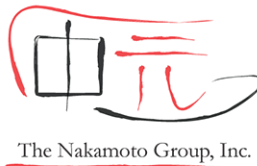
### **Inspection Summary**

The Jerome Combs Detention Center is currently accredited by:

- The American Correctional Association (ACA) – No
- The National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) – Yes
- 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 2018 and 2019 NDS compliance inspections:



<i><b>2018 Annual Inspection</b></i>	
Meets Standard	38
Does Not Meet Standard	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

<i><b>2019 Annual Inspection</b></i>	
Meets Standard	38
Does Not Meet Standard	0
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	1

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

- Correspondence and Other Mail - 2
- Food Service - 5
- Voluntary Work Program - 1
- Hunger Strikes - 1
- Environmental Health and Safety - 3
- Detainee Transfer Standard - 1
- Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention - 2

#### **Facility Snapshot/Description**

The Jerome Combs Detention Center is located approximately sixty miles southeast of Chicago in Kankakee, Illinois. [REDACTED]

The jail was constructed in 2004 and expanded in 2007. The jail is a one single story building. The perimeter of the facility is comprised of the exterior walls of the building. An armed officer foot patrols the entire perimeter once each shift. The exterior doors of the building are alarmed and accessed by restricted keys. Master control monitors the entire perimeter through a series of fixed and pan/tilt surveillance cameras. The interior of the jail is observed by a surveillance camera network which provides sight lines to all movement corridors, housing units, and common areas. All movement is escorted.

The facility has eleven housing units; nine for general population and two special management units (SMU). The general population housing units are comprised of three twenty to 48-bed dormitories and six units with twelve to 28 two-bed cells. The two SMUs each have eight single-bed cells. ICE detainees are only housed with other ICE detainees. Each general population housing unit has a dayroom which contains a television, a sufficient number of telephones, video-visit stations, and a kiosk for ordering commissary, filing requests and accessing announcements and bulletins. There is no outdoor recreation. Indoor recreation is offered daily.

Over 45 detainees were interviewed during the course of the inspection. A language line and bilingual staff assisted in the communication. Detainees' statements centered about the status of their case. Detainees indicated general satisfaction with their living area, conditions of confinement, safety, treatment by staff, food quality and quantity, ICE availability, and medical care. There was comment that cereal was the daily breakfast offering. The menu was discussed with the food service manager and OIC by the safety SME. The menu satisfies the required RDA standards and has been approved by a registered dietician. None of the detainees interviewed expressed any life safety concerns.



Sanitation throughout the facility was adequate. Overall, the atmosphere in the facility is relaxed and obedient. The housing units were extremely quiet. The daily schedule is managed by an informed roster of correctional professionals who enforce the timetable with laconic direction. Movement is obedient and swift.

Food service is provided by The Country Table (catering vendor) and Kankakee County employees. All other services are provided by county employees. There is no medical co-pay.

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

There were no significant observations noted.

#### **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). No (0) standards were found Deficient and one (1) standard was Not Applicable (N/A). All remaining thirty-eight (38) standards were found to be in compliance.

#### **LCI Assurance Statement**

The findings of Acceptable and Deficient 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 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 department supervisors and administrative staff

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Lead Compliance Inspector

April 11, 2019

Printed Name of LCI

Date