

October 29, 2020

TO: [REDACTED]
Assistant Director for Detention Management

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

SUBJECT: **Special/Technical Assessment Review of the Teller County Jail**

The Nakamoto Group, Inc. performed a Special/Technical Assessment Review (T.A.R.) with the ICE National Detention Standards (NDS 2000) of the Teller County Jail in Divide, Colorado during the period of October 27-29, 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
Security	[REDACTED]
Detainee Rights	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]
Safety	[REDACTED]
Medical Care	[REDACTED]

Type of Inspection

This is a Technical Assistance Review (TAR), which is performed to determine overall compliance with the ICE NDS for Over 72-hour facilities. The facility received a Does Not Meet rating during the August 2019 inspection.

Inspection Summary

The Teller 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 August 2019 annual inspection and the T.A.R.:



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2019 Annual Inspection	
Meets Standards	34
Does Not Meet Standards	3
Repeat Finding	0
Not Applicable	2

The inspection team identified eight (8) components in five (5) standards that have outstanding issues with compliance. Per the OIC, procedures necessary to gain compliance with the standards will not be implemented.

Admissions and Release – 3
Correspondence and Other Mail – 2
Clothing, Bedding and Towels - 1
Funds and Personal Property – 1
Environmental Health & Safety - 1

Facility Snapshot/Description

The Teller County Jail is located in Divide, Colorado approximately thirty-five miles west of Colorado Springs, Colorado at the northern base of Pikes Peak. The facility is owned by Teller County and operated under the jurisdiction of the Teller County Sheriff's Department. The facility [REDACTED] houses adult male and female detainees of all classification levels for ICE, U.S. Marshals Service, Colorado Department of Corrections, and Teller County. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There were no female ICE detainees housed at the facility during the inspection.

The facility was constructed in 1996 and is enclosed by a twelve-foot perimeter chain link fence equipped with barbed wire rows on the top. The fenced perimeter is patrolled by an unarmed officer each shift and is partially monitored via video cameras. The exterior doors of the building are alarmed and controlled by the central control officer. There are 38 cameras throughout the facility that monitor the housing units, common areas, and corridors. All detainee movement in the facility is escorted.

Housing units are configured into two-person cells and range in size from ten rooms to sixteen rooms. The facility does not have a special management unit. Detainees that require disciplinary or administrative segregation status are confined to their cells until their release from the status. No ICE detainees were housed in disciplinary or administrative segregation status during the inspection. Social visiting is via video.

Each of the housing units has a dayroom area equipped with one television, two HomeWav video-visit stations, two telephones, one informational kiosk capable of video visitation, and table/chair units where detainees eat their meals, socialize, and participate in table games. Detainees have daily access to outdoor recreation for at least one hour. Detainees are afforded both indoor and outdoor recreation with required safety procedures implemented due to COVID-19. The facility imposes limitations on the number of detainees in recreation and program areas to ensure the required social distancing. Detainees are under constant monitored video surveillance in the housing units.

All six ICE detainees were interviewed during the inspection. Interviews with Limited English Proficient (LEP) detainees, all of which were Spanish speakers, were conducted by Spanish-speaking inspectors.



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Except for their safety concerns related to COVID-19, the detainees voiced no concerns regarding life or safety issues. Detainees were generally satisfied with the interaction with and responsiveness from facility and ICE staff. There were no substantive concerns registered regarding medical services, the law library, telephones, or recreation. At the time of inspection, no detainees had tested positive for COVID-19.

Sanitation throughout the facility was satisfactory.

Health services are provided by Southern Health Partners, Inc. Food services are provided by Summit Food Service. All other services are provided by Teller County employees. The facility does not charge ICE detainees co-pays for medical, mental health, or dental care.

Areas of Concern/Significant Observations

During the previous inspection, the inspection team identified three deficient standards with a total of 124 deficient components. During the TAR, the facility either demonstrated compliance or provided corrective action plans for all but eight of the previous deficiencies.

Recommended Rating and Justification

The facility is capable of receiving an overall rating of Meets Standards in a future inspection, providing they continue the corrected practices and follow through with the action plans to which they have committed.

LCI Assurance Statement

The findings and actions resulting from this Technical Assessment Review (T.A.R.) are accurately and completely documented on the G-324A Inspection Form and are supported by documentation in the inspection file. Specific notations are made in the component remarks sections of the G324A regarding compliance as it applies to each component. In regards to the requirements of the standards that are not represented in the components, the action taken for compliance, and the results of those actions, are annotated in the component comments or end remarks of each standard. 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]

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Date