



## Introduction

The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office juvenile detention Center located at 5235 Spector Dr. Charlotte North Carolina is a secure, 72 bed facility housing both male and female residents between the ages of 15-17 years old. The facility is one of twelve juvenile detention centers in North Carolina and houses youthful residents from Mecklenburg County as well as adjacent counties within North Carolina awaiting some form of adjudication in the Juvenile Court system. The facility is managed by Mecklenburg County Sheriff's officers who are both Department of Corrections and Department of State certified and is overseen by a facility Commander holding the rank of Major. The facility is staffed by four rotating shifts of 20 Juvenile detention officers and Three supervisors. Youthful residents assigned to the Juvenile Detention center are required to attend compulsory school Monday thru Friday thru either the Department of Public Instruction, or the North Carolina State Curriculum.

The facility which was constructed in year 1993 and operational in the year 1994 was originally designed to house adult and youthful offenders awaiting adult trial and sentencing. The facilities mission changed with the introduction of the Juvenile Justice Court system in December of 2019. This change required a renovation of the facility with the removal of all adults and the addition of a juvenile resident wing. The Juvenile housing area is comprised of 9 housing units with a staff to resident ration of 1 to 8. All housing units are dorm style with single cell housing per resident.

Housing units are supervised 24 hours seven days a week by staff as well as electronic monitoring. Policy concerning resident behavioral expectations are both issued to residents upon intake and posted in the housing units. PREA information is available in both English and Spanish.

This report summarizes agency's accomplishments during the calendar year 2020.

## Agency Accomplishments

### PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

- Conducted internal assessments (mock audit) to evaluate prevention program.
- Conducted Department of Justice Federal PREA Re-Accreditation audit.
- Revised and updated policy in preparation of Audit for the year 2021.

### PREVENTION

- Revised existing Prison Rape Elimination Act policies.
- Enhanced existing screening protocols to identify individuals that are at high-risk of sexual vulnerability and sexual predatory behaviors.

**TRAINING**

- Conducted Annual Employee Training
- Conducted Employee Refresher training.
- Sheriff’s Office Personnel attended Juvenile Justice Certification course.
- PREA education conducted with resident population.
- PREA training conducted with all contractors and volunteers.

**Comparative Data****2020: The Agency’s Year in Review**

During the 2020 calendar year, MCSO received a total of 0 resident sexual abuse and sexual harassment allegations. The following outlines the total number of incidents reported and the outcomes of investigations in the year 2020.

<b>2020</b>					
<b>Incident Type</b>	<b>Sustained</b>	<b>Unsubstantiated</b>	<b>Unfounded</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Inmate on Inmate Abusive Sexual Contact</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Inmate on Inmate Nonconsensual Sexual Acts</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Inmate on Inmate Sexual Harassment.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Staff on Inmate Sexual Abuse (Sexual Misconduct)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Staff on Inmate Sexual Harassment.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Allegations Received.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>