



# DeKalb County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff J. L. Mann



## 2018 PREA Annual Report

The DeKalb County Sheriff's Office (DKSO) maintains a zero tolerance policy towards all forms of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and sexual activity amongst approximately 2,000 inmates housed daily at this facility. DKSO has implemented a PREA policy to further strengthen the agencies' efforts to prevent all forms of abuse and harassment by implementing key provisions of the U.S. Department of Justice's standards for the prevention, detection, and response to sexual abuse in confinement facilities, in accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA). Policy requires an Annual PREA Report to provide public notification of statistical data related to the PREA outcries, investigation statistics, and documentation of the specific actions taken by our staff to assist inmates in our custody.

DKSO trains staff to respond to, investigate, and support the prosecution of sexual abuse according to our correctional procedures. Through continual education of staff and inmates, DKSO has increased awareness of safe reporting and provided services to victims, thereby creating a facility culture that discourages sexual abuse. Through housing and classification assignments, DKSO identifies opportunities to separate and monitor sexual predatory inmates and vulnerable inmates to reduce the incidences of sexual abuse. In 2018, the Sheriff's Office received fifteen (15) reports of alleged abuse. These outcries were accepted and processed per procedures. All victims were provided assistance medically, and DKSO ensured direct contact with DeKalb County Police Department to assist the inmate in filing the formal criminal complaint. Inmates are transported to Grady Memorial Hospital for additional resources and care. Below is a general overview of the case activities and outcomes. *Note: Inmate's personal information is deleted due to confidentiality and protection of the parties involved.*

2018 Reported allegations data: Case#	Received Treatment	Grady preformed rape kit	Forwarded to DKPD	Prosecutions	Incident occurred
ASA18-001 01/17/2018	Yes	Yes	Det. Evans 18-001957	<b>Unfounded-</b> no prosecution	6SW500
ASA18-002 02/08/18	Not reported until 6 months after incident	No- delay in report	Inmate was no longer in DKSO custody directed to file a complaint with CID	<b>Unfounded</b> by video evidence-	Incident alleged to occur 08/26/17 on 7NE
ASA18-003 02/11/18	YES	YES	DKPD Officer Sheppard 18-013-747	<b>Sustained – Warrant issued by Det. Lewis DKPD CID 18W002622</b>	8NE415 <b>Incident Review Completed</b>
ASA18-004 03/13/18	YES	YES	DKPD Det. Moore	Forwarded to DKPD	Incident alleged to have occurred prior to arrest
ASA18-005 04/05/18	YES	Grady treatment yes, no rape kit due to time lapse	DKPD Det. Harris	Forwarded to DKPD	Incident alleged to have occurred prior to arrest
ASA18-006 04/13/2018	YES	YES	DKPD Det. Tirado 18-100773	<b>Unfounded-</b> lack of evidence	8NW400
ASA18-007 06/01/18	YES	YES	Det. Evans 18-11782	<b>Unfounded-</b> inmate had mental issues and continued to report outcries after being housed in a single cell without roommate.	7NE600



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ASA18-008 08/06/2018	YES	Grady provided treatment yes, No rape kit due to the 5 day lapse in reporting	DKPD Officer T. Sercy-responded	No evidence - due to lack of evidence delay in reporting	4NW111
ASA 18-009 08/16/18	YES	Inmate Refused assistance	DKPD Officer Thomas	Inmate refused – no prosecution	Prior to arrest
ASA 18-010 09/14/18	YES	Refused at Grady	DKPD Officer Herriel 18-153870	Inmate refused to cooperate	Unknown- housed in 3NW
ASA 18-011	YES	Refused at Grady	DKPD Officers Harrison/ Rambo 18-158926	Inmate uncooperative	Prior to arrest
ASA-18-012 10/16/18  Third party report to OPS Sexual Harassment by another inmate	YES Victim services	No physical contact	Harassment was investigated and handled by DKSO 10481418	Unfounded-No prosecution- Inmates were relocated and assigned special housing for their protection	8NE
ASA-18-013 11/10/18	YES	YES	Officer Toombs 18-174326 Detective Lewis	Inmate refused prosecution at this time-	5NW501
ASA-18-014 12/17/18	Yes	Yes	Officer Rucker 18-185864 Detective Wilson	unfounded	4NW112
ASA-18-015 12/29/18	YES	REFUSED By inmate	Officer Gray 18-189699	Unfounded by video	6SW600

DKSO policies stress the agencies' zero tolerance policy and provides guidelines to address prohibited and/or illegal sexually abusive behavior involving inmate perpetrator against staff victims, inmate perpetrator against inmate victims and staff perpetrator against inmate victims. Our officers, vendors, and volunteers are trained to detect incidents, perpetrators, and inmate victims of sexually abusive behavior and how to seek assistance. DKSO educates staff to intervene properly and in a timely manner by documenting, reporting, and investigating all reported incidents. Our training teaches our staff how to collect evidence in order to assist DeKalb Criminal Investigation Division (CID) in prosecuting perpetrators.

The protection and safety of our inmates is a top priority. The Sheriff's Office recognizes that addressing inappropriate sexual behavior by inmates and/or staff furthers the objectives of PREA by increasing the overall security and safety of institutions. DKSO maintains a partnership with local law enforcement and victim services within DeKalb County to formally prosecute cases. Through continual education of staff and inmates, DKSO has increased awareness of safe reporting and provided services to victims, thereby creating a facility culture that discourages sexual abuse. All outcries of sexual assault generates a report of the case, even if the incident occurred prior to arrest or while in custody at the DeKalb County Jail.

The Office of Professional Standards works hand in hand with the agency PREA Coordinator, Medical Staff, Jail Commanders, and community resources to monitor the abuse outcries to ensure the staff properly responds and provides the inmate the same resources that would be available to any DeKalb County citizen. The Annual review of reported incidents provides specific comparison data to track issues or concerns while ensuring the officers follow specific policies and procedures.



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2018	
Total PREA Reports Received by DKSO	15
In custody incidents reported	11
Incidents reported occurred prior to arrest	4
Inmate/ Inmate alleged sexual assaults	10
Officer/ Inmate alleged sexual assaults	0
Inmate/ Inmate alleged sexual harassment	0
Officer / Inmate alleged sexual harassment	1
Inmate received medical assistance/ Grady	14
Rape Kit performed	7
Forwarded to DKPD for criminal investigation	13
Incident criminally prosecuted	1
Method of reporting allegations:	
Reported to Officers	8
Reported to Medical staff	5
Reported by third party to OPS	1
Reported by outside law enforcement agency	1
Investigative Outcome of allegations:	
Sustained / prosecuted	1
Not sustained	0
Unfounded/ lack of evidence	10
Inmate refused to cooperate	4

Comparison Data:	2016	2017	2018
<b>Total # of PREA Complaints</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>
<b># of incidents occurred prior to arrest</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>
<b># of incidents while in custody</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
Victim Services			
# of victim received medical assistance	6	19	14
# of victims provided access to rape kit & evidence collection (at no cost to victim )	6	16 *2 refused services*	7 *4 refused Services*
Investigations/ Prosecution			
# of incidents investigated by outside law enforcement agency	7	19	13
of incidents investigated internally	1	0	2
# of incident prosecuted	2	1	1
# of incidents referred to other local law enforcement agencies for internal investigation	0	1	0
Internal Review of DKSO Custody Incidents			
# of incident internally sustained	2	0	1
# of incidents internally not-sustained	3	4	0
# of incident internally unfounded	1	5	10
# of allegations against DKSO vendor or contractor	1-Not sustained	0	0
# of allegations against DKSO officers/deputies	0	1 unfounded	0



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The Office of Professional Standards performs reviews of all PREA case files to ensure that DKSO staff followed proper procedures. In 2018, DKSO focused on creating multiple means of reporting abuse by allowing the inmate to report the incident to a confidential hotline or directly to our medical staff by submitting a medical grievance in the inmate kiosk located in each housing pod. These methods allow the inmates to report incidents without directly having to report to a sworn officer, and in a private manner which may not be overheard by other inmates. The PREA data showed thirteen (13) of the fifteen (15) allegations were reported directly to DKSO staff and/or medical vendors verbally. Eight (8) reports were made to officers and five (5) to medical staff. Inmates receive orientation in reference to the facility procedures, rules, regulations, and methods of reporting grievances and issues. The Sheriff's Office has created a PREA presentation that will provide information to all inmates within the first 48 hours of arrest and prior to the classification of a housing unit. The orientation involves verbal communication with an officer who is specifically trained to handle any concerns presented by the inmate. The data shows that while confidential methods are provided, the inmates feel confident that the officers will take action if an allegation is reported.

The number of reported incidents involving inmates in custody remained consistent between 2017 (10) and 2018 (11). The review of case investigative files have confirmed that the staff immediately notified supervisors, separated the inmates for safety, and attempted to preserve evidence. All inmates in custody were taken to our medical infirmary for evaluation and treatment. If applicable, these inmates were transported to Grady Memorial Hospital for additional treatment and a rape kit at no cost to the inmate. Grady Memorial Hospital employs certified forensic nursing staff to properly obtain evidence, provide assistance, and address the needs of the victims. DKSO is in contract with Grady Memorial Hospital to assist in the processing of the rape kits, address medical concerns, and provide additional resources for our inmates.

In 2018, the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office successfully completed our Bureau of Justice (BOJ) Prison Rape Elimination Grant Safeguard: "Establishing Zero Tolerance for Sexual Assault", which provided the agency with \$150,000 of federal funding directed towards our PREA compliance efforts. The project included the development of PREA related policy and protocol review, provided education to staff and inmates, and established clear mandatory reporting procedures for inmates who make allegations. DKSO used project funds to contract with expert advisors that reviewed our new policy and classification procedures surrounding PREA to make suggestions for implementation of the new standards. The outside sources of evaluation were essential in providing an unbiased critique of our procedures. The BOJ allotted our PREA staff the ability to attend a National Conference for training and networking opportunities, which permitted our agency to learn best practices from agencies throughout the United States. The grant project successfully completed all seven goals that were set for the project, and completed the required federal documentation prior to the deadline. Our goals provided a clear path to ensuring DKSO utilized the grant funds in ways which benefited our inmates, staff, and the community in which we serve.

The Sheriff's Office appreciates the collaboration of efforts from our community partners, fellow law enforcement agencies, and our contracted medical and mental health vendors. We work together to increase safety for the most vulnerable inmates in our facility while strengthening the foundation of safety for all inmates.



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