

Fiscal Year PREA Investigations Report 12/01/2015-12/01/2016

PREA standard 115.88 and 115.89 require Saluda County Detention Center to make available to the public a yearly report of corrective actions and our agency's progress in addressing sexual abuse.

This is first year that Saluda County has collected this data and begin implementing the Prison Rape Elimination Act, as most jails and prisons in SC are starting to also do. We have made many strides this year in educating our staff, contractors, volunteers and inmates on PREA Standards and best practices. Safety is always our first priority; for our inmates and our communities.

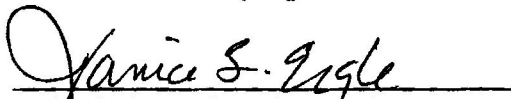
Once an allegation has been investigated and concluded to have occurred, we have an incident review team that meets to discuss what we can differently to ensure an incident of this nature does not happen again.

Below is a list allegations since. Names are not listed for confidentiality reasons.

Date	Allegation	Place	Outcome	Corrective Action
February 2016	Improper Pat Search	C-Unit	Unfounded	Counseled officer to ensure that he was doing the proper pat search technique in accordance with the criminal justice academy
June 2016	Improper touching of inmate	Kitchen	Unfounded	Counseled officer on Ethics and how to maintain professional boundaries with inmates
Sept. 2016	Improper conversation with inmates	Unit E	Unfounded	Counseled officer on Ethics and Professionalism when supervising inmates

In case there are substantiated, the victim and suspect are offered s forensic medical evaluation (where applicable for evidentiary purpose). This is also offered counseling at no cost to the victim.

At Saluda County Detention Center we dedicated to serving our county and community with the utmost respect and will the utmost respect and we will investigate all allegations of sexual abuse and harassment whether it be inmate on inmate on or staff on inmate. We hold our officers to a high level of professionalism and Major Ergle, the director of the detention center, has as an open door policy with all of our staff and is always open to new ideas and listening to staff concerns.

  
Major Janice Ergle, Jail Administrator