

Fiscal Year PREA Investigations Report 08/31/2015-12/31/2017

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

This is the first year that Laurens County has collected this data and began 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 the PREA standards and best practices. Safety is always our first priority; for our staff, 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 do differently to ensure an incident of this nature does not happen again.

Below is a list of substantiated allegations since August 31, 2015 – December 31, 2017. Names are not listed for confidentiality reasons.

Date	Allegation	Place	Outcome	Corrective Action
None reported during this time frame				

In cases that are substantiated, the victim and suspect are offered counseling at no cost to them, if they chose to partake. The victim is also offered a forensic medical evaluation (where applicable for evidentiary purposes). This is also offered at no cost to the victim.

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

We are currently taking applications for detention officers to help assist our facility in maintaining a high level of efficiency, professionalism as well as safety.