

# Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Audit Report Juvenile Facilities

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## Auditor Information

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## Agency Information

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| Name of Agency<br>Clarke County Sheriff Department   | Governing Authority or Parent Agency (If Applicable)<br>Clarke County Commission                              |   |   |
| Physical Address: 149 Clarke Street  | City, State, Zip: Grove Hill, AL 36451  |   |   |
| Mailing Address: P.O. Box 913  | City, State, Zip: Grove Hill, AL 36451  |   |   |
| Telephone: 251-275-4254  | Is Agency accredited by any organization? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |   |   |
| The Agency Is:   | <input type="checkbox"/> Military   | <input type="checkbox"/> Private for Profit | <input type="checkbox"/> Private not for Profit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County  | <input type="checkbox"/> State              | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal                |
| Agency mission:  |   |   |   |
| Agency Website with PREA Information: <a href="http://www.clarkecountyal.com">www.clarkecountyal.com</a> |   |   |   |

## Agency Chief Executive Officer

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| Name: Sheriff Ray Norris       | Title: Sheriff          |
| Email: raynorris1601@yahoo.com | Telephone: 251-275-4254 |

## Agency-Wide PREA Coordinator

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| Name: Jennifer Robertson | Title: PREA Coordinator |
| Email: jnjr9@yahoo.com   | Telephone: 251-275-4254 |

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| PREA Coordinator Reports to:<br>Sheriff Ray Norris | Number of Compliance Managers who report to the PREA Coordinator 0 |
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**Facility Information**

Name of Facility: Clarke County Short-Term Juvenile Detention Facility

Physical Address: 149 Clarke Street, Grove Hill, AL 36451

Mailing Address (if different than above): P.O. Box 913, Grove Hill, AL 36451

Telephone Number: 251-275-4254

The Facility Is:  Military  Private for Profit  Private not for Profit

Municipal  County  State  Federal

Facility Type:  Detention  Correction  Intake  Other

Facility Mission: The Mission of Clarke County Short-Term Detention Facility is to protect the interest and safety of the community and the juvenile (s) by providing a secure and safe environment.

Facility Website with PREA Information: www.clarkecountyal.com

Is this facility accredited by any other organization?  Yes  No

**Facility Administrator/Superintendent**

Name: Sheriff Ray Norris Title: Sheriff

Email: raynorris1601@yahoo.com Telephone: 251-275-4254

**Facility PREA Compliance Manager**

Name: Click or tap here to enter text. Title: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email: Click or tap here to enter text. Telephone: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Facility Health Service Administrator**

Name: QCHC, Inc. Title: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email: Click or tap here to enter text. Telephone: 251-275-4254

**Facility Characteristics**

Designated Facility Capacity: 2 Current Population of Facility: 0

Number of residents admitted to facility during the past 12 months 17

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| Number of residents admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for 10 days or more:   |                              | 0                                      |
| Number of residents admitted to facility during the past 12 months whose length of stay in the facility was for 72 hours or more:  |                              | 0                                      |
| Number of residents on date of audit who were admitted to facility prior to August 20, 2012:   |                              | 0                                      |
| Age Range of Population:   | 14-17 Years Old              |  |
| Average length of stay or time under supervision:  |                              | 72 hours or Less                       |
| Facility Security Level:   |                              | Secure                                 |
| Resident Custody Levels:   |                              | Secure                                 |
| Number of staff currently employed by the facility who may have contact with residents:  |                              | 6                                      |
| Number of staff hired by the facility during the past 12 months who may have contact with residents:   |                              | 0                                      |
| Number of contracts in the past 12 months for services with contractors who may have contact with residents:   |                              | 0                                      |
| <b>Physical Plant</b>  |                              |  |
| Number of Buildings:   | 1                            | Number of Single Cell Housing Units: 2 |
| Number of Multiple Occupancy Cell Housing Units:   | 0                            |  |
| Number of Open Bay/Dorm Housing Units:   | 0                            |  |
| Number of Segregation Cells (Administrative and Disciplinary):   | 0                            |  |
| Description of any video or electronic monitoring technology (including any relevant information about where cameras are placed, where the control room is, retention of video, etc.): |                              |  |
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| <b>Medical</b>   |                              |  |
| Type of Medical Facility:  | Hospital                     |  |
| Forensic sexual assault medical exams are conducted at:  | Grove Hill Memorial Hospital |  |
| <b>Other</b>   |                              |  |
| Number of volunteers and individual contractors, who may have contact with residents, currently authorized to enter the facility:  | 0                            |  |
| Number of investigators the agency currently employs to investigate allegations of sexual abuse:   | 1                            |  |

# Audit Findings

## Audit Narrative

*The auditor's description of the audit methodology should include a detailed description of the following processes during the pre-onsite audit, onsite audit, and post-audit phases: documents and files reviewed, discussions and types of interviews conducted, number of days spent on-site, and observations made during the site-review, and a detailed description of any follow-up work conducted during the post-audit phase. The narrative should describe the techniques the auditor used to sample documentation and select interviewees, and the auditor's process for the site review.*

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) on-site audit for Clarke County Sheriff's Short-Term Juvenile Detention Facility was conducted on September 06, 2017. The audit was conducted to determine compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (2003) and its' standards for zero tolerance of sexual abuse in juvenile correctional and residential facilities.

The Clarke County Sheriff's Office Short-Term Juvenile Detention Facility was established on April 6, 2015, and The Clarke County Sheriff is designated as the Chief Operating Officer and Facility Administration of the Short-Term Juvenile Detention. The Chief Deputy, followed by the Jail Administrator is next in the chain of command.

Clarke County Sheriff Short-Term Detention Facility has a maximum of 72-hour stay for ages 14-17, its purpose is to provide temporary care of delinquent children, or children alleged to be delinquent, in secure custody pending court dispositions or transfer to a long-term or residential facility for further care, or for a child to be returned to his/her home.

The Mission of this Detention Center is to protect the interest and safety of the community and the juvenile (s) by providing a secure and safe environment, to accomplish the mission, the facility states "a secure and orderly environment will be maintained through direct supervision by a well-trained staff".

As an agency the Clarke County Sheriff's Short-Term Juvenile Detention Facility are committed to operating efficiently, effectively, and with accountability for the resources provided. This facility promotes and affirms the following:

1. Safety and security are the top priority of our decision-making.
2. Youth can understand the impact of crime on others.
3. Youth can understand the ability to choose to be responsible and accountable for their behavior.
4. Youth deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.
5. The most effective services are individualized.
6. Value and Support a well-trained staff.
7. Personnel are involved in the decision-making process of the agency
8. Provide safe keeping of the juvenile pending 72-hour hearing and transportation.

The Clarke County Sheriff's Short-Term Juvenile Detention Facility is licensed by the Alabama Department of Youth Services (DYS). The juvenile living areas are cell styling units in design, with an eating area/dayroom sitting area directly in front of the living quarters. The current population at the time of the PREA audit was zero (0). There is one connecting building on the campus and two separate living quarters for the juveniles. The facility has several staff offices, a central control room with video surveillance from the sally port or receiving station throughout the building with electronic assistance at the doors. The Detention Center has one day/dining room, intake area, visitation area and a shower.

The audit process consisted of a review of the agency and facility. The pre-audit preparation included a thorough review of all documentation and material submitted by the agency and facility along with data included in the completed Pre-Audit Questionnaire. The audit team received primary documentation which consisted of policy and secondary documentation via email and mail for prior to and after the on-site phase of the audit process. The documentation reviewed also consisted of agency and facility policies, procedures, forms, education materials, training curriculum, organization charts, posters, brochures, inmate population reports, memorandums of agreement, signed training rosters, community-based contact information, facility schematic, and other Prison Rape Elimination Act related materials that were provided to demonstrate compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act standards.

During the review of material, the PREA Coordinator worked diligently with the Audit Team to ensure all material necessary was available for the Auditor to access in determining whether the standards for PREA were in compliance.

The audit team was allowed access to the agency and facility in order to conduct the audit (tour and interviews). After the initial meeting the audit team toured the facility accompanied by the PREA Coordinator. The auditor contact information was posted throughout the facility prior to the on-site phase of the audit, containing contact information for the lead auditor. The facility staff was fully cooperative with the auditor and audit process.

A schematic layout of the facility was provided prior to the audit. A list of staff, include assignments and roles was provided to the auditor however there were no housed juveniles for during the time of audit available for interviews.

Staff was questioned using the Department of Justice protocols that questioned their Prison Rape Elimination Act training and overall knowledge of the agency's and facility's zero tolerance policy, reporting mechanisms available to inmates and staff, the response protocols when an inmate alleges abuse, and first responder duties. A total of three (3) agency and facility staff were interviewed per random sampling from the auditor.

An exit interview was conducted at the end of the on-site visit by the audit team with the PREA Coordinator. There were no reported allegations of sexual abuse, harassment, or assault during this audit period (12 months).

The PREA Coordinator along with the Investigator where very knowledgeable of the process or properly reporting and had made a tremendous effort in making sure that The Clarke County Sheriff's Short-Term Detention Facility as a whole were trained and joined in the efforts to maintain and implement a sexually safe work environment.