

PREA AUDIT: AUDITOR'S SUMMARY REPORT

Community Confinement Facilities

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Date report submitted: February 25, 2016			
Facility Information			
Name of facility: Richmond County Correctional Institution			
Physical address: 2314 Tobacco Road, Augusta, GA 30906			
Telephone number: 706-798-5572			
The facility is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal
	<input type="checkbox"/> Private for profit	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal	<input type="checkbox"/> State
	<input type="checkbox"/> Private not for profit		
Facility Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Jail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prison	
Name of facility's Chief Executive Officer: Evan Joseph		Title:	Warden
Number of staff assigned to the facility in the last 12 months: 77			
Designed facility capacity: 350			
Current population of facility: 229			
Facility security levels/offender custody levels: Minimum, Medium			
Age range of the population: 18 and up			
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Agency Information			
Name of agency: Richmond County Correctional Institution			
Governing authority or parent agency: Richmond County, GA Government			
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AUDIT FINDINGS

NARRATIVE:

The audit of Richmond County Correctional Facility was conducted on February 24, 2016 by Katherine Brown, Certified PREA auditor. The areas toured were a total of eight housing units (open dorms), two (2) six man Administrative Segregation cells and six (6) isolation cells. Dorms 1 East houses 76 offenders; 2-East houses 76; 3-East houses 24; 4-East houses 50; 5-East houses 50; 1-West houses 24; 20West houses 24; 3-West houses 18 and two (6) man cells; Isolations has 6 individual cells. I toured each of the housing unit's plus the kitchen, laundry, programs area, and work areas.

An entrance meeting was held with Warden Evan Joseph.

Following the entrance meeting I toured the Richmond County Correctional Facility from 08:15 to 8:45. On the tour with me was Warden Evan Joseph Deputy Warden Blackburn.

I asked for an alpha listing of all offenders housed at Richmond County Correctional Institution and randomly selected 15 offenders to interview. Most of the offenders are out on various work details in the community. I asked for any offenders who were limited English speaking or had hearing/vision impairment to be interviewed. There were no hearing/vision impairment offenders there or limited English speaking offenders. I also asked for any offender who was transgender/intersex. There were no transgender/intersex offenders. I asked for a shift roster and randomly selected 8 staff to interview and conducted 10 Specialized Interviews.

There was one sexual assault harassment allegation cases within the past year which was unsubstantiated.

DESCRIPTION OF FACILITY CHARACTERISTICS:

The Richmond County Correctional Institution is a 350 bed male prison (work camp). The institution currently has a contract with the Georgia Department of Corrections to house 230 offenders. All of the offenders are convicted adult state felons. Richmond County Correctional Institution does not house youthful offenders.

The institution was initially constructed in 1963. The institution has a total of eight housing units (open dorms), two (2) six man Administrative Segregation cells and six (6) isolation cells. In addition, there is a chapel, fully operational kitchen, full operational laundry and a gymnasium. There is also a detached maintenance building, a warehouse and a storage shed.

SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS: (39)

Number of standards exceeded: 4

Number of standards met: 34

Number of standards not met:

Number of standards not applicable: 1

Standard number here	§115.211 - Zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; PREA coordinator
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- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 Policy I; GDOC SOP 208.06 IV. A.1; PREA Cards for Offenders and Staff. Based on interviews with PREA compliance manager.

Richmond County Correctional Institution has a written policy mandating zero tolerance toward all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment and outlines Richmond County Correctional Institution’s approach to preventing, detecting, and responding to such conduct.

Richmond County Correctional Institution employs or designates an upper-level, agency-wide PREA manager with sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA standards.

Standard number here	§115.212 Contracting with other agencies for confinement of offenders
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- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
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Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06; GDOC SOP 208.06 IV. A.2; GDC Contract and Contract with Trinity Food Service. Based on interview with agency’s warden.

All contracts include the entity’s obligation to adopt and comply with the PREA standards.

Any new contract or contract renewal provides for agency contract monitoring to ensure that the contractor is complying with the PREA standards.

Only in emergency circumstances in which all reasonable attempts to find a private agency or other entity in compliance with the PREA standards have failed, may Richmond County Correctional Institution enter into a contract with an entity that fails to comply with these standards.

Standard number here	§115.213 Supervision and monitoring
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- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 8 Prevention Planning; GDOC SOP 208.06 IV.A.3; SOP II A.07-0012 and RCCI Profile. Based on interview with Warden.

Richmond County Correctional Institution has developed, documented, and made its best efforts to comply on a regular basis with a staffing plan that provides for adequate levels of staffing and uses video monitoring, to protect offenders against sexual abuse.

In circumstances where the staffing plan was not complied with, Richmond County Correctional Institution documented and justified all deviations from the plan.

Richmond County Correctional Institution completes an annual review, in consultation with the PREA coordinator required by § 115.11, to assess, determine, and document whether adjustments are needed.

Standard number here §115.215 Limits to cross gender viewing and searches

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 11 (e-h); GDOC SOP 208.06 IV.A.5; SOP II B01-0013; PREA Card for Offenders and Staff; PREA training outline and sign in sheet and duty officer log.

Richmond County Correctional Institution does not conduct cross-gender strip searches or cross-gender visual body cavity searches (meaning a search of the anal or genital opening) except in exigent circumstances. Richmond County Correctional Institution documents all cross gender strip searches and cross gender visual body cavity searches, pat down searches of female offenders.

Richmond County Correctional Institution has policies and procedures that enable offenders to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without nonmedical staff of the opposite gender viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks. Such policies and procedures require staff of the opposite gender to announce their presence when entering an offender housing unit.

Richmond County Correctional Institution does not search or physically examine a transgender or intersex offender for the sole purpose of determining the offender’s genital status. If the offender’s genital status is unknown, it is determined during conversations with the offender, by reviewing medical records, or, if necessary, by learning that information as part of a broader medical examination conducted in private by a medical practitioner.

Richmond County Correctional Institution trains security staff in how to conduct cross-gender pat-down searches, and searches of transgender and intersex offenders, in a professional and respectful manner, and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with security needs.

Standard number here §115.216 Offenders with disabilities and limited English speaking

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 13; GDOC SOP 208.06 IV.A.6 (a&b); Mandatory PREA training; PREA cards for Offenders and Staff. Based on random offender and staff interviews.

Richmond County Correctional Institution takes appropriate steps to ensure offenders with disabilities (including, for example, offenders who are deaf or hard of hearing, those who are blind or have low vision, or those who have intellectual, psychiatric, or speech disabilities), have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of Richmond County Correctional Institution’s efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including steps to provide interpreters who can interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary.

Richmond County Correctional Institution does not rely on offender interpreters, offender readers, or other types of offender assistants except in limited circumstances where an extended delay in obtaining an effective interpreter could compromise the offender’s safety. None have been used or required.

Standard number here §115.217 Hiring and promotion decisions

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 9&10; GDOC SOP 208.06 IV.A.7 (a-d); SOP IV. O 03-0012; SOP IV. O 05-0001 and PREA background roster. Based on interview with the Warden who conducts all hiring’s and performs the background screenings.

Richmond County Correctional Institution does not hire or promote anyone who may have contact with offenders, and does not enlist the services of any contractor who may have contact with offenders, who has engaged in sexual abuse in any criminal justice facility, has been convicted of

engaging or attempting to engage in sexual activity in the community facilitated by force, overt or implied threats of force, or coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse; or has been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described above.

Richmond County Correctional Institution considers any incidents of sexual harassment in determining whether to hire or promote anyone, or to enlist the services of any contractor, who may have contact with offenders.

Richmond County Correctional Institution performs a criminal background records check before enlisting the services of any contractor who may have contact with inmates performs a records check annually of all current employees and contractors who may have contact with inmates. Reviewed annual background checks.

Based on background checks being performed annually on all staff and contractors I find they exceed in this standard.

Standard number here §115.218 Upgrades to facilities and technology

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed GDOC SOP 208.06 IV.A.8 Based on interview of warden.

When installing or updating a video monitoring system, electronic surveillance system, or other monitoring technology, Richmond County Correctional Institution considers how such technology may enhance Richmond County Correctional Institution’s ability to protect offenders from sexual abuse. There have been no substantial or modifications to existing facilities. There are 42 cameras that monitor inside and outside the institution.

Standard number here §115.221 Evidence protocol and forensic medical exams

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 9; GDOC SOP 208.06 IV.B. 1 (a-f); SOP IK 01-0006; SOP IIA-21-0001; Procedure for SANE Nurse; Mandatory training and PREA Cards for Offenders and Staff. Based on telephone interview with SANE staff and PREA compliance manager.

To the extent Richmond County Correctional Institution is responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse; Richmond County Correctional Institution follows a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions

Richmond County Correctional Institution offers all victims of sexual abuse access to forensic medical examinations, at an outside facility, without financial cost, where evidentiary or medically appropriate. Such examinations are performed by University Hospital Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs).

Richmond County Correctional Institution makes available to the victim a victim advocate from Augusta Rape Crisis Center.

As requested by the victim, a victim advocate, accompanies and supports the victim through the forensic medical examination process and investigatory interviews and provide emotional support, crisis intervention, information, and referrals.

To the extent Richmond County Correctional Institution itself is not responsible for investigating allegations of sexual abuse, Richmond County Correctional Institution requests that the investigating agency follow the requirements listed above.

Standard number here §115.222 Policies to ensure referrals of allegations for investigations

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 23 Investigations and GDOC SOP 208.06 IV.B.1. Based on interview with warden and investigative staff.

Richmond County Correctional Institution ensures that an administrative or criminal investigation is completed for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

Richmond County Correctional Institution has a policy that ensures allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are referred for investigation to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations, unless the allegation does not involve potentially criminal behavior. Richmond County Correctional Institution publishes such policy on its website www.augustaga.gov. Richmond County Correctional Institution documents all such referrals.

Georgia Department of Corrections Internal Investigations Unit is responsible for conducting criminal investigations, such publication describes the responsibilities of both Richmond County Correctional Institution and the investigating entity.

Standard number here §115.231 Employee training

Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)

Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)

Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 14 & 15 Staff Training & Education; GDOC SOP 208.06 IV. C.2; Lesson Plan Sexual Assault/Sexual Misconduct Acknowledgement Statement; PREA Card for Staff and New Employee Orientation. Based on interview with random staff.

Richmond County Correctional Institution trains all employees who have contact with offenders on:

- (1) Its zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse and sexual harassment;
- (2) How to fulfill their responsibilities under agency sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, reporting, and response policies and procedures;
- (3) Offenders' right to be free from sexual abuse and sexual harassment;
- (4) The right of offenders and employees to be free from retaliation for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment;
- (5) The dynamics of sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement;
- (6) The common reactions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment victims;
- (7) How to detect and respond to signs of threatened and actual sexual abuse;
- (8) How to avoid inappropriate relationships with offenders;
- (9) How to communicate effectively and professionally with offenders, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming offenders; and
- (10) How to comply with relevant laws related to mandatory reporting of sexual abuse to outside authorities.

The training is tailored to the gender of the offenders at Richmond County Correctional Institution. The employees receive additional training if the employee is reassigned from a facility that houses only male offenders to a facility that houses only female offenders, or vice versa.

Richmond County Correctional Institution documents, through employee signature, those employees understand the training they have received.

Based on knowledge of staff and Staff PREA cards that all staff showed me when I conducted their interviews I find Richmond County Correctional Institution exceeds in this standard.

Standard number here §115.232 Volunteer and contractors training

Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)

Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)

Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 16 Volunteer/Contractor; GDOC SOP 208.06 IV. C.3 (a-c) and Sexual Assault/Sexual Misconduct Acknowledgement Statement. Based on interview with volunteer and contractors.

Richmond County Correctional Institute has Trinity Food Service Contractors and Correct Care Solutions for medical services.

Richmond County Correctional Institution ensures all volunteers and contractors who have contact with offenders have been trained on their responsibilities under Richmond County Correctional Institution's sexual abuse and sexual harassment prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures.

The level and type of training provided to volunteers and contractors is based on the services they provide and level of contact they have with offenders, but all volunteers and contractors who have contact with offenders are notified of Richmond County Correctional Institution's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and informed how to report such incidents.

Richmond County Correctional Institution has documentation confirming that volunteers and contractors understand the training they have received.

Standard number here §115.233 Offender education

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 5 Offender Education; GDOC SOP 208.06 IV. C.4; Victim/Aggressor Classification; Offender Handbook; PREA Video; Posters; Language Line; American Sign Language and PREA Cards for Offenders. Based on interview with random offenders and intake staff.

During the intake process, offenders receive information explaining Richmond County Correctional Institution's zero-tolerance policy regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment and how to report incidents or suspicions of sexual abuse or sexual harassment.

Richmond County Correctional Institution provides refresher information whenever an offender is transferred to a different facility.

Richmond County Correctional Institution provides offender education in formats accessible to all offenders, including those who are limited English proficient as well as to offenders who have limited reading skills. Richmond County Correctional Institution would not receive any offenders who are deaf, visually impaired, or otherwise disabled, as well as to offenders who have limited reading skills. There is documentation of offender participation in these education sessions.

Standard number here §115.234 Specialized training: Investigators

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 6 Specialized Training Investigators; GDOC SOP 208.06 IV. C. 5; Investigator Training provided by Georgia Department of Corrections and NIC PREA Investigating Sexual Abuse in a Confinement Setting certificates. Based on interview with investigative staff.

In addition to the general training provided to all employees Richmond County Correctional Institution ensures that the in house investigators have received training in conducting investigations in confinement settings.

Specialized training includes techniques for interviewing sexual abuse victims, proper use of Miranda and Garrity warnings, sexual abuse evidence collection in confinement settings, and the criteria and evidence required to substantiate a case for administrative action or prosecution referral. Richmond County Correctional Institution maintains documentation that agency investigators have completed the required specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigations.

Georgia Department of Corrections that investigates sexual abuse in confinement settings provides such training to its agents and investigators who conduct such investigations.

Standard number here §115.235 Specialized training: Medical and mental health care

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 16 Medical and Mental Health Training; GDOC SOP VH01-0003; SOP VH04-0001; VH05-0001; VH05-0002 and NIC PREA Behavioral Health Care for Sexual Assault Victims in a Confinement Setting.

Richmond County Correctional Institution ensures that all full and part-time medical and mental health care practitioners who work regularly in its facilities have been trained in how to: detect and assess signs of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; preserve physical evidence of sexual abuse; respond effectively and professionally to victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; and how and to whom to report allegations or suspicions of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

Richmond County Correctional Institution maintains documentation that medical and mental health practitioners have received the training.

Medical and mental health care practitioners also receive the training mandated for employees, contractors and volunteers.

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 6 Screening for risk of sexual Victimization and Sexual Abusiveness; GDOC SOP 208.06 IV. D.1 (a-h); Victim/Aggressor Classification Screening and Case Notes. Based on interview with random offenders and intake staff responsible for screening. Only the counselors and Warden have access to the risk screening form.

All offenders are assessed during an intake screening and upon transfer to another facility for risk of being sexually abused by other offenders or sexually abusive toward other offenders.

Intake screenings take place immediately upon arrival at Richmond County Correctional Institution.

Richmond County Correctional Institution uses an objective screening instrument.

The intake screening considers, at a minimum, the following criteria to assess offenders for risk of sexual victimization:

- (1) Whether the offender has a mental, physical, or developmental disability;
- (2) The age of the offender;
- (3) The physical build of the offender;
- (4) Whether the offender has previously been incarcerated;
- (5) Whether the offender's criminal history is exclusively nonviolent;
- (6) Whether the offender has prior convictions for sex offenses against an adult or child;
- (7) Whether the offender is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming;
- (8) Whether the offender has previously experienced sexual victimization;
- (9) The offender's own perception of vulnerability; and

The initial screening considers prior acts of sexual abuse, prior convictions for violent offenses, and history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse, as known to Richmond County Correctional Institution, in assessing offenders for risk of being sexually abusive.

Within 30 days from the offender's arrival at Richmond County Correctional Institution, Richmond County Correctional Institution reassesses the offender's risk of victimization or abusiveness based upon any additional, relevant information received by Richmond County Correctional Institution since the intake screening.

An offender's risk level is reassessed when warranted due to a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse, or receipt of additional information that bears on the offender's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness.

Offenders are not disciplined for refusing to answer, or for not disclosing complete information in response to, questions asked.

Richmond County Correctional Institution implements appropriate controls on the dissemination within Richmond County Correctional Institution of responses to questions asked pursuant to this standard in order to ensure that sensitive information is not exploited to the offender's detriment by staff or other offenders.

Based on the intake being done immediately upon arrival I find they exceed in this standard.

Standard number here §115.242 Use of screening information

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 6 & 12 Housing Units; GDOC SOP 208.06 IV. D.2 (a-d); Sexual Victim/Sexual Aggressor Classification Screening; Richmond CCI PREA Local Procedure Directive. Based on interview with PREA compliance manager and counselors responsible for risk screening

Richmond County Correctional Institution uses information from the risk screening to decide housing, bed, work, education, and program assignments with the goal of keeping separate those offenders at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive.

Richmond County Correctional Institution makes individualized determinations about how to ensure the safety of each offender.

In deciding whether to assign a transgender or intersex offender to a facility for male or female offenders, and in making other housing and programming assignments, Richmond County Correctional Institution considers on a case-by-case basis whether a placement would ensure the offender's health and safety, and whether the placement would present management or security problems.

Placement and programming assignments for each transgender or intersex offender is reassessed at least twice each year to review any threats to safety experienced by the offender.

A transgender or intersex offender's own views with respect to his or her own safety are given serious consideration.

Transgender and intersex offenders are given the opportunity to shower separately from other offenders.

Richmond County Correctional Institution does not place lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex offenders in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status, unless such placement is in a dedicated facility, unit, or wing established in connection with a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment for the purpose of protecting such offenders.

Standard number here §115.251 Offender reporting

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 17 Reporting; GDOC SOP 208.06 IV. E.1 (a-e); PREA hotline; MOU with Augusta Rape Crisis Center and PREA cards for Offenders and Staff. Based on interviews with random staff and offenders.

Richmond County Correctional Institution provides multiple internal ways for offenders to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment, retaliation by other offenders or staff for reporting sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to such incidents.

Richmond County Correctional Institution provides at least one way for offenders to report abuse or harassment to a public or private entity or office that is not part of Richmond County Correctional Institution, and that is able to receive and immediately forward offender reports of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to agency officials, allowing the offender to remain anonymous upon request. Offenders can write to the Ombudsman Office State Board of Pardons and Paroles Office of Victim Services or Augusta Rape Crisis center.

Staff accepts reports made verbally, in writing, anonymously, and from third parties and promptly document any verbal reports.

Richmond County Correctional Institution provides a method for staff to privately report sexual abuse and sexual harassment of offenders.

Standard number here §115.252 exhaustion of administrative remedies

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 17 Reporting; GDOC SOP 208.06 IV. E.1 & 2 and GDOC SOP 227.02 Statewide Grievance Procedure.

Richmond County Correctional Institution does not impose a time limit on when an offender may submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse.

Richmond County Correctional Institution does not require an offender to use any informal grievance process, or to otherwise attempt to resolve with staff, an alleged incident of sexual abuse.

Richmond County Correctional Institution ensures that an offender who alleges sexual abuse may submit a grievance without submitting it to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint, and such grievance is not referred to a staff member who is the subject of the complaint.

Richmond County Correctional Institution issues a final agency decision on the merits of any portion of a grievance alleging sexual abuse within 90 days of the initial filing of the grievance.

Third parties, including fellow offenders, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, are permitted to assist offenders in filing requests for administrative remedies relating to allegations of sexual abuse, and are also be permitted to file such requests on behalf of offenders.

Richmond County Correctional Institution has established procedures for the filing of an emergency grievance when the offender is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse.

After receiving an emergency grievance alleging a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse, Richmond County Correctional Institution immediately forwards the grievance (or any portion thereof that alleges the substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse) to a level of review at which immediate corrective action is taken, and provides an initial response within 48 hours, and issues a final agency decision within 5 calendar days. The initial response and final agency decision documents Richmond County Correctional Institution 's determination whether the offender is in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse and the action taken in response to the emergency grievance.

Richmond County Correctional Institution may discipline an offender for filing a grievance related to alleged sexual abuse only where Richmond County Correctional Institution demonstrates that the offender filed the grievance in bad faith.

Standard number here §115.253 Offender access to outside confidential support services

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 17 Reporting and MOU with Augusta Rape Crisis Center. Based on interview with random offenders and offenders who reported sexual assault.

Richmond County Correctional Institution provides offenders with access to outside victim advocates through Augusta Rape Crises Center for emotional support services related to sexual abuse by giving offenders mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers. Richmond County Correctional Institution enables reasonable communication between offenders and these organizations and agencies, in as confidential a manner as possible.

Richmond County Correctional Institution informs offenders, prior to giving them access, of the extent to which such communications will be monitored and the extent to which reports of abuse will be forwarded to authorities in accordance with mandatory reporting laws.

Richmond County Correctional Institution maintains a memoranda of understanding with Augusta Rape Crisis Center.

Standard number here §115.254 Third party reporting

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 17 Reporting; GDOC SOP 208.06 IV. E.4 and PREA Cards for Staff.

Richmond County Correctional Institution has a method to receive third-party reports of sexual abuse/harassment and distributes publicly, information on how to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment on behalf of an offender.

Standard number here §115.261 Staff and agency reporting duties

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 19; GDOC SOP 208.06 IV.F.1 (g-i) and PREA Cards. Based on interviews with random staff; warden and medical/mental health staff

Richmond County Correctional Institution requires all staff to report immediately and according to agency policy any knowledge, suspicion, or information regarding an incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment that occurred in a facility, whether or not it is part of Richmond County Correctional Institution; retaliation against offenders or staff who reported such an incident; and any staff neglect or violation of responsibilities that may have contributed to an incident or retaliation.

Apart from reporting to designated supervisors or officials, staff do not reveal any information related to a sexual abuse report to anyone other than to the extent necessary, as specified in agency policy, to make treatment, investigation, and other security and management decisions.

If the alleged victim is considered a vulnerable adult under a State or local vulnerable person's statute, Richmond County Correctional Institution reports the allegation to the designated State or local services agency under applicable mandatory reporting laws.

Richmond County Correctional Institution reports all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, including third-party and anonymous reports, to Richmond County Correctional Institution's designated investigators.

Standard number here §115.262 Agency protection duties

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 12, 13 & 19; GDOC SOP 208.06 IV. F. 2; PREA Card for Staff and PREA Local Procedure Directive. Based on interviews with random staff, and warden

Immediate action is taken to protect offenders when Richmond County Correctional Institution learns that an offender is subject to a substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse.

Standard number here §115.263 Reporting to other confinement facilities

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 20 #3 Reporting to other Confinement Facilities and GDOC SOP 208.06 IV. F. 3. Based on interview with agency head and warden.

Upon receiving an allegation that an offender was sexually abused while confined at another facility, the head of Richmond County Correctional Institution that received the allegation notifies the head of Richmond County Correctional Institution or appropriate office of Richmond County Correctional Institution where the alleged abuse occurred. Such notification is provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation, and all actions are thoroughly documented.

Standard number here §115.264 Staff first responder duties

- X Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 20#4; Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 20#4; GDOC SOP 208.06 IV. F.4; Coordinated Action Plan; PREA Local Procedure Directive and PREA Card for Staff. Based on interview with security staff who are first responders and random staff.

Upon learning of an allegation that an offender was sexually abused, the first security staff member to respond separates the alleged victim and abuser; preserves and protects any crime scene until appropriate steps can be taken to collect any evidence; and if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence, request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating; and if the abuse occurred within a time period that still allows for the collection of physical evidence, ensure that the alleged abuser does not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, including, as appropriate, washing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, urinating, defecating, smoking, drinking, or eating.

If the first staff responder is not a security staff member, the responder request that the alleged victim not take any actions that could destroy physical evidence, and then notify security staff.

Based on all staff having a PREA First Responder Card I find they exceed in this standard.

Standard number here **§115.265 Coordinated response**

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 21 Institution Coordinated Response; GDOC SOP 208.06 IV. F. 5; Coordinated Action Plan and PREA Local Procedure Directive. Based on interview with warden.

Richmond County Correctional Institution has a written institutional plan to coordinate actions taken in response to an incident of sexual abuse, among staff first responders, medical and mental health practitioners, investigators, and facility leadership.

Standard number here **§115.266 Preservation of ability to protect residents from contact with abusers.**

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)
- Not applicable Standard

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Based on interview with agency head Richmond County Correctional Institution does not have collective bargaining.

Standard number here §115.267 Agency protection against retaliation

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 22 #7; GDOC SOP 208.06 IV. F.6 a-e); PREA Local Procedure Directive; 90 Day employee/Offender Sexual Abuse Review Checklist and PREA Cards for Staff. Based on interview with warden and designated staff member with monitoring retaliation.

Richmond County Correctional Institution has a policy to protect all offenders and staff who report sexual abuse or sexual harassment or cooperate with sexual abuse or sexual harassment investigations from retaliation by other offenders or staff, and designate which staff members or departments are charged with monitoring retaliation.

Richmond County Correctional Institution has multiple protection measures, such as housing changes or transfers for offender victims or abusers, removal of alleged staff or offender abusers from contact with victims, and emotional support services for offenders or staff that fear retaliation for reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment or for cooperating with investigations.

For at least 90 days following a report of sexual abuse, Richmond County Correctional Institution monitors the conduct and treatment of offenders or staff who reported the sexual abuse and of offenders who were reported to have suffered sexual abuse to see if there are changes that may suggest possible retaliation by offenders or staff, and act promptly to remedy any such retaliation. There are periodic status checks performed. Items Richmond County Correctional Institution should monitor include any offender disciplinary reports, housing, or program changes, or negative performance reviews or reassignments of staff. Richmond County Correctional Institution continues such monitoring beyond 90 days if the initial monitoring indicates a continuing need.

If any other individual who cooperates with an investigation expresses a fear of retaliation, Richmond County Correctional Institution takes appropriate measures to protect that individual against retaliation.

Standard number here §115.271 Criminal and administrative agency investigation

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 23-25 Investigations; GDOC SOP 208.06 IV. G.3; Investigations North Region Chart; Investigation Office of Professional Standards Chart; Special Investigations Unit Chart. Based on interview with investigative staff

When Richmond County Correctional Institution conducts its own investigations into allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, it does so promptly, thoroughly, and objectively for all allegations, including third-party and anonymous reports.

Where sexual abuse is alleged, Richmond County Correctional Institution uses investigators who have received special training in sexual abuse investigations.

Investigators gather and preserve direct and circumstantial evidence, including any available physical and DNA evidence and any available electronic monitoring data; interview alleged victims, suspected perpetrators, and witnesses; and review prior complaints and reports of sexual abuse involving the suspected perpetrator.

When the quality of evidence appears to support criminal prosecution, Richmond County Correctional Institution conducts compelled interviews only after consulting with prosecutors as to whether compelled interviews may be an obstacle for subsequent criminal prosecution. All criminal prosecution is conducted by OIC Criminal Investigations Division and Richmond County District Attorney’s Office.

The credibility of an alleged victim, suspect, or witness is assessed on an individual basis and is not determined by the person’s status as offender or staff. No agency requires an offender who alleges sexual abuse to submit to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device as a condition for proceeding with the investigation of such an allegation.

Office of Professional Standards conducts all administrative investigations which include efforts to determine whether staff actions or failures to act contributed to the abuse; and are documented in written reports that contains a thorough description of physical, testimonial, and documentary evidence, the reasoning behind credibility assessments, and investigative facts and findings, and attaches copies of all documentary evidence where feasible.

Substantiated allegations of conduct that appears to be criminal are referred for prosecution.

Richmond County Correctional Institution retains all written reports for as long as the alleged abuser is incarcerated or employed by Richmond County Correctional Institution, plus five years.

The departure of the alleged abuser or victim from the employment or control of Richmond County Correctional Institution or agency does not provide a basis for terminating an investigation.

Standard number here **§115.272 Evidentiary standard for administrative investigation**

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 25 #17 and GDOC SOP 208.06 IV. G.14. Based on interview with investigative staff.

Richmond County Correctional Institution imposes no standard higher than a preponderance of the evidence in determining whether allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are substantiated.

Standard number here §115.273 Reporting to offenders

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 25 #18; GDOC SOP 208.06 IV. G. 15 and Notification Letter. Based on interview with warden and investigative staff.

Following an investigation into an offender’s allegation that they suffered sexual abuse in an agency facility, Richmond County Correctional Institution informs the offender as to whether the allegation has been determined to be substantiated, unsubstantiated, or unfounded.

If Richmond County Correctional Institution did not conduct the investigation, it requests the relevant information from the investigative agency in order to inform the offender.

Following an offender’s allegation that a staff member has committed sexual abuse against the offender, Richmond County Correctional Institution subsequently informs the offender (unless Richmond County Correctional Institution has determined that the allegation is unfounded) whenever the staff member is no longer posted within the offender’s unit; the staff member is no longer employed at Richmond County Correctional Institution ; Richmond County Correctional Institution learns that the staff member has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within Richmond County Correctional Institution ; or Richmond County Correctional Institution learns that the staff member has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within Richmond County Correctional Institution .

Following an offender’s allegation that they had been sexually abused by another offender, Richmond County Correctional Institution subsequently informs the alleged victim whenever Richmond County Correctional Institution learns that the alleged abuser has been indicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within Richmond County Correctional Institution ; or Richmond County Correctional Institution learns that the alleged abuser has been convicted on a charge related to sexual abuse within Richmond County Correctional Institution .

All such notifications or attempted notifications are documented.

An agency’s obligation to report under this standard is terminated if the offender is released from Richmond County Correctional Institution’s custody.

Standard number here §115.276 Disciplinary sanctions for staff

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 26 #1 Discipline and GDOC SOP 208.06 IV. H.

Staff are subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination for violating agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies. Termination is the presumptive disciplinary sanction for staff who have engaged in sexual abuse.

Disciplinary sanctions for violations of agency policies relating to sexual abuse or sexual harassment (other than actually engaging in sexual abuse) are commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the acts committed, the staff member's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other staff with similar histories.

All terminations for violations of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies, or resignations by staff who would have been terminated if not for their resignation, are reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to any relevant licensing bodies.

Standard number here §115.277 Corrective action for contractors and volunteers

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 26 #2; GDOC SOP 208.06 IV. H.2; Sexual Assault/Misconduct Acknowledgment Statement for Employees, Unsupervised Contractors and Volunteers. Based on interview with warden.

Any contractor or volunteer who engages in sexual abuse is prohibited from contact with offenders and are reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the activity was clearly not criminal, and to relevant licensing bodies.

Richmond County Correctional Institution takes appropriate remedial measures, and considers whether to prohibit further contact with offenders, in the case of any other violation of agency sexual abuse or sexual harassment policies by a contractor or volunteer.

Standard number here **§115.278 Disciplinary sanctions for offenders**

Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)

X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)

Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg.26 #3; GDOC SOP 208.06 IV. H.3 and GDC SOP 508.18 MH/MR Discipline Procedure. Based on interview with medical staff.

Offenders are subject to disciplinary sanctions pursuant to a formal disciplinary process following an administrative finding that the offender engaged in offender-on-offender sexual abuse or following a criminal finding of guilt for offender-on-offender sexual abuse.

Sanctions are commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the abuse committed, the offender's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other offenders with similar histories.

The disciplinary process considers whether an offender's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to his behavior when determining what type of sanction, if any, should be imposed.

Richmond County Correctional Institution disciplines an offender for sexual contact with staff only upon a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact.

A report of sexual abuse made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred does not constitute falsely reporting an incident or lying, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation.

Richmond County Correctional Institution prohibits all sexual activity between offenders and may discipline offenders for such activity.

Standard number here **§115.282 Access to emergency medical and mental health services**

Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)

X Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)

Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 28 and GDOC SOP VH07-0001. Based on interview with medical staff.

Offender victims of sexual abuse receive timely, unimpeded access to emergency medical treatment and crisis intervention services University Hospital, the nature and scope of which are determined by medical and mental health practitioners according to their professional judgment.

If no qualified medical staff are on duty at the time a report of recent abuse is made, the nurse will be called to report to the facility, if they cannot be reached security staff first responders take preliminary steps to protect the victim and immediately notify the appropriate medical and mental health practitioners.

Offender victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated are offered timely information about and timely access to emergency contraception and sexually transmitted infections prophylaxis, in accordance with professionally accepted standards of care, where medically appropriate.

Treatment services are provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident.

Standard number here §115.283 ongoing medical and mental health care for sexual abuse victims

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 28. Based on interview with medical staff.

Richmond County Correctional Institution offers medical and mental health evaluation and, as appropriate, treatment to all offenders who have been victimized by sexual abuse in any prison, jail, lockup, or juvenile facility, through their medical provider Correct Care Solutions, Inc.

The evaluation and treatment of such victims include, as appropriate, follow-up services, treatment plans, and, when necessary, referrals for continued care following their transfer to, or placement in, other facilities, or their release from custody.

Richmond County Correctional Institution provides such victims with medical and mental health services consistent with the community level of care.

Offender victims of sexual abuse while incarcerated are offered tests for sexually transmitted infections as medically appropriate.

Treatment services are provided to the victim without financial cost and regardless of whether the victim names the abuser or cooperates with any investigation arising out of the incident.

Standard number here §115.286 Sexual abuse incident reviews

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 28 #2; GDOC SOP 208.06 IV.J; Sexual Abuse Incident Review Checklist and Monthly PREA report. Based on interview with warden, PREA compliance manager and incident review team.

Richmond County Correctional Institution conducts a sexual abuse incident review at the conclusion of every sexual abuse investigation, including where the allegation has not been substantiated, unless the allegation has been determined to be unfounded. This review occurs within 30 days of the conclusion of the investigation. The review team includes upper-level management officials, with input from line supervisors, investigators, and medical or mental health practitioners.

The review team considers whether the allegation or investigation indicates a need to change policy or practice to better prevent, detect, or respond to sexual abuse; whether the incident or allegation was motivated by race; ethnicity; gender identity; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex identification, status, or perceived status; or gang affiliation; or was motivated or otherwise caused by other group dynamics at Richmond County Correctional Institution ; and they examine the area in Richmond County Correctional Institution where the incident allegedly occurred to assess whether physical barriers in the area may enable abuse; assess the adequacy of staffing levels in that area during different shifts; assess whether monitoring technology should be deployed or augmented to supplement supervision by staff.

Standard number here §115.287 Data collection

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed RCCI 208.06 pg. 28 Data Collection.

Richmond County Correctional Institution collects accurate, uniform data for every allegation of sexual abuse at facilities under its direct control using a standardized instrument and set of definitions, and aggregates the incident-based sexual abuse data at least annually.

The incident-based data collected is based on the most recent version of the Survey of Sexual Violence conducted by the Department of Justice.

Richmond County Correctional Institution maintains, reviews, and collects data as needed from all available incident-based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews.

Richmond County Correctional Institution obtains incident-based and aggregated data from every private facility with which it contracts for the confinement of its offenders.

Upon request, Richmond County Correctional Institution provides all such data from the previous calendar year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30.

Standard number here **§115.288 Data review for corrective action**

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed 208.06 pg. 28 & 29. Based on interview with PREA Compliance Manager.

Richmond County Correctional Institution reviews data collected to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training, including identifying problem areas; taking corrective action on an ongoing basis; and preparing an annual report of its findings and corrective actions for each facility, as well as Richmond County Correctional Institution as a whole.

Such reports includes a comparison of the current year's data and corrective actions with those from prior years and provide an assessment of Richmond County Correctional Institution 's progress in addressing sexual abuse.

Richmond County Correctional Institution's report is approved by Richmond County Correctional Institution head and made readily available to the public through its website www.augustaga.gov/2232/Prison-Rape-Elimination-Act.

Standard number here **§115.289 Data storage, publication and destruction**

- Exceeds Standard (substantially exceeds requirement of standard)
- Meets Standard (substantial compliance; complies in all material ways with the standard for the relevant review period)
- Does Not Meet Standard (requires corrective action)

Auditor comments, including corrective actions needed if does not meet standard

Reviewed 208.06 pg. 28-29 Data Collection.

Richmond County Correctional Institution makes all aggregated sexual abuse data, from facilities under its direct control and private facilities with which it contracts, readily available to the public at least annually through its website www.augustaga.gov/2232/Prison-Rape-Elimination-Act.

All reports are securely retained and maintained for at least 10 years after the date of the initial collection unless Federal, State, or local law requires.

AUDITOR CERTIFICATION:

The auditor certifies that the contents of the report are accurate to the best of her knowledge and no conflict of interest exists with respect to his or her ability to conduct an audit of Richmond County Correctional Institution under review.

Katherine Brown

February 25, 2016

Auditor Signature

Date