LAW AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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MISSION STATEMENT

The California Penal Code is the foundation for the Grand Jury. The Law and Justice Committee, within the Grand Jury, pursuant to Penal Code §919(b) is charged with the oversight of all law enforcement agencies and custody facilities in Kern County. The Law and Justice Committee also reviews and takes action, as necessary, on citizen’s complaints related to these agencies.

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ACTIVITIES

REPORTS WRITTEN AND PUBLISHED:

- California City Correctional Facility
- McFarland Female Community Reentry Facility
- Central Valley Modified Community Correctional Facility
- Golden State Modified Community Correctional Facility
- California Correctional Institution Tehachapi
- Wasco State Prison Reception Center
- North Kern State Prison
- Kern Valley State Prison
- Kern County Sheriff's Office, Lerdo Facility

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ALSO VISITED AND ATTENDED:

- California City Correctional Facility
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- Kern Valley State Prison
- Kern County Sheriff's Office, Central Receiving Facility
- Kern County Sheriff's Office, Lerdo Facility
- Kern County Search and Rescue Unit
- Kern County Home and Garden Show participation
- Addressed and Responded to 14 Citizen Complaints
- Kern County Sheriff's Crime Lab
- California Grand Jury Association Training, Visalia
- California Grand Jury Association Report Writing Workshop
- Kern County Board of Supervisor Meetings
- Kern County District Attorney Department Indictment Hearing
- Kern County Grand Jury Awareness Month participation
- Delano, Shafter and Taft Modified Community Correctional Facility

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
California City Correctional Facility
"Today's Offender is tomorrow's neighbor"

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

PREFACE:

California City Correctional Facility (CAC) is designed to offer inmates who, based on their own behaviors and choices, are ready to take full advantage of program opportunities. Programs are volunteer based and are intended to incentivize and reinforce positive life choices.

PURPOSE OF INQUIRY:

Pursuant to California Penal Code §919(b), the Law and Justice Committee (Committee) of the 2018-2019 Kern County Grand Jury (Grand Jury) conducted a tour and inspection of CAC on August 9, 2018, to inspect and inquire into conditions and operations of the prison.

PROCESS:

The Committee reviewed prior Grand Jury reports, the California Department of Correction and Rehabilitation (CDCR) website, and CDCR publications. A CAC information packet was provided to each Committee member for review. A list of questions associated with the inspection of the facility was supplied to the Public Information Officer (PIO) of CAC. Responses were received by the Committee prior to the inspection. On the date of the inspection, the Committee met with the Interim Warden (Warden), the Administrative Assistant (who is the PIO), and various Executive staff. The Committee also interviewed two Custody staff members and two inmates.

FACTS:

A. Built in 1999 by Corrections Corporation of America (CCA), the California City Correctional Facility Prison was first utilized as a Federal prison to house Immigration and Customs Enforcement inmates. CCA was rebranded as CoreCivic on October 28, 2016.

B. The facility, according to CDCR, is located at 22844 Virginia Boulevard, California City, CA 93505.

C. Owned by CoreCivic, the facility was leased by CDCR in October of 2013. The California City Correctional Facility is now referred to as CAC. The facility is staffed and operated under the authority of the CDCR. The lease has been extended until 2020.

D. The facility received its first CDCR inmate in December 2013.

E. CAC is a Level II, all male, non-psychiatric, general population prison facility.

F. The facility consists of three separate housing units A, B, and C. All are located within one air-conditioned structure. Within each housing unit, there are three pods.

G. The only Administrative Segregation Unit (ASU) is located in Facility A.

H. CAC has a capacity of 2,550 beds. For August 8, 2018, the inmate count was 2,118.

- Facility A – 397 (Includes 32 ASU Inmates)
- Facility B – 841
- Facility C – 880

I. Inmates are housed in two-man cells at CAC. The only one-man cells are located in ASU.

FINDINGS:

F1. The CAC operational budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 is $75,955,501 with a separate medical budget of $22,566,863.

F2. CDCR leases CAC from CoreCivic for the current annual rate of $29,720,614 through 2020.

F3. Each Pod has an inmate member voted to the Inmate Advisory Council (IAC). The member is voted in by the residents of their respective pod. These representatives are the liaisons between the inmates and the staff. Staff and IAC members meet as needed to address concerns. The Lieutenants and the Captains meet with the IAC regularly. The Warden meets with the IAC quarterly.

F4. Each cell is equipped with an intercom to allow the inmate to communicate with the pod's Building Control staff.

F5. Through the CAC College Coordinator, inmates have access to college courses to obtain up to an Associate's Degree while incarcerated, with no charge to the inmate.

F6. Traditional academic classes are mandatory for inmates who do not have a high school diploma, or General Education Diploma (GED) equivalence.

Inmates study to qualify for a high school diploma or prepare for the GED test. These classes are held five days per week for three hours per day in traditional academic classrooms, or can be taken through the Voluntary Education Program (VEP).

F7. Inmate Activity Groups (IAGs) are available to inmates who warrant good standing based on their behavior.

F8. In March 2016, CAC established the PAWsitive Change Program, in partnership, with Marley's Mutts Dog Rescue. Rescued dogs are housed with their assigned inmates for twelve weeks as the rescued dogs receive training in Canine Good Citizenship (CGC). They are taught good behavior and prepared for adoption with a new family. The Inmate Trainers who participate in the program receive training in Dog Psychology. The program currently has 30 participants and there is a long waiting list to secure enrollment in the program. From this program, CAC has recently graduated its seventh session, rescued over 65 dogs and has successfully placed them into new family homes.

F9. There are currently 1,490 inmates waiting to be placed into an open slot for Educational classes, which include:

- Vocational Computer Literacy
- Vocational Electronics/Network Cabling
- GED Prep
- Adult Basic Education I, II, and III (ABE)
- Educational Clerks
- College and Elective Classes

F10. A large number of IAG self-help and self-rehabilitative programs are available. Showing initiative, by participating in these programs, inmates can earn credit towards early release. Some services are provided through Phoenix House, an outside Counseling service and Marley's Mutts. Programs include:

- Cognitive Behavioral Treatment (Phoenix House)
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment (Phoenix House)
- Parenting Classes (Education)
- Life Skills Classes (Education)
- Anger Management (Phoenix House)
- Criminal Thinking (Phoenix House)
- Family Relationships (Phoenix House)
- PAWsitive Change Program (Marley's Mutts/IAG)
- Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous (IAG)
- Inside Out Writers (IAG)
- Criminal Gangs Anonymous (IAG)
- Alternative to Violence (IAG)
- Inside Out Dad (IAG)

- Celebrate Recovery (IAG)
- Veteran Support Groups (IAG)
- Defy Ventures (IAG)
- Storytelling (IAG)
- Making Murals (IAG)
- Getting Out by Going In (IAG)
- Inmate Council (IAG)

F11. The Committee found the kitchen area of the facility to be excessively hot and humid. In an attempt to adjust the area temperature, large industrial fans were used. With no means to ventilate the area, the fans were having little to no effect.

F12. Hot meals are prepared on site by inmates in the main kitchen, while supervised by CDCR staff. Boxed lunches (cold meals) are provided by outside vendors and are distributed to the inmate at the conclusion of the breakfast seating. The daily average cost to feed an inmate is $3.21.

F13. CAC has staff Librarians for the Law Library and the General Library. Librarians utilize inmate aides to staff the libraries.

F14. Veteran Leisure Time Activity Groups are available for incarcerated veterans and/or a veteran's incarcerated family member.

F15. Other Educational interests:
- Educational Programs streamed from Office of Correctional Education
- Music (Instruments are available)
- Peer Mentor
- Criminal Thinking
- Voluntary Educational Program which provides ABE, GED, eLearning, College and elective life skills classes
- Library

F16. Inmates have the opportunity to spend up to 28 hours per week, in "yard time" participating in sports. Sports include softball, track, basketball, volleyball, soccer, horseshoes, flag football, and gym activities.

F17. CAC has just obtained funding and is currently installing optometry equipment.

F18. Satellite clinics are maintained in each facility for normal sick and pill call.

F19. Medical services available to inmates may include:

- Physical Therapy

- Mental Health Services
- Sleep Studies
- Ophthalmology
- Dentistry
- X-Rays
- Podiatry
- Hearing Analysis
- Lab Services
- Primary Care

F20. Medical teams located in Main Medical are comprised of two Doctors, two RNs, and two LVNs. One medical team is assigned to Facility A and two medical teams are assigned to Facility B and Facility C. These medical teams meet daily for medical services planning purposes and are the primary care givers assigned to the facilities.

F21. Telemedicine is available between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. After 6:00 p.m. if an inmate needs to be seen, there is a designated Doctor on call after regular hours.

F22. The average yearly cost per inmate for medical services is $8,037.

F23. To seek medical treatment, an inmate must fill out and submit a Medical Request Treatment Form. The submitted forms are picked up and evaluated daily. An inmate will be seen by medical staff within 24 hours. Inmates pay a $5.00 co-pay for the initial medical visit/treatment. Indigent inmates are waived the co-pay. Inmates are considered indigent if the balance in their money trust account is less than $1.00 for 30 days.

F24. The average yearly cost for housing an inmate is $42,150.

F25. Inmates, by performing paid jobs, can earn approximately $0.08 to $1.00 per hour, per day. Inmates may also earn time off from their sentence. Some paid jobs available to qualified inmates are:
- Adult Care Giver
- Bakery
- Barber
- Clerks
- Dining Room Cook
- Dining Room Line Server
- Dining Room Scullery
- Dining Room Worker
- Laundry
- Library Assistant
- Literacy Tutor

- Maintenance Mechanic
- Porter
- Recreational Aide
- Teacher's Aide
- Painter
- Plant Worker
- HVAC
- Electrical

F26. CAC is one of the ten designated facilities in the state for the Youth Offender Program (YOP). YOP provides counseling and mentorship to youths who volunteer for the program and are under the age of 22. This was initiated for inmates arriving at CAC on or after July 2015. Youths must have no in-custody misconduct within the last 12 calendar months.

F27. Different Ministries along with the prison Chaplains provide religious services and programs to the inmates. The following faith services are offered at CAC:
- Protestant
- Odinist/Asatru
- Nation of Islam
- Neterian
- Kairos
- Catholic
- Judaism
- Jehovah's Witness
- Talim
- Native American
- Buddhist

F28. Medical cleaning and sanitation services are performed by inmate porters who have received 20 hours of Biohazard Sanitation Training. Services are provided by the Healthcare Facility Maintenance through the California Prison Industry Authority.

F29. Video surveillance is throughout the facility. All common areas are surveilled, with retention of the videos for 90 days. Private areas such as showers, restrooms and cells are not surveilled.

F30. All inmates at CAC have parole dates.

F31. CAC does not house inmates that require Mental Health supervision. Should the need arise, a holding cell is available in Receiving and Release, to temporarily place an inmate until he can be evaluated by mental health staff (a psychologist and a social worker) and then reclassified and transferred to the appropriate facility.

F32. Staff informed the Committee that in the previous week, an inmate had overdosed on Fentanyl. A combined effort between Custody and Medical Staff contributed to saving the inmates' life.

F33. Staff informed the Committee that the CAC facility does have an issue with controlled substances, with heroin being the most prevalent. Additionally, a large number of cell phones were recently seized. Staff stated that some of the contraband is entering the facility through the use of drones.

F34. The visiting space in the facility is well maintained and has a capacity of 256 visitors. An inmate's potential visitor must fill out the Visiting Questionnaire (sent by the inmate to the visitor) to be approved. The Center staff will advise the inmate of the approval or rejection of the visitor. The schedule for both contact and non-contact visitations is determined using the last two digits of the inmates CDCR number. The schedule is in the Orientation Handbook.

F35. ASU inmates have visitations through video access and by appointment only. The potential visitor must call the Visiting Department by phone to schedule a visit.

F36. The Committee observed that, although space is limited, the multiple types of programs offered at CAC for the inmates are having a positive effect towards rehabilitation.

COMMENTS:

The Grand Jury would like to thank the Warden, along with his entire staff, for sharing their time, knowledge, providing documentation, interviews, and the cordial and informative tour of the facility.

The Grand Jury would also like to commend CAC for their forward thinking and proactive approach for providing rehabilitation programs that are accessible to the incarcerated inmates at the facility.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

R1. The Grand Jury recommends that CDCR explore the possibility of satellite portable classrooms to increase the availability of classes and programs to the inmates. (Findings 9 and 10)

R2. The Grand Jury recommends that CDCR consider additional methods to alleviate the excessive heat in the kitchen area. (Finding 12)

R3. The Grand Jury recommends that CAC continue providing self-help and rehabilitative programs to the inmates. (Finding 36)

NOTES:

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CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION TEHACHAPI

PURPOSE OF INQUIRY:

Pursuant to California Penal Code §919(b), Grand Juries shall inquire into the condition and management of public prisons within their county.

PROCESS:

Past Grand Jury reports and the California Department of Correction and Rehabilitation (CDCR) website were reviewed for continuity and a list of questions related to the inspection was sent for a response to the Public Information Officer (PIO) at California Correctional Institution (CCI) in Tehachapi, California.

On November 8, 2018, the Law and Justice Committee (Committee) of the 2018-2019 Kern County Grand Jury (Grand Jury) toured CCI. The Committee met with the Warden, Assistant Warden, PIO and Executive Staff to conduct a question and answer session. The Committee also interviewed custody staff and inmates.

BACKGROUND:

California Correctional Institution is located at 24900 Highway 202, Tehachapi, California, 93561, on 1,650 acres. The facility was originally built in 1932 to house female inmates serving time at San Quentin Prison and was named the Women's Department at San Quentin at Tehachapi. Female inmates were not transferred from San Quentin to the new Tehachapi housing facility for almost a year-and-a-half. Tehachapi's association with San Quentin ended in 1937 and the facility was renamed the California Institution for Women (CIW).

In 1952, an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.3 occurred in the southern San Joaquin Valley resulting in severe damage to the California Institution for Women. Subsequently, inmates were transferred to the newly constructed Women's Facility in Corona, California.

In 1954, after extensive rebuilding, CIW became an all-male facility and was renamed the Correctional Institution for Men (CIM). In 1964, CIM was renamed the California Correctional Institution. The prison added a new (Level II) medium security custody facility in 1967.

In 1985, CCI became California's first new maximum-security facility built in more than 100 years, incorporating a 180° view of selected housing units from the control booth. The following year, the prison added a new (Level III) medium custody facility.

FACTS:

A. The inmate population has decreased due to the passage of several California Assembly Bills and Propositions.

B. Two solar fields were completed on June 14, 2013 to supply energy to the grid. The prison draws no direct power from the solar fields.

FINDINGS:

F1. The CCI inmate population *at the time of the Grand Jury's visit had decreased due to a reduced population in Facility D due to construction of the roofs, which reduced the housing of four dorms. The repairs have been made and the dorms have been reactivated which since increased the population. Population levels at CCI have decreased from previous years due to the passages of (sic):*

- AB109 - *known as "realignment." This bill was to divert people convicted of certain classes of less serious felonies from Department of Corrections (state prison) to local county jails.*
- Proposition 36 - changed state law to allow qualifying defendants convicted of non-violent drug possession offenses to receive a probationary sentence in lieu of incarceration.
- Proposition 47 - offenders who commit certain non-serious and non-violent drug and property crimes would be sentenced to reduced penalties.
- Proposition 57 – *Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2016 requires judges to determine whether a juvenile should be tried as an adult, establishes parole consideration process for non-violent offenders who have served the full term for their primary criminal offense and are no longer considered a current threat to public safety and gives inmates the opportunity to earn additional credits for good behavior and participation in rehabilitative, educational and career training programs for reentry back into the community.*
- Non-Violent Second Striker - a "non-violent second-striker" having served 50 percent of their sentence, or are within 12 months of having served 50 percent of their actual sentence, they will be eligible for parole consideration under this new process.

F2. Primary care services offered at CCI include medical, dental and mental health services.

F3. CCI inmates are included in the City of Tehachapi's population count.

F4. As a result of the passage of AB 966, which requires CDCR to develop a five-year plan to extend the availability of condoms in all California prisons, condoms are now available to all CCI inmates.

F5. CCI is renovating the health clinics in Facilities A and B. New health clinics are almost completed at Facilities C, D and E.

F6. The operating budget for CCI is $205,812,965:
- Custody = $156,973,703
- Inmate Related = $33,652,776
- Administration = $9,148,163
- Education = $5,977,230
- Correctional Resource = $61,093

F7. The medical budget has an allotment of $33,099,388; the projected cost is $33,563,496.

F8. The total average yearly cost per inmate is approximately $79,170. Included in this cost is:
- Security
- Health Care
- Facility Operations
- Records
- Administration
- Food
- Activities
- Rehabilitation Programs

F9. Annual medical cost per inmate is approximately $11,076.

F10. The current food budget daily allotment for an inmate is $3.52. Actual cost is approximately $3.89 per day.

F11. All meals are prepared on site at CCI.

F12. CCI has five separate cook/serve kitchens:
- Facility A cooks meals onsite
- Facility B has meals prepared and cooked at Facility D and brought to Facility B for distribution
- Facility C meals are prepared and cooked on site
- Facility D meals are prepared and cooked on site
- Facility E meals are prepared and cooked at Facility D and brought to Facility E

F13. Inmates housed in Facilities A and B are fed in their cells. Inmates housed in Facilities C, D and E, receive their meals in the Dining Hall.

F14. Facility Bed capacity by level per housing unit:

- Facility A – Level IV: 744
- Facility B – Administrative Segregation Unit (ASU): 80
- Facility B – Level IV (Includes ASU): 731
- Facility C – Level III: 875
- Facility D – Level II: 1,120
- Facility E – Level I: 924
- Firehouse Inmates: 8
- Authorized capacity: 4,322

F15. Current staffing is:

- 945 Sworn Custody Employees (includes Management)
- 257 Non-Sworn Custody Employees
- 249 Health Care Employees

F16. Educational and Vocational classes provided to inmates include:

A. Academic:

- Adult Basic Education I, II & III (ABE)
- General Educational Development (GED)

B. Voluntary Education Programs:

- High School Diploma Class
- GED/ABE Class
- College Classes (two coordinators all facilities)

C. Vocational Classes:

- HVAC
- Welding
- Office Services
- Electronics
- Auto Mechanics
- Auto Body Paint
- Building Maintenance
- Carpentry
- Transitions skills for re-entry after parole

F17. School is mandatory for inmates without a High School Diploma or GED.

F18. The School graduates approximately 90 inmates with a GED and approximately 30 inmates with a High School Diploma each year.

F19. Self-Rehabilitative programs available to inmates are:

- Narcotics Anonymous
- Alcoholic Anonymous
- Criminal Gangs Anonymous

- Celebrate Recovery
- Inside Out Writers
- Hustle 2.0
- Critical Thinking
- Substance Abuse Program
- Anger Management
- Family Relations

F20. Inmate Leisure Time Groups (ILTAGs) available to inmates are:

- Getting Out by Going In
- Prison Fellowship
- Place 4 Grace
- Debate
- Drama
- Veterans
- Lifers
- Actor's Gang
- Kairos
- Catalyst
- Arts in Corrections
- Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative

F21. CCI no longer has a Security Housing Unit (SHU).

F22. Medical Staff on site includes:

- Physicians
- Physician's Assistant
- Nurse Practitioners
- Registered Nurses (RN)
- Licensed Vocational Nurses
- Lab Techs
- Radiology Techs
- Pharmacists
- Pharmacy Techs
- Psychologists
- Social Workers
- Psychiatrists
- Dentists
- Dental Hygienists
- Dental Assistants

F23. Medical clinic hours:

- Providers: 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Off hours: Triage Treatment Area, 24 hours per day

F24. Medical Care Services provided on site includes:

- Emergency
- Urgent
- Primary
- Chronic
- Acute
- Dental
- Mental Health
- Preventative

F25. Specialty Services includes:

- Audiology
- Optometry
- Physical Therapy
- Orthotics
- Spirometry
- Sleep Studies
- Procedure Clinics
- Eyewear Delivery
- Gastrointestinal Clinic
- Telemedicine

F26. For non-emergency issues, inmates must complete a CDCR form 7362 Healthcare Service Request and submit it to the healthcare staff. Each form is reviewed by an RN and the patient is scheduled/treated per policy and protocol.

F27. Faith Services offered includes:

- Protestant
- Catholic
- Jewish
- Native American
- Islamic
- Odinist
- Rastafarian
- Wiccan
- Satanic
- Apostolic
- Latter Day Saints
- Jehovah's Witness
- Buddhist

- God & Earth
- Unitarian

F28. *Since the last Grand Jury visit (11/30/2017), there have been six riots and a total of five deaths, three of which were suicides*.

F29. Phase I of the Road Replacement Project was completed in November 2017. Phases II and III of the Road Replacement Project have been approved, and are pending the funding approval from the California Department of Finance.

F30. The 2016-2017 Kern County Grand Jury's report on CCI made seven recommendations, all of which have been addressed and completed.

COMMENTS:

The Grand Jury would like to thank the Warden, Assistant Warden, Public Information Officer and the Executive Staff for the gracious and hospitable meeting and informative tour of the facility.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Grand Jury has no recommendations at this time.

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION

The GEO Group, Inc.
Central Valley Modified Community Correctional Facility

PURPOSE OF INQUIRY:

Pursuant to California Penal Code §919(b), the Law and Justice Committee (Committee) of 2018-2019 Kern County Grand Jury (Grand Jury) shall inquire into the condition and management of the public prisons within the county.

PROCESS:

The GEO Group, Inc. (GEO) and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) websites were researched; various publications and prior Grand Jury Reports were reviewed for additional content and informational continuity.

Pre-inspection questions regarding the facility were sent to the Assistant Warden. The responses to the questions were received by the Committee prior to the inspection and tour.

On October 25, 2018, the Committee attended a question and answer meeting with the Warden, the Assistant Warden, CDCR Staff and other GEO Executive Staff. After the meeting, the Committee was provided with a tour of the facility.

The Committee observed various inmate group sessions and participated in dialog with inmates regarding the programs and conditions of the institution.

FACTS:

A. Central Valley Modified Community Correctional Facility (CVMCCF) is an all-male correctional facility contracted between CDCR and GEO to house Sensitive Needs Yard inmates at custody Level I and Level II.

B. CVMCCF was financed, designed and built by GEO in 1997. It is located at 254 Taylor Avenue, McFarland, CA 93250.

C. The Facility received an initial American Correctional Association (ACA) accreditation score of 98.36% in August of 2016, which is valid for 3 years.

D. The contract with CDCR and GEO expired on June 30, 2018.

E. A total of $7,000 in scholarships is funded through GEO for CVMCCF to award to McFarland High School graduates.

FINDINGS:

F1. The new five-year contract for CDCR and GEO was signed in July 2018 and is valid through June 2023.

F2. The operating budget for CVMCCF is $16.1 million.

F3. The last fire inspection for CVMCCF was performed on March 18, 2018. No deficiencies were found.

F4. Inmates at CVMCCF have 5 – 10 years remaining on their sentence. The average stay is 3¾ – 4 years.

F5. The maximum occupancy for CVMCCF is 700 inmates. On the date of inspection, the population was 673:
- 2 housing units (Units A and B), each has 4 dorms:
  - Unit A - 337
  - Unit B - 334
- Receiving and Release (R&R) - 2

F6. The CDCR Captain for CVMCCF supervises three facilities:
- Golden State Modified Community Correctional Facility
- Central Valley Modified Community Correctional Facility
- Desert View Modified Correctional Facility

F7. In addition to the CDCR Captain, the CDCR staff on-site consists of:

- Lieutenant – 1
- Sergeants – 5
- Correctional Counselor I – 4
- Correctional Counselor II – 1
- Correctional Counselor III – 1
- Parole Services Agent – 1

F8. The GEO staff at CVMCCF includes:

- Administration – 16
- Maintenance – 2
- Programs – 25
- Food Service – 6
- Security – 150

F9. Staff and inmates are subject to random drug testing. Year-to-date tests have resulted in no positive results for both sectors.

F10. The Staff perform quarterly emergency response drills. Included are man-down, fire and suicide drills.

F11. The facility is notified on Thursday, of the following week's inmate transfers into CVMCCF via name and CDCR identification.

F12. Per California Code of Regulations, Title 15, §3375 (a) and (b), *each inmate shall receive a preliminary classification at a county facility prior to reception at a departmental institution. The classification process shall take into consideration the inmate's needs, interest and desires his/her behavior and placement score in keeping with the Department and the institution/facility program, security missions and public safety*.

F13. The Receive and Release (R&R) process routinely takes approximately four hours, in or out. R&R has 13 available single occupant cells. For disciplinary actions, an inmate may be housed in the R&R Temporary Holding Cell (THC) for up to 10 days.

F14. The R&R and medical cells at CVMCCF use the *PIPE* electronic system, for the inmate welfare/security safety checks data information gathering, to create a permanent verifiable log.

F15. There is no x-ray machine for package inspections in R&R. All items accompanying an inmate are hand searched, inspected, inventoried and accounted for in triplicate on CDCR Form 1083, signed by the inmate and attached to the outside of the box. A photocopy of the original list is placed inside all boxes containing inmate's items. Changes, either in to or out of an inmate's inventory, are accounted for in triplicate on the CDCR property transfer receipt (CDCR Form CDC-0143). The inmate will sign the document to attest that all items have been accounted for.

F16. Inmates can receive one package each quarter from family or from a CDCR approved outside vendor. If the package is acceptable for receipt, the inmate's inventory changes are made (as described in F15). The inmate typically receives the new inventory item within a day. Items that are not acceptable will either be packaged and added to the inmate's inventory or shipped to the inmate's family. The inmate is responsible for any shipment charge.

F17. Daily meal average cost per inmate is $0.86.

F18. The Food Service Supervisor has five supervisor cooks who work with inmates in the preparation of the meals provided to inmates. The inmates receive three hot meals per day in the facility's dining hall.

F19. Special diets including vegetarian, kosher and Halal are served at the facility. An outside vendor provides pre-packaged kosher and the Halal meats. These meals are put together on-site for distribution to the inmates.

F20. The CVMCCF staff utilizes a staff break room for meals and breaks. Staff can receive one of the daily meals prepared by the kitchen through the break room service window.

F21. Medical services are contracted to and provided by an outside vendor.

F22. The CVMCCF medical services budget is calculated at $5.57 per diem, using an average inmate count of 685.

F23. Medical staff is notified as soon as the facility is made aware of the pending arrival of a new inmate. Staff will perform a cursory examination, usually within 24 hours of arrival at CVMCCF, for medical and mental health issues. Inmates found to have significant medical and/or mental health needs are not admitted to CVMCCF. These inmates are transported to North Kern State Prison, the hub facility, for a thorough evaluation and transfer to the appropriate facility that can accommodate the inmate's needs.

F24. CDCR is responsible for all transportation of inmates once remanded into CDCR custody.

F25. Inmates pay $5.00 co-pay for the initial sick call visit. No co-pay is due for any follow up visits.

F26. Sick call requests (CDCR Health Request Form 7362) are reviewed by the medical staff every 24 hours. An inmate with a routine sick call request is seen within 72 hours. Urgent cases are seen within 24 hours. Inmates requesting a specialist are normally seen within 90 days.

F27. All inmates receive an annual tuberculosis test.

F28. The on-site lab is a draw-only site. Blood draw and urine test results are available within three to five days. Emergency (STAT) results are returned within two - four hours.

F29. There are two holding cells in the infirmary equipped with cameras. If either of the two cells is set up as an examination room, camera surveillance equipment is not used.

F30. Suicide rescue tools are available in the medical clinic.

F31. All staff are trained and certified in CPR/Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

F32. All medical equipment is checked daily. Items used from the medical kits are resupplied as soon as practical.

F33. On-site medical equipment includes:

- AED – 2
- Electrocardiogram (known as an EKG) – 1
- Bag Kits – 2
- Oxygen – 2
- Emergency Stretcher – 1
- Gurney – 1

F34. The facility does not have an on-site pharmacy. An outside vendor is used for prescription and non-prescription orders. Medication pill-call is conducted twice daily at 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

F35. The facility has a dental room where some dental services are offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

F36. CVMCCF is not a designated disability placement facility. However, CVMCCF does accept hearing impaired inmates who wear identifying yellow vests for their safety.

F37. California Proposition 57 was an initiative passed to incentivize inmates to take responsibility for their own rehabilitation with credit earning opportunities. Credits are earned by sustained good behavior, in-prison program and activity participation for reducing their sentence time in prison. Credits can be earned through completion of the following Rehabilitative Programs:

- Academic
- Substance abuse treatment
- Social life skills
- Career technical education
- Cognitive behavioral treatment
- Anger Management
- Criminal Thinking
- Family Relations
- Job Readiness

Several Inmate Leisure Time Activity Groups (ILTAGS) are eligible for Rehabilitative Achievement Credits (RAC):

- Central Valley Music Program
- Coastline College Study Hall
- Redemption For Youth/Criminal Gang Members Anonymous
- Real Estate Club
- Narcotics/Alcoholics Anonymous
- HTML/CSS3
- Spoken Word/ Poetry Club
- Man-Up
- Getting Out By Going In (GOGI)
- Veteran's Support Group
- Restorative Justice

F38. Per the California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Crime Prevention and Corrections §3043.5, inmates can earn time off their sentence by earning Educational Merit Credits. Additional Credits shall be awarded in the increments set forth upon demonstrated completion of the corresponding diploma, certificate or degree. The amount of days earned off an inmate's sentence varies with the educational level achieved. Inmates enrolled in two programs at the same time will only receive credit/merits for one program. (See Appendix A: Educational Merit Credits)

F39. Educational opportunities are abundant at CVMCCF. All inmates who do not have a high school diploma are required to enroll in educational classes. An inmate has the option to test out of mandatory educational classes. If the inmate passes the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), he will be awarded his diploma. Year-to-date there has been 26 GED graduates.

F40. CVMCCF is a HiSET accredited test center. HiSET classes which are also available in Spanish include:

- Reading
- Writing
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
    - American History
    - Civics
    - Economics
    - Geography
    - World History

F41. Current enrollment in vocational training with classroom hands-on application is 102 inmates. Vocational courses include:

- Vocational Core (Pre-requisite for participation in vocational courses)
    - Core curriculum (sanctioned by National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER))
        - Basic Safety
        - Basic Math
        - Hand Tools
        - Constructive Drawing
        - Communication Skills
        - Basic Employment Skills
    - Plumbing
    - Electrical
    - Dry Wall
    - Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC)
- Computers and Related Technology – Fundamentals
    - Computer Concepts
    - Windows 8
    - Microsoft
        - Office 2013
        - Power Point
        - Word
        - Excel

- Computers and Related Technology – Advanced Curriculum
    - Computer Concepts
    - Windows 8
    - Microsoft
        - Office 2013
        - Power Point
        - Word
        - Excel
        - Access
        - Outlook

F42. An educational dorm is available to inmates who are currently attending an academic class, and fulfilling the duties of a tutor, or a dorm porter. Inmates requesting residence in this dorm must have no disciplinary problems and be in good standing with the facility. The dorm is equipped with three computers and a mini library/reading room. Educational television programming is available on one of three TVs to the residents of this dorm. *If an inmate receives a disciplinary action, he may be removed from his assignment depending on his violation and/or points. If he is removed from his academic assignment, ONLY then would he no longer be eligible for housing in the academic dorm.*

F43. The Administrative staff informed the Committee that the facility contract sets the number of educational staffing allowed. Classes offered are:

- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Adult Basic Education I (ABE)
- General Education Development (GED)
- HiSET
- Bakersfield College (BC) maintains an on-site professor. Classes available through BC
    - English
    - Psychology B5
    - Spanish B1
    - Business
    - History
    - Philosophy
    - Social Science
    - Health
    - Biology
    - Geology
    - Astronomy
    - Communications
    - Anthropology

F44. The facility provides a general library, which also serves as a law library. The librarian supervises the inmate assistants. Musical instruments are available for check out to the inmates. Book donations (paperback books) are accepted from the public. The library is open to inmates on Tuesday and Wednesday 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., and Thursday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The book cart is in operation Sunday and Monday for inmates use. The library provides access to the Automated Rehabilitation Catalog and Information Discovery (ARCAID) for limited internet access research.

F45. The library also has LexisNexis services, which provides users with computer assisted access to searchable documents and records from legal, news and business resources.

F46. Notary services are available through the library.

F47. Religious services are provided by population requests:

- Malachi Dad
- Celebrate Recovery Inside
- Prison Fellowship Academy
- Christianity
- Christian Science
- Catholicism
- Esoteric Wisdom of The West
- Native American Religion (AMI)
- Jehovah's Witness
- Buddhism
- Islam
- Odin-ism
- Asatru
- Wiccan
- Satanism
- Messianic Jewish
- Latter-day Saints

F48. Jobs available to inmates who have earned the privilege are:

- Janitors
- Laborers
- Laundry
- Shoe Shiner
- Barber
- Clerks; such as Library, Mail, Sales
- Groundskeeper
- General Maintenance
- Porter
- Clean Team

- Bakers
- Cooks
- Kitchen workers
- Painters
- Teacher's Aides
- Library Aides
- Machine Operator
- Non-certified Peer Mentors
- Recreation Assistant
- Warehouse Workers
- Floor Specialist

F49. Inmates at CVMCCF are allowed to paint approved murals in the facility. (See Appendix B)

COMMENTS:

The Committee would like to thank the Warden, Assistant Warden, CDCR Staff and the Executive Staff for the informative and thorough tour of the facility. The information provided to the Committee along with the overview of the facility proved to be valuable and has given more insight to the operation of CVMCCF.

The Grand Jury recognizes and applauds the high level of programming available to the inmates for reentry into the community.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

R1. The Grand Jury recommends that CDCR and GEO inquire into funding for the installation of an X-Ray machine in the R&R department of CVMCCF. (Finding 15)

NOTES:

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APPENDIX A: Title 15, Section 3043.5, Educational Merit Credits

Category	Description	Credit
1	High School Diploma or High School Equivalency approved by the California Department of Education	90 Days
2	Offender Mentor Certification Program (alcohol and other drug counselor certification recognized and approved by the California Department of Health Care Services)	180 Days
3	Associates of Arts or Science Degree	180 Days
4	Bachelor of Arts or Science Degree	180 Days
5	Post-Graduate Degree	180 Days

APPENDIX B: MURAL PHOTOS @ CVMCCF

Pictures by CVMCCF Staff

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Dear Honorable Judge of the Superior Court:

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) is in receipt of the 2018-2019 Kern County Grand Jury report for the tour of the Central Valley Modified Community Correctional Facility (CVMCCF).

In regards to the recommendation that CDCR and the GEO Group inquire into funding for the installation of an X-Ray machine in the Receiving and Release department of CVMCCF, we will evaluate possible funding sources for the recommended equipment. As directed in the notes, a copy of this report will be posted where it will be available for public review.

Regarding item F25, as of March 1, 2019, inmates are no longer required to pay a co-pay for initial or subsequent medical or dental visits.

We appreciate the efforts of the Grand Jury to review and provide recommendations related to the operation of the CVMCCF. If you have any additional questions, please contact Joe Moss, Chief, Contract Beds Unit, at (916) 464-4508.

Sincerely,

CONNIE GIPSON
Director
Division of Adult Institutions

Enclosure

cc: Joe Moss, Chief, Contract Beds Unit

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION

The GEO Group, Inc.
Golden State Modified Community Correctional Facility

PURPOSE OF INQUIRY:

Pursuant to California Penal Code §919(b), the Law and Justice Committee (Committee) of 2018-2019 Kern County Grand Jury (Grand Jury) shall inquire into the condition and management of the public prisons within the county.

PROCESS:

Pre-inspection questions regarding the facility were sent to the Assistant Warden. Responses to the questions were received by the Committee prior to inspection and tour.

On October 16, 2018, The Law and Justice Committee of the Grand Jury toured GSMCCF.

The Committee attended a question-and-answer meeting with the Warden, the Assistant Warden and other Executive Staff. Also present at the meeting, were the Lieutenant and staff of The GEO Group, Inc. (GEO). The Committee observed and participated in some group sessions with inmates.

GEO and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) websites were researched. Publications available on the websites were used to gather information regarding the facility.

The Committee accessed prior Grand Jury reports for continuity and information.

FACTS:

A. Golden State Modified Community Correctional Facility is an all-male minimum to medium security facility designed to house custody inmates and parole violators for CDCR. GSMCCF is operated for CDCR by GEO.

B. GSMCCF was financed, designed and built in 1997 by GEO. It is located at 611 Frontage Road, McFarland, CA 93250.

C. The contract for CDCR with GEO expired June 30, 2018.

D. The facility staff refers to the inmates as clients.

E. GSMCCF was originally accredited through the American Correctional Association (ACA) in 2015 with a score of 98.4%. It was reaccredited in 2018 with a score of 98.6%. The ACA is involved with the development and the establishment of national standards for the corrections field.

F. GSMCCF through GEO, provides the following opportunities:
- Educational
  - Computer lab
  - Library
- Vocational
- Counseling for drug and alcohol dependency
- Pre-release instruction
- Life and social skills development
- English as a second language
- General Education Diploma (GED) instruction
- Computer programming

G. The fully equipped kitchen provides meal services for all clients.

H. GEO at GSMCCF also provides Medical and Dental services.

FINDINGS:

F1. The new contract between CDCR and GEO was signed in July 2018, for the duration of July 2018 through June 2023. The signed contract is for a three-year term with a two-year extension.

F2. A total of $7,000 in scholarships, through GEO and GSMCCF, are available to McFarland High School graduates.

F3. The capacity of GSMCCF is 700 clients. On the day of inspection, the client count was 669. Breakdown as follows:

- Dorm A

Pod 1 – 80
Pod 2 – 87
Pod 3 – 85
Pod 4 – 86
Total: 338

- Dorm B

Pod 1 – 78
Pod 2 – 87
Pod 3 – 85
Pod 4 – 81
Total: 331

F4. The average clients' stay at GSMCCF is three years and eight months. Clients housed at GSMCCF have 10 years or less, remaining on their sentence.

F5. All clients at GSMCCF are classified as a Sensitive Needs population.

F6. Clients who cannot perform life functions, self-care or personal hygiene are not housed at GSMCCF.

F7. The annual operating budget for GSMCCF is $11.7 million.

F8. The annual average housing cost per client is $22,082.

F9. The CDCR Captain for GSMCCF supervises three facilities:

- Golden State Modified Community Correctional Facility
- Central Valley Modified Community Correctional Facility
- Desert View Modified Community Correctional Facility

F10. In addition to the CDCR Captain, the CDCR staff on site consists of:

- Lieutenant – 1
- Sergeants – 5
- Correctional Counselor II – 1
- Correctional Counselor I – 3
- Parole Officer – 1

F11. Clients receive three hot meals per day at the average cost of $0.86 per meal.

F12. There are no medical diets provided at GSMCCF.

F13. Cook Supervisors oversee the preparation of three daily hot meals in the on-site central kitchen. All meals are served in the dining hall. Outside meals include pre-boxed Kosher and Halal meats are provided. Non-religious alternative diet meals (vegetarian) are prepared on-site.

F14. The annual medical budget of $1,375,137 is based on a $5.50 per diem, per client on a 685 daily average count.

F15. Contracted through an outside medical provider, medical staff on-site, include:

- Registered Nurse (RN) – 7 days per week, 24 hours per day
- Doctor – Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Licensed Vocational Nurse – Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Medical Records Clerk – Monday to Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Health Services Administrator – Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Dentist and Dental Assistant – Part time, Fridays and Saturdays only

F16. Medical clinic hours are Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Urgent medical attention is available 24 hours per day. An RN is always on site.

F17. Medical services provided on site are:

- Basic medical needs
- Medical triage
- Over-the-counter (OTC) medication
- First aid
- Check-ups
- Flu vaccine
- Selective vaccines
- Dental
- 9-1-1 Services as needed

F18. Clients fill out CDCR Healthcare Service Request Form 7362. The medical staff collects the forms daily. The on-site RN assesses the requests and prioritizes the care. The client is scheduled for an appointment and seen within 24 hours of request. A co-pay of $5.00 is charged to the client's account for the initial visit.

F19. Clients who require prescribed medications are allowed to keep them on their person (Keep-on-Person), unless they are controlled substances, which are dispensed by medical staff at pill-call.

F20. Clients using OTC medications fill out a Form 7632 to request the medication. The facility is currently 60 days out from allowing clients to purchase these medications through the canteen.

F21. Clients are evaluated for mental health services at GSMCCF and, if needed, transported to Kern Valley State Prison, the hub facility for GSMCCF for assessment and treatment. If found in need of mental health treatment, and/ or counseling, they are permanently transferred to the proper facility.

F22. The following educational, vocational and rehabilitative credit classes are offered to the clients at GSMCCF:

- Educational:
  - English as a Second Language (ESL)
  - Adult Basic Education I, II and III (ABE)
  - GED
- Vocational:
  - Electrical
  - Janitorial
  - Horticulture/Landscaping
  - Computer 1 & 2
  - Job Readiness
  - Graphic Design (new class being offered)
- Continuum of Care:
  - Cognitive Behavioral Intervention Substance Abuse
  - Thinking for Change
  - Anger Management
  - Family Relations
- Rehabilitative Achievement Credit Programs
  - Artworks (Soon to start meetings)
  - Criminal Gangs Anonymous
  - Malachi Dads
  - Celebrate Recovery
  - Alcoholics Anonymous (Soon to be conducted in English and Spanish)
  - Narcotics Anonymous (Soon to be conducted in English and Spanish)

F23. There are a limited number of classes available. The Committee was informed that only 120 client slots are available for all vocational and educational classes.

F24. Vocational classes offered at GSMCCF do not include hands-on training. Classes rely on bookwork teaching methods.

F25. The facility provides a general library, which also serves as a law library. The librarian oversees clients working in the library. Musical instruments are available for clients to check out. Book donations (paperback books) are accepted from the public. The library provides access to the Automated Rehabilitation Catalog and Information Discovery (ARCAID). Clients may use ARCAID for limited internet access research and completing job applications.

F26. The library also has access to the LexisNexis services, which provides users with computer assisted access to searchable documents and records from more than 60,000 legal, news and business resources.

F27. Educational classes are mandatory for clients without a high school diploma. There are 15 year-to-date High School Equivalency Test graduates.

F28. The facility is experiencing a shortage of educational instructors. Currently, the facility does not have ABE, ESL, or GED instructors and is in the recruitment process for ABE and ESL instructors. An applicant is in the background check phase for a GED instructor position.

F29. A graphic design class is starting soon. A new instructor has been hired.

F30. The client may receive one week off their sentence by completing fifty-two hours of behavior modification programming.

F31. Due to the complexity of the calculations, the Committee found that clients are not being credited with milestone credits in a timely manner.

F32. At GSMCCF, Transitional Case Managers work with clients who are within 90 days of release to create release action plans and coordinate client needs with the Post-Release Support Case Managers in Boca Raton, FL for:
- Housing
- Employment Training and Services
- Clothing
- Food
- Transportation
- Aftercare treatment

The Post-Release Support Case Managers are available via a 24/7 Hotline, should the client require real-time counseling or services.

F33. Training for Success Classes are offered at GSMCCF, through Westside Energy Services Training and Education Center (WESTEC), a non-profit educational cooperative. After finishing two weeks of classes, the clients receive certificates for each of the following:

- Supervisor Safety Training
- Basic Employee Safety for General Industry
- Contractor Confined Space
- Defensive Driving
- Forklift Operator Safety
- Hazardous Waste Operations
- Emergency Response Safety Training
- Oilfield Hazard Awareness
- Emergency Response Technician
- CPR/AED/First Aid For Adults, Infants and Children

F34. The following job areas are available at the facility for clients:

- Laundry
- Library
- Kitchen
- Porters
- Janitors
- Mailroom
- Records Assistant
- Teacher's Aide
- Canteen
- Maintenance
- Clerical
- Barber
- Groundskeeper

F35. The facility sponsors a Job Fair two times a year for the clients.

F36. The religious faiths currently served at GSMCCF are:

- Asatru
- Odinist
- New age (Wiccan)
- Jewish
- Catholic
- Christian (English and Spanish)
- Buddhist
- Islamic
- Jehovah's Witness
- Apostolic
- Messianic

- Mormon
- Native American
- Prison Fellowship
- Celebrate Recovery

F37. One full time Chaplain is on staff with 18 religious volunteers, along with client led faith groups.

F38. The GSMCCF facility has a visiting room maximum capacity of 90 people. Clients are allowed a maximum of five visitors per visit.

F39. The facility increased the number of tables and seats in the visiting area by removing a table with seats from each pod, in both dorms and installing the tables in the visiting area. This proved to be unpopular with the client population as it decreased the table seating capacity in the pods.

F40. There are three televisions in each pod with programming provided by a major satellite service. Programming schedules are approved by staff weekly.

F41. The facility uses an outside vendor to provide movies for client movie nights.

F42. Clients get six and one-half hours of recreational yard-time per day, which includes:
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Weight resistant equipment

F43. Clients are allowed to get ice when they exit to and return from the recreation yard to their dorm. The Committee observed that the ice machine in dorm B was not operational.

F44. Each shift conducts random monthly fire, man-down and suicide drills.

F45. In case of a catastrophic event, the facility has food and water to sustain the population for 3 days.

F46. Five formal (where clients must be on their bunks) and three informal client counts are performed daily.

F47. Required random daily dorm searches are performed in each pod.

F48. Clients are subject to random drug testing. The year-to-date testing of 700 clients resulted in 15 clients testing positive for controlled substances.

F49. Quarterly canine searches are conducted in the facility for all contraband.

F50. Year to date, four contraband cell phones have been seized by facility staff.

F51. Body cavity searches are not performed at GSMCCF.

F52. Video surveillance is in place throughout the common areas of the facility. Video is retained for 30 days unless an incident occurs. The video of the incident is kept for 5 years.

COMMENTS:

The Committee wishes to thank the GSMCCF Warden and the support staff, along with the CDCR staff for supporting the Kern County Grand Jury with staff interviews and the tour of the facility.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

R1. The Grand Jury recommends that CDCR and GEO seek funding to alleviate the limited client class availability due to the shortage of classrooms. (Finding 23)

R2. The Grand Jury recommends that CDCR and GEO develop hands-on programs for vocational classes. (Finding 24)

R3. The Grand Jury recommends that CDCR and GEO continue to recruit for additional educational, vocational instructors and counselors. (Finding 28)

R4. The Grand Jury recommends that CDCR and GEO assign and train personnel in the function of entering milestone credits, in a timely manner for the clients' record. (Finding 31)

R5. The Grand Jury recommends that GEO seek funding to replace and reinstall the tables and chairs removed from the dorms. (Finding 39)

R6. The Grand Jury recommends that GEO seek funding to repair or replace the ice machine in dorm B. (Finding 43)

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KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
LERDO DETENTION FACILITY
Bakersfield, California

SUMMARY:

On April 4, 2019, the Law and Justice Committee (Committee) of the 2018-2019 Kern County Grand Jury (Grand Jury), toured Lerdo Detention Facility (Lerdo) to conduct an inspection pursuant to California Penal Codes §919(b) and §925. The Kern County Sheriff's Office (KCSO), Lerdo, houses sentenced inmates and those awaiting adjudication by the Kern County Superior Court of California.

PROCESS:

Prior to this inspection, questions were sent to Lerdo and a response was received. In addition, prior Kern County Grand Jury reports and the KCSO website were reviewed. After a brief orientation, KCSO and management staff provided an extensive inspection and tour of the facility.

BACKGROUND AND FACTS:

Lerdo is located on Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield, CA. It is the largest detention facility operated by the Kern County Sheriff's Office.

In 1940, Lerdo was originally designated as a minimum-security "Honor Farm" facility, utilizing low-risk inmates to perform a variety of husbandry activities including a working dairy facility, raising beef cattle and growing a variety of produce. These food items fed the inmates and some in the surrounding community. By 1990, all agricultural activities had been eliminated.

Lerdo now has four separate housing units. The "Honor Farm" units were transitioned into minimum-male and minimum-female housing (no longer in use). The original Maximum/Medium (Max/Med) male housing unit opened in 1978. The Pre-Trial housing unit was built in the late 1980s.

On August 7, 2012, KCSO received a $100 million conditional award from the State of California under Assembly Bill 900 for the construction of a new 216,000 square foot facility at Lerdo. This facility was to include an additional 822 beds for the Max/Med security housing units. After 10 years and at a cost of $126.7 million, the 220,000 square foot state of the art Kern County Justice Facility opened on May 12, 2018, providing a much-needed upgrade to Lerdo.

The Justice Facility includes a 104-bed maximum-security unit for Medical, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services. There are nine classrooms to accommodate inmate programs, which are designed to reduce recidivism by better preparing inmates for re-entry into the community. The Justice Facility includes an infirmary, inmate/family video visitation capabilities, recreation yard, laundry, food services, warehouse/utility and maintenance areas.

FINDINGS:

F1. Kern County Sheriff's Office operating budget for Lerdo is $227,363,049:

- Medical budget for the Detentions Bureau $26,007,869
- Annual housing cost per inmate is $34,000

F2. Lerdo is staffed with a combination of Detention Deputies and Sheriff's Aides:

- There are 289 allocated Detentions Deputy positions, of which 82 are vacant.
- There are 58 allocated Sheriff's Aid positions, of which 11 are vacant.

F3. The number of beds per housing unit varies within the Lerdo Facilities:

- Pre-Trial housing consists of seven pods and an infirmary. Each pod contains six units; each unit contains 16 two-bed cells. The infirmary has 19 cells that can house one inmate per cell.
- The Max/Med Facility has eight dormitories that can house up to 32 inmates and one dormitory that can house 12 inmates. The facility also has tiers with cells and small dormitories ranging from two to eight beds. There are eight clinic cells with a capacity of one inmate per cell.
- The male minimum facility has two different types of dorm facilities. Most dorms are rated for 32 inmates. The two newer dorms can house 60 inmates each.
- The female minimum facility has three dorm facilities and each one is rated for 32 inmates.
- The Justice Facility consists of four pods and an infirmary. Each pod contains six units; each unit contains approximately 30 to 36 beds. The infirmary has 26 cells that can house one inmate per cell.

F4. The current bed capacity for each Lerdo Facility, per housing unit and level, as of the time of the Committee's visit was:
Maximum Rated Capacity - RC
Operational Capacity - OC

- Pre-Trial Facility:
  - RC - 1344
  - OC – 1248

- Male Minimum Facility:
    - RC - 696
    - OC - 0
- Female Minimum Facility:
    - RC - 96
    - OC - 0
- Max - Med Facility:
    - RC - 408
    - OC - 72
- Justice Facility:
    - RC - 796
    - OC - 796
- Non-rated beds - 29 (hospital, suicide watch, medical, safety cells)

F5. As of March 29, 2019, there have been 58 inmate-on-inmate assaults and 13 inmate-on-staff assaults. Actions to prevent further incidents can include one or more of the following:

- Disciplinary sanctions
- Criminal charges
- Re-classification to a higher security level and/or more secure housing
- Placement of "keep-aways" to ensure inmates are not housed, in the future, with someone whom they have fought

F6. In 2018, there were no escapes or suicides. Two deaths were reported due to natural causes.

F7. Most areas of Lerdo are under video surveillance. The system is designed to retain recorded data for 13 months. The storage system automatically rewrites over old data once it reaches the 13-month threshold. Specific recorded data can be downloaded from the system and copied to disc for evidentiary purposes.

F8. The average cost per meal is $1.46. There is one central kitchen for the Lerdo Compound that serves all Lerdo Facilities and the Central Receiving Facility in downtown Bakersfield. Breakfast and lunch are cold meals; dinner is a hot meal prepared on site at the central kitchen, then transported by truck to each of the Lerdo Facilities and Central Receiving.

F9. The Population Management Section operates a central cafeteria called the "Blue Room" for use by staff. Staff meals are prepared by female inmates under the supervision of Bakersfield Adult School Instructors.

F10. Annual, average medical cost per inmate:

- Per KCSO staff: *Our contracted medical provider Kern Medical was not able to provide an average cost per inmate, as they do not track this statistic. We could potentially estimate a rough cost per inmate*

by dividing the cost of the contract by the average daily population, but such estimate would not be accurate for the past year due to the fluctuation in our population based on closure of housing space.

F11. Medical clinics within the facilities are generally available 24 hours per day for emergency medical evaluations or treatment. The majority of routine services such as doctor visits, X-rays, dental services, or treatments occur between 8:00am – 4:00pm, Monday through Friday.

F12. Medical Services provided on site:
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I would like to express my appreciation to the Grand Jury for its efforts in reviewing the operations of the Lerdo Detention Facility. The objective review of the Lerdo Detention Facility provided by the Grand Jury helps to strengthen the foundation of trust between the community and the Sheriff's Office. As always, the Sheriff's Office appreciates the valuable insight the Grand Jury has provided.

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Maximum Rated Capacity - RC
Operational Capacity - OC

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  - *OC - 1248*
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  - *RC - 696*
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Sincerely,

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Kern County Board of Supervisors
Response to Grand Jury Final Report
Kern County Sheriff's Office
Lerdo Detention Facility

Response to Findings:

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COMPL_GJ Sheriff Lerdo B

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION
KERN VALLEY STATE PRISON

PURPOSE OF INQUIRY:

Pursuant to California Penal Code §919(b) the Law and Justice Committee (Committee) of the 2018-2019 Kern County Grand Jury (Grand Jury) inquired into the conditions and operations of Kern Valley State Prison (KVSP).

PROCESS:

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BACKGROUND:

Kern Valley State Prison is located at 3000 West Cecil Avenue, Delano, CA 93216. The prison is situated on 600 acres, of which 200 acres are used by the Prison Industry Authority to grow alfalfa. KVSP was opened in 2005 as a level IV Maximum Security male prison, which made it one of the newest prisons in California.

KVSP consists of four semi-autonomous 180° designed facilities and two stand-alone Administrative Segregation Units (ASU). There is a level I Minimum Support Facility (MSF), and a temporary housing unit (Facility D) that houses inmates while they are being processed. All KVSP custody housing is surrounded by lethal electrified perimeter fencing.

Inmates are eligible to participate in many prison related operational support jobs. These jobs help the prison function by providing meal preparation, laundry, administration, warehouse and maintenance services, while giving inmates an opportunity to learn a new skill.

CDCR contracts with a community-based organization to provide an on-site Case Manager as a family reunification liaison for inmates and family members. The Case Manager also assists with an inmate's pre-release preparation and conducts Parenting and Creative Conflict Resolution classes for inmates.

FINDINGS:

F1. KVSP's operating budget for Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019 is $196,641,678 which includes custody staffing, operating expenses, administration, education and rehabilitation programs:

- Medical budget $56,293,639 (Includes basic medical, mental health, dental and pharmacy)
- Average medical cost per inmate $15,096
- Average housing cost per inmate $52,733

F2. Current staffing-Custody employees:

- Officers – 824
- Sergeants – 84
- Lieutenants – 30
- Captains – 6
- Associate Wardens – 6
- Chief Deputy Warden – 1
- Warden – 1
- Correctional Counselor I – 26
- Correctional Counselor II – 10
- Correctional Counselor III – 1

Civilian employees (non-sworn):

- CDCR – 308
- California Correctional Health Care Services – 33

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INMATE HOUSING

Facility A

Building 1	Level I	Level II	Level III	Level IV
Inmates		1	3	378
Building 2				
Inmates				109
Building 3				
Inmates		1	5	106
Building 4				
Inmates			1	104
Building 5				
Inmates			1	106
Building 6				
Inmates			1	97
Building 7				
Inmates			5	105
Building 8				
Inmates			1	101

Facility B

Building 1	Level I	Level II	Level III	Level IV
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Inmates			3	112
Building 3				
Inmates				11
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Inmates			1	117
Building 5				
Inmates			2	101
Building 6				
Inmates			1	98
Building 7				
Inmates			1	85
Building 8				
Inmates				104

Facility C

Building 1	Level I	Level II	Level III	Level IV
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Inmates			3	104
Building 3				
Inmates			6	105
Building 4				
Inmates			1	95
Building 5				
Inmates			4	102
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Building 7				
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Facility D

Building 1	Level I	Level II	Level III	Level IV
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Building 3				
Inmates			2	113
Building 4				
Inmates				113
Building 5				
Inmates				103
Building 6				
Inmates				103
Building 7				
Inmates	28	41		29
Building 8				
Inmates				80

Facility M Housing

Building 1	Level I	Level II	Level III	Level IV
Inmates	34	44		
Building 2				
Inmates	**58**	**34**		

Facility ASU I - STRH

Building 1	Level I	Level II	Level III	Level IV
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Facility ASU - II

Building 2	Level I	Level II	Level III	Level IV
Inmates	5	6	1	119
CTC	Level I	Level II	Level III	Level IV
Inmates		4	1	18

F4. Per KVSP staff: *Clinic hours for both the Specialty Clinics held in the Central Health Services Building and Yard Clinics run generally from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with a few that run later periodically depending on need of specialties and telemedicine. (sic)*

F5. Urgent and emergent services utilize a three room Triage and Treatment Area (TTA):

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- CTC has 22 beds (12 Mental Health Crisis Beds and 10 Medical Beds)

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- Podiatry
- Optometry
- Prosthetics
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Dental
- Mental Health
- Radiology
- Laboratory

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- Certified Nursing Assistants
- Licensed Vocational Nurses
- Registered Nurses
- Public Health Nurse
- Supervising Registered Nurse II
- Supervising Registered Nurse III (Also known as the Director of Nursing)
- Chief Nurse Executive
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- Chief Physician and Surgeon
- Physician Assistants
- Administrative and Support
- Laboratory
- Pharmacy
- Dietary
- Physical Therapy
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- Dental Staff
- Mental Health (Includes Chief of Mental Health)
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- Psychiatrists
- Psychologists
- Clinical Social Workers
- Medical Assistants
- Recreation Therapist
- Psychiatric Technicians

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- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Lifer
- Going Out by Going In (GOGI)-Writers Group
- Cutting Edge-Barbers Group
- Defy – Self Reflective/Interactive Entrepreneur's Group
- Relapse Prevention
- Anger Management
- Parenting
- Edge-Youth Diversion
- Actors' Gang
- Criminal/Gangs Anonymous
- Toastmasters - Public Speaking
- Veterans
- Arts in Corrections
- Anti-Recidivism Coalition
- Catalyst
- Inside Outside Writers
- Guitar
- Ukulele
- White Bison – Alcohol/Substance Abuse
- Painter/Artist

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- Jewish
- Messianic Judaism
- Islam
- Protestant Christian
- Catholic Christian
- Mormon, Church of Latter Day Saints
- Jehovah's Witnesses
- Wiccan
- Nation of Gods on Earth
- Nation of Islam
- Christian Science
- Odinist
- Asatru
- Santa Muerte
- First Nation or American Indian Spirituality Groups
- Toltec, Meso-American Spirituality Group
- Buddhist
- House of Yahweh

- Rastafarian
- Neterian
- Satanism

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- Transitions – 24

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    - Persuasive Communication (COMM B4) – 32
    - Rhetoric and Argumentation (COMM B5) – 31
    - Finite Math (Math B22) – 32
    - Persuasive Communication (COMM B4) – 32 (Tuesday)
    - Finite Math (Math B22) – 30 (Monday/Wednesday)

Facility D - Educational and Vocational Class Enrollment:

- ABE – 54
    - Transitions: Vacant (Program rotates facilities every six weeks)
- Career Technical Education
    - Electronics – 27
    - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy - 54 enrolled (CBT)
- BC Face to Face:
    - Persuasive Communication (COMM B4) – 32
    - Principles of Economics-Micro (ECON B1) – 32
    - Introduction to Geology, Introduction to Geology Lab (GEOL B10/B10l combined lab) – 15

- Minimum Support Facility:
    - Transitions: Vacant (Program rotates facilities every six weeks)

F15. For Fiscal Year 2017-2018, 219 inmates received their High School Diplomas or GEDs.

F16. Per KVSP staff: *KVSP has video surveillance in the Visiting Areas. Four to five visitors per month are arrested for attempting to smuggle contraband into the prison.*

F17. Between January 2018 and January 31, 2019, 20 riots occurred.

F18. Between February 2018 and January 31, 2019, there were zero escapes and 16 deaths, which include four suicides.

F19. KVSP has a fire monitoring and suppression system designed to extinguish or prevent the spread of fire throughout an enclosure or facility.

COMMENTS:

The Committee would like to thank the Warden, Associate Warden, Executive Staff, and CDCR Staff for their time, informative question and answer session and tour of the facility.

The Committee would also like to commend KVSP for the educational opportunities offered, and the successful completion rates of these programs.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Kern County Grand Jury has no recommendations at this time.

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION

GEO Group, Inc.

McFarland Female Community Reentry Facility

PURPOSE OF INQUIRY:

Pursuant to California Penal Code §919(b) the Law and Justice Committee (Committee) of the 2018-2019 Kern County Grand Jury (Grand Jury) inquired into the conditions and operations of McFarland Female Community Reentry Facility (FCRF).

PROCESS:

On October 8, 2018, the Committee met with the Warden, Assistant Warden, Programs Manager, Chief of Security, and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) Captain. Other executive and The GEO Group, Inc. (GEO) staff were also present. The Committee toured the facility and interviewed several inmates.

The GEO and CDCR websites were researched. Publications provided on the websites were used in researching the facility.

A list of pre-inspection questions was sent to FCRF and responses were provided to the Committee.

The Committee also accessed prior Grand Jury reports for continuity.

BACKGROUND AND FACTS:

The McFarland Female Community Reentry Facility (FCRF) is located at 120 Taylor Avenue, McFarland, CA 93250.

The facility was designed, built and financed by GEO in 1986. Originally, it operated as a minimum security Community Correctional Facility to house male parole violators and

short-term offenders for CDCR. Due to state budget constraints, the facility closed in 2009.

The facility reopened on August 4, 2014 as the minimum security FCRF. It is a 300-bed, dormitory-style setting facility. FCRF's mission is to provide pre-release programs for female offenders who are within three years of release and demonstrate a willingness to maintain appropriate behavior to benefit from the offered programs.

The facility is operated by GEO. GEO operates 71 Correctional Facilities in the United States of America, with 75,338 beds.

The incarcerated women in FCRF are referred to, by the facility staff, as participants.

FINDINGS:

F1. A copy of the last American Correctional Association (ACA) inspection for FCRF was not provided for the Committee to take offsite. Upon review, the Committee found the ACA accredited FCRF with a rating of 99.4% dated October 3, 2016 for the inspection dated May 4, 2016. The current ACA accreditation is valid for 3 years, 2016 through 2019.

F2. The annual Kern County Fire Department inspection was December 20, 2017. No deficiencies affecting fire safety were noted and clearance was granted.

F3. Publications provided show that FCRF offers a variety of programming to include gender-responsive Cognitive Behavioral Treatment that identify critical differences, and to define their implications for improving correctional management and services for women offenders for:

- Substance Abuse
- Anger Management
- Family Relationships
- Criminal Thinking
- Women in Recovery/Beyond Trauma
- Rational Thinking
- Beyond Violence
- Living in Balance
- A Women's Way Through The 12 Steps Program
- Nurturing Families
- Relapse Prevention
- Parenting at a Distance
- Pre-release Transitions

Academic Programs include:

- General Education Development

- Adult Basic Education (ABE) II, III
- ABE I with English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Career Technical Education (CTE) class for Office Technology
- College courses are available through the Voluntary Education Program
- Supervised, participant-operated hair salon

F4. Participants, who do not have a high school diploma when admitted, are required to enroll in educational classes. In 2018, 38 participants had passed their High School Equivalency Test (HiSET). There are five pending for HiSET graduation. Current HiSET testing of 24 participants for graduation was in progress.

F5. The Committee interviewed participants who expressed gratitude for, and the desire to include additional Cognitive Behavior Treatment programs and counselors.

F6. Through Miracle Mutts, a Marley's Mutts' community outreach and education initiative, a therapy canine is used as available for participant comforting, interactivity, emotional and social enrichment.

F7. In May of 2017, twenty-five participants received completion certificates from the first "Train for Success" classes offered at FCRF through Westside Energy Services Training and Education Center (WESTEC), a non-profit educational cooperative. After finishing two weeks of classes, the participants receive certificates for each of the following:
- Supervisor Safety Training
- Basic Employee Safety for General Industry
- Contractor Confined Space
- Defensive Driving
- Forklift Operator Safety
- Hazardous Waste Operations
- Emergency Response Safety Training
- Oilfield Hazard Awareness
- Emergency Response Technician
- CPR/AED/First Aid

F8. Bakersfield College provides Culinary Art instruction to registered participants assigned to that class.

F9. The operational budget for FCRF is $10,500,000.

F10. The contract for CDCR and GEO expired June 18, 2018. The new contract for CDCR and GEO is for 2018 to 2023.

F11. The medical budget is $14.78 per diem, based on 264 average participants.

F12. The annual average housing cost per participant is $33,945.

F13. Participants are accepted from the Central California Women's Facility Chowchilla (CCWF), Folsom Women's Facility, and the California Institution for Women, Corona.

F14. Maximum occupancy is 300. Participant count on day of visit was 289:
- Dorm A – 71
- Dorm B – 73
- Dorm C – 73
- Dorm D – 72

F15. Each dorm has two clothes washers and dryers for participant use. Participants sign up to use the equipment.

F16. There are public telephones in each unit. Participants sign up to use the telephones.

F17. The average cost of a meal per participant is $0.98.

F18. Three Cook Supervisors and the Food Service Manager oversee the one central kitchen where hot meals are prepared on-site. The kitchen staff prepares cold sack lunches, which are distributed to participants at breakfast. All meals are served in the dining hall.

F19. Special diets include Vegetarian, Kosher and Halal. Kosher meals are provided by an outside vendor. Halal meat is provided by another vendor and the meal is put together onsite. Vegetarian and allergy sensitive meals are prepared onsite.

F20. The menu for the FCRF participants is heavy with foods high in carbohydrates. Participants voiced their concern regarding the lack of fresh fruits, vegetables and meats in their daily meals.

F21. The kitchen appeared clean, tidy and comfortable. Pots, pans, bowls, and tools were stored in the appropriate spaces. Incoming and outgoing shifts perform an inventory of all items prior to shift change. Discrepancies are corrected before the current shift is dismissed from the kitchen.

F22. Manual temperature readings, of kitchen refrigerators, freezers, and dry food storage areas are performed every two hours and constant electronic monitoring is in use. Electronic alarms are triggered if an abnormal fluctuation in temperature occurs. If it cannot be corrected, the Food Service Manager will immediately call maintenance for necessary repairs. All logs were found to be in order in accordance with the Title 15, minimum standards for California detention facilities.

F23. The dining hall serves as a multi-purpose room. It is used for religious services, graduations, group meetings, Bingo, and visitor over-flow.

F24. A maximum of four visitors are allowed per participant each session.

F25. Family Express is a free bus service, administered by The Center for Restorative Justice Works, and funded by the CDCR, to provide Southern and Northern California residents a bi-weekly bus service to some facilities. Visitors must visit the website: www.familyexpress.us to register and research bus schedules. Registration is mandatory to obtain the free bus service. Signups should be done as soon as possible, as many buses are filled to capacity, up to two months in advance.

F26. If a participant develops mental health issues, they are housed in a temporary holding cell until evaluated. If found to be in need of mental health treatment, they are transferred to the proper facility, usually CCWF. If found not to need mental health services, they are returned to their assigned dorm.

F27. Potential FCRF participants with major health issues are not eligible to be housed at this facility.

F28. Medical clinic hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Medical staff include:

- Contracted Doctor
- Contracted Dentist
- Contracted OB/GYN
- Contracted Licensed Clinical Social Worker
- Contracted part time Dental Assistant
- Nurses – 5 RN, 1 LVN
- Director of Nursing
- Medical Records Clerk

F29. The Doctor is on call 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

F30. A registered nurse is on duty 24 hours per day.

F31. All FCRF staff is CPR/AED certified.

F32. There are three medical examination rooms, one temporary holding cell (used as a medical waiting room), and one room for Dental services.

F33. Participants complete a CDCR Form 7362 to request medical services. The RN triages the participants within 24 hours of receipt of Form 7362. Appointments are prioritized as required.

F34. Delano Regional Medical Center is the medical provider for immediate medical attention. Participants with medical conditions requiring on-going treatment are transported to the hub facility at CCWF.

F35. Radiology services when needed are provided by Truxtun Radiology Bakersfield.

F36. When notified of a new participant FCRF Receiving and Release Staff prepare a supply bag with clothing, bedding and basic hygiene items given to each participant upon arrival.

F37. Contraband, such as drugs and cell phones, are not problematic at FCRF.

F38. The canteen does not have a storage warehouse for items. Participants order canteen items by filling out an order form which is packaged by the outside supplier. Orders are picked up at the canteen. The Committee found that the cost of items offered in the FCRF canteen are priced substantially higher than the same items in CDCR prison canteens.

F39. Using the appropriate website, family and friends may deposit funds directly into a participant's account via transfer or by money order sent to the facility. Additionally, work credits are used for purchase purposes.

F40. The facility provides space for a beauty salon. The participant cosmetologist must currently be licensed by the State of California to provide specialized services which include hair cutting, coloring, tinting, perming and manicure services. If a licensed cosmetologist is not available, the non-licensed participants may use the facility to provide basic grooming services.

F41. The facility provides a general library, which also serves as a law library:

- The librarian oversees participants working in the library
- Musical instruments are available for check out
- Book donations (paperback books) are accepted from the public
- The library provides access to the Automated Rehabilitation Catalog and Information Discovery (ARCAID) machine
    - Participants may use ARCAID for limited internet access research and completing job applications
- The library also has access to the LexisNexis services, which provides users with computer assisted access to searchable documents and records from more than 60,000 legal, news and business resources

F42. The Women's Advisory Council (WAC) is comprised of representatives from each dorm to represent the population in official meetings:
- WAC representatives are voted in by the population
- WAC officers are appointed by the representatives
- WAC officers help to resolve grievances and disputes
- WAC officers help staff by mentoring fellow participants

F43. Chemicals used for the laundry and kitchen are stored in a locked storage area. Chemicals include cleaning agents and disinfectants. Custody staff must be present when any chemicals are being dispensed for use. Inventory is strictly monitored.

F44. Electronic surveillance is utilized throughout the common areas of the facility. Retention of surveillance videos vary from 15 to 30 days. All incident videos are retained for five years.

F45. Some eligible participants designated by CDCR are allowed to serve the remainder of their sentence in the community, at a Custody to Community Transitional Reentry Program (CCTRP) facility, in lieu of confinement in a State prison.

F46. Transitional Case Management (TCM) was initiated by GEO as a one-year after-care program for paroled participants. TCM helps participants obtain food, clothing, housing and job placement for one year after parole from FCRF as long as the participants meet the requirements of good behavior and maintain contact with their TCM corporate case manager.

F47. The in-custody Transitions classes are a five-week program designed to prepare participants for reentry into society. A class was in session at the time of our visit. Approximately 77 participants have graduated from the Transitions program. Participants have regular one-on-one meetings with their case counselor, at least twice per month.

F48. Religious services are provided for the following and other faiths, based on the needs of the population:
- Apostolic (English and Spanish)
- Latter Day Saints
- Jehovah's Witness
- Catholic
- Fruits of the Spirit (English and Spanish)
- Native American
- 12 Step Faith Based Program
- Song Circle
- Satanic

F49. Inmate Leisure Time Activity Groups may include:

- Religious Services
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Self-Empowerment
- Sisters of Unity
- Phenomenal Women
- Resolution of Conflict
- Zumba
- Bingo
- Hip Hop Abs
- Strength Training
- Choir
- Insanity Workout
- Art
- Movies

F50. Two recreation yards are available to participants. The indoor yard is primarily used for special events and activities, such as carnivals, resource fairs and group meetings. The outdoor yard is utilized for sports, walks, basketball, volleyball, badminton, and some religious services. The individual weight resistant exercise equipment, located in the outdoor yard, is open for the participant's use as available.

COMMENTS:

The Committee would like to thank the Warden, Assistant Warden, Programs Manager, Chief of Security, the CDCR Captain, and the additional staff for making themselves available to the Committee. The Committee also thanks the participants that were interviewed.

GEO is to be commended for implementing and financing the TCM program in an attempt to help reduce recidivism in the United States.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

R1. As a result of participant interviews with the Grand Jury, the Grand Jury recommends that GEO strive to include the following Cognitive Behavior Classes:

- Life Scripting
- After Violence Program
- Choice Theory
- Toastmasters

(Finding 5)

R2. The Grand Jury recommends that GEO continue to seek additional outside behavioral counselors. (Finding 5)

R3. The Grand Jury recommends that CDCR and GEO seek additional funding and/or grants to include more fresh fruits, vegetables and meats in the participant meals. (Finding 20)

R4. The Grand Jury recommends that GEO Corporation consider using a portion of the land area around the McFarland facility to build a canteen supplies warehouse to utilize volume purchasing in order to lower participants cost. (Finding 38)

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION
NORTH KERN STATE PRISON

PURPOSE OF INQUIRY:

Pursuant to California Penal Code §919(b), Grand Juries shall inquire into the condition and management of public prisons within their county.

PROCESS:

On January 15, 2019, the Law and Justice Committee (Committee) of the 2018-2019 Kern County Grand Jury (Grand Jury) toured and inspected North Kern State Prison Reception Center (NKSP) in Delano, CA. The Committee met with the Warden and Public Information Officer (PIO) to conduct a question and answer session. A list of questions related to the inspection was sent for a response to the PIO at NKSP. The California Department of Correction and Rehabilitation (CDCR) website was reviewed and the Committee interviewed custody staff and inmates.

BACKGROUND:

North Kern State Prison opened in 1993 at 2737 West Cecil Avenue, Delano, CA 93216. NKSP is a minimum to medium all male facility situated on 364 acres. The land is designated as a protected wildlife habitat for the Blunt-Nosed Leopard Lizard, San Joaquin Kit Fox and the Tipton Kangaroo Rat.

NKSP is one of two Reception Centers in Kern County where they process approximately 500 inmates (in/out) every week, from 10 different counties.

The primary mission of NKSP is to provide short term housing necessary to process, classify and evaluate new inmates physically and mentally, determine their security level, program requirements and appropriate institutional placement. This evaluation may take up to 90 days to complete.

FACTS:

A. As per CDCR policy: *In order for an inmate to receive medical services, they must complete a CDCR 7362 Health Care Services Request form, which is available in all housing units. Healthcare staff collects the forms daily and they are distributed to the appropriate area depending on issue (medical, mental health, dental). Inmates with emergent issues shall be seen within 24 hours. If a physician referral is necessary, the registered nurse shall document on the CDCR 7362 and indicate whether the issue is an emergency (immediate, urgent*

(24 hours) or routine (14 calendar days). An appointment is scheduled; the inmate is notified of the appointment and healthcare access unit staff ensures the inmate makes his appointment by escorting the inmate to clinics/central health or transporting inmate to an outside provider. (sic)

B. Per CDCR policy: In order for an inmate to receive visitors:

- They must mail a signed visiting application to their prospective visitor
- The prospective visitor completes the application and returns it to NKSP Visiting Department
- The prospective visitor then goes through a background check
- When the background check is complete, the inmate is notified
- The inmate then informs the prospective visitor of the approval/denial
- Visitation is granted to inmates when their prospective visitors have successfully cleared a background check

The majority of visitors are walk-ins. Scheduling is done for those in Administrative Segregation (Ad-Seg). The prospective visitor calls the Visiting Department and an appointment is made by visiting staff. Visiting hours are Saturday and Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Ad-Seg hours are 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Visiting is also open on New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

FINDINGS:

F1. NKSP's General Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019 is $165,176,389:

- Average housing cost per inmate $70,812
- Medical budget $42,720,467
- Mental Health budget $10,735,862
- Dental budget $6,014,804
- Average medical cost per inmate $13,576

F2. NKSP has The Division of Rehabilitative Programs (DRP) budget of $3,362,383 for the FY 2018-2019.

F3. On the date of inspection, January 15, 2019, there were 3,957 inmates.

F4. Facilities A, B, D and M are each divided into multiple buildings with cells. Facilities C and M both utilize a dorm setting.

F5. Facility A - General Population (GP):

- Building 1 – 154
- Building 2 – 151

- Building 3 – 157
- Building 4 – 93
- Building 5 – 157

Facility B – GP:

- Building 1 – 159
- Building 2 – 141
- Building 3 – 146
- Building 4 - 64
- Building 5 - 120
- Building 6 - 141

Facility C:

- Dorm 1 - 266 - GP
- Dorm 2 - 269 - GP
- Dorm 3 - 265 - GP
- Dorm 4 - 268 - Sensitive Needs (SN)
- Dorm E - 182 – GP
- Dorm W - 170 - SN

Facility D:

- Building 1 - 141 - GP
- Building 2 - 42 GP/51 SN
- Building 3 – 178 - SN
- Building 4 – 144 - SN
- Building 5 – 181 - SN
- Building 6 – 103 - SN

Facility M – All Non-Designated Programming Facility:

- Building 1 – 70
- Building 2 – 83
- Firehouse – 8

Family Visiting – 2
Infirmary – 10
Outside Hospital – 2
Receiving and Release – 30
Out to medical - 11

F6. Custody Staff - 796:

- Warden – 1
- Chief Deputy Warden – 1
- Correctional Administrators (Associate Warden) – 6
- Captains – 6
- Correctional Lieutenants – 26

- Correctional Sergeants – 67
- Correctional Officers – 625
- Fire Chief – 1
- Fire Captain – 4
- Correctional Counselor II, Spec – 6
- Correctional Counselor II, Supervisor – 8
- Correctional Counselor I, - 45

F7. Non-Custody - 234:
- Education – 23
- Canteen (Inmate Welfare Fund) – 4
- California Prison Industry Authority – 10
- Inmate Work Labor (Casual Labor) – 4
- Medical – 233
- Dental – 34
- Mental Health – 62

F8. Medical clinic hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Medical Services provided on site are:
- Primary Care/Chronic Care Program/Complete Care Model
- Optometry
- Podiatry
- Physical Therapy
- Audiology
- Orthotics
- Ortho
- Ophthalmology
- X-Ray
- MRI
- CT Scan
- Ultrasound Fibroscan

F9. Pharmacy:
- Dispensing medication
- Furnish floor stock medications
- Patient medication profile review

F10. NKSP provides the following traditional faith groups:
- Protestant (English/Spanish)
- Catholic
- Muslim
- Jewish
- Native American

F11. NKSP recognizes non-traditional faith groups:

- Church of Satan
- Christian Science
- House of *Yahweh*
- Asatru (Odinist)
- Jehovah's Witness
- Latter Day Saints
- Wiccan
- Kimetic

F12. Average cost per meal is $3.12 per inmate.

F13. Food is prepared in the central kitchen and transported to three re-therm kitchens within the institution. Breakfast and dinner are hot meals prepared on site daily, lunch is a sack lunch.

Per NKSP Staff: *Utilizing a refrigerated truck and under the direction of a food service employee, multiple inmates load and unload the food at various kitchens. During feeding time inmates will either, eat in a chow hall or the food will be portioned into insulated trays and placed in insulated transport carts then delivered to the inmate's housing units.*

F14. Canteen, special food sales and packages sent by family or friends are the only times the inmate population are able to purchase or receive a meal not provided by food service. Per CDCR Operational Procedure 164, outside food is provided through approved vendors for inmate banquets, luncheons, food for religious events and group food sales.

F15. NKSP has a staff cafeteria/snack bar that is operated by the Sunshine Restaurant Group. Meals are prepared by civilian cooks.

F16. The Education Department provides access to educational programs at all facilities.
Facility A - Enrollment:

- Transitions (Parole preparation/planning) – 15
- ELearning – Distance learning program coordinated by NKSP coach. (Preparing for success after prison) – 5
- Voluntary Education Program Literacy/GED – 155
- Voluntary Education Program College (Correspondence) – 104
- On-site courses through Bakersfield College – 21
- Bakersfield College (Spring 2019 Semester) – 76
- Vocational Electrical Works – 27
- Vocational Small Engine Repair – 27

Facility B, C, D (Reception Center) - Enrollment:

- Voluntary Education Program GED – 360

Minimum Support Facility (MSF) - Enrollment:

- Transitions – (Parole preparation/planning) – 10
- Voluntary Education Program Literacy/GED – 123
- Voluntary Education Program College – 12 correspondence

F17. Per NKSP Staff: *In Facility "A" and the MSF, we try to identify inmates without a High School Equivalency (HSE) and encourage them to enroll in education classes. For the NKSP calendar year 2018, 505 inmates earned their GED. For most of our programs, an HSE is not mandatory, but it is for college.*

F18. NKSP offers the following self-help and Inmate Leisure Time Activity Groups (ILTAGS):

- Alcoholics Anonymous (English/Spanish)
- Narcotics Anonymous (English/Spanish)
- 18 Week Passages Course
- Incarcerated Veterans
- Dads Against Drugs (DADS)
- Center for Counseling
- Malachi Dads
- Quest for Personal Change
- Celebrate Recovery Inside

F19. NKSP participates in Marley's Mutts Dog Rescue, which is a progressive and intensive rehabilitation program that matches "death row" dogs with NKSP's Level III inmates.

Per the Marley's Mutts' website: *The program's goal is to reduce inmate recidivism by providing them a viable skill, while at the same time saving dogs' lives. The program is guided by four of our experienced trainers over 14 weeks, during which the inmates work towards vocational accreditation and the dogs towards their Canine Good Citizen Certification. Both man and mutt will use the skills gained in this program to better their lives and stay out of prisons and/or shelters, respectively. We measure our program success by the following metrics:*

INMATE:

- *Increased willingness and ability to cooperate and engage positively in team-settings*

- *Increased ability to tolerate and experience emotional discomfort in a constructive manner*
- *Increased ability to express emotional discomfort in a constructive manner*
- *Increased awareness of the needs and emotions of self and others, and appropriate responses*
- *Increased reported sense of self-esteem and social value*
- *Increased willingness and ability to engage in honest self-reflection*
- *Increased understanding of canine behavior and how canine-handling principles can be applied to interpersonal relationships in and out of incarceration*
- *Procurement of canine-handling skills for professional application after incarceration*

CANINE:

- *Completion of Canine Good Citizen Certification*
- *Increased signs of trust and respect with handlers and other humans*
- *Decreased symptoms of nervousness, insecurity, and fear*
- *Decreased tendencies toward possessiveness and territoriality*
- *Increased balanced social behavior toward other dogs*
- *Increased obedience to handlers*

F20. NKSP has a video surveillance system in each Ad-Seg unit. The video monitors and retention equipment are located within the each Ad-Seg unit control booth. Video cameras are utilized to monitor the Ad-Seg unit exercise yards:

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- Facility A: The family visiting room has video surveillance to monitor activities during visits. However, the retention equipment was inoperative
- Tower 1 has video monitoring to assist with monitoring traffic in and out of NKSP's secured perimeter via the front entrance, but has no retention equipment
- Tower 5 has video monitoring to assist with monitoring traffic in and out of NKSP's secured perimeter via the vehicle sally port, but has no retention equipment
- The Correctional Treatment Center has one medical cell that has video monitoring if needed, but has no retention equipment

F21. There have been three deaths and no escapes since the last Grand Jury visit of February 16, 2018.

F22. In 2018, NKSP had three riots:

- Facility M involved 33 inmates (May 31)
- Facility C involved 19 inmates (October 11)
- Facility C involved 18 inmates (October 15)

COMMENTS:

The Committee would like to thank the Warden, Associate Warden, PIO, and Staff for their time, informative question and answer session, and the tour of the facility.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

R1. The Marley's Mutts Program should consider expanding to include additional inmates and animals to the benefit of both. (Finding 19)

R2. For the security of staff, inmates and retention of evidence, inoperable surveillance retention devices should be repaired within two weeks of failure. (Finding 20)

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The Law and Justice Committee of the 2018-2019 Kern County Grand Jury visited North Kern State Prison (NKSP) on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, to inquire into the management and conditions of NKSP pursuant to California Penal Code Section 919(b).

The Grand Jury released the final report documenting their findings and recommendations on May 23, 2019. The following is the response to the findings and recommendations contained in the report.

Finding 1 NKSP's general Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019 is $165,176,389:

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RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Finding 2 NKSP also has The Division of Rehabilitative Programs (DRP) budget of $3,362,383 for the FY 2018-2019.
RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Finding 3 On the date of inspection, January 15, 2019, there were 3,957 inmates.
RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Finding 4 Facilities A, B, D, and M are each divided into multiple building with cells. Facility C and M utilize a dorm setting.
RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Finding 5 Facility A – General Population (GP):

- Building 1 – 154
- Building 2 – 151
- Building 3 – 157
- Building 4 – 93
- Building 5 – 157

Facility B – GP

- Building 1 – 159
- Building 2 – 141
- Building 3 – 146
- Building 4 – 64
- Building 5 – 120
- Building 6 – 141

Facility C

- Dorm 1- 266 – GP
- Dorm 2 – 269 – GP
- Dorm 3 – 265 – GP
- Dorm 4 – 268 – Sensitive Needs (SN)
- Dorm E – 182 – GP
- Dorm W – 170 – SN

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- Building 1 – 141 – GP
- Building 2 – 42 GP/51 SN
- Building 3 – 178 SN
- Building 4 – 144 – SN
- Building 5 – 181 – SN
- Building 6 – 103 - SN

Facility M – All Non-Designated Programing Facility

- Building 1 – 70
- Building 2 – 83
- Firehouse – 8

Family Visiting – 2
Infirmary – 10
Outside Hospital – 2
Receiving and Release – 30
Out to medical – 11

RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Finding 6

Custody Staff = 796

- Warden – 1
- Chief Deputy Warden – 1
- Correctional Administrators (Associate Warden) – 6
- Captains – 6
- Correctional Lieutenants – 26
- Correctional Sergeants – 67
- Correctional officers – 625
- Fire Chief – 1
- Fire Captain – 4
- Correctional Counselor II, Spec – 6
- Correctional Counselor II, Supervisor – 8
- Correctional Counselor I, - 45

RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Finding 7

Non-Custody = 234

- Education – 23

- Canteen (Inmate Welfare Fund) – 4
- California Prison Industry Authority – 10
- Inmate Work Labor (Casual Labor) – 4
- Medical – 233
- Dental – 34
- Mental health – 62

RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Finding 8 Medical clinic hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Medical Services provided on site are:

- Primary Care/Chronic Care Program/Complete Care Model
- Optometry
- Podiatry
- Physical Therapy
- Audiology
- Orthotics
- Ortho
- Ophthalmology
- X-Ray
- MRI
- CT Scan
- Ultrasound Fibroscan

RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Finding 9 Pharmacy:

- Dispensing medication
- Furnish floor stock medications
- Patient medication profile review

RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Finding 10 NKSP provides the following faith groups:

- Protestant (English/Spanish)
- Catholic
- Muslim
- Jewish
- Native American

RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

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- Church of Satan
- Christian Science
- House of *Jahway*
- Asutra (Odinist)
- Jehovah Witness
- Latter Day Saints
- Wiccan
- Kinetic

RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

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RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

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Per NKSP Staff: *Utilizing a refrigerated truck and under the direction of a food service employee, multiple inmates load and unload the food at various kitchens. During feeding time inmates will either, eat in a chow hall or the food will be portioned into insulated trays and placed in insulated transport carts then delivered to the inmate's housing units.*
RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Finding 14 Canteen, special food sales and packages sent by family or friends are the only times the inmate population are able to purchase or receive a meal not provided by food service. Per CDCR Operational Procedure 164, outside food is provided through approved vendors for inmate banquets, luncheons, food for religious events and group food sales.

RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

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RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Finding 16 The Education Department provides access to educational programs at all facilities.

Facility A: - Enrollment:

- Transitions (Parole preparation/planning) – 15
- ELearning – Distance learning program coordinated by NKSP coach. (Preparing for success after prison) – 5
- Voluntary Education Program Literacy/GED – 155
- Voluntary Education Program Literacy (Correspondence) – 104
- On-site courses through Bakersfield College – 21
- Bakersfield College (Spring 2019 Semester) – 76
- Vocational Electrical Works – 27
- Vocational Small Engine Repair – 27

Facility B, C, D (Reception Center) - Enrollment

- Voluntary Education Program GED – 360

Minimum Support Facility (MSF) – Enrollment:

- Transitions – (Parole preparation/planning) – 10
- Voluntary Education Program Literacy/ GED – 123
- Voluntary Education Program College – 12 correspondence

RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Finding 17 Per NKSP Staff: In Facility "A" and the MSF, we try to identify inmates without a High School Equivalency (HSE) and encourage them to enroll in education classes. For the NKSP calendar year 2018, 505 inmates earned their GED. For most of our programs, an HSE is not mandatory, but it is for college.

RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Finding 18 NKSP offers the following self-help and Inmate Leisure Time Activity Groups (ILTAGS):

- Alcoholics Anonymous (English/Spanish)
- Narcotics Anonymous (English/Spanish)
- 18 Week Passages course
- Incarcerated Veterans
- Dads Against Drugs (DADS)
- Center for Counseling
- Malachi Dad's
- Quest for Personal Change
- Celebrate Recovery Inside

RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Finding 19 NKSP participates in Marley's Mutts Dog Rescue, which is a progressive and intensive rehabilitation program that matches "death row" dogs with NKSP's Level III inmates.

Per the Marley's Mutts' website: *The program's goal is to reduce inmate recidivism by providing them a viable skill, while at the same time saving dogs' lives. The program is guided by four of our experienced trainers over 14 weeks, during which the inmates work towards vocational accreditation and the dogs towards their Canine Good Citizen Certification. Both man and mutt will use the skills gained in this program to better their lives and stay out of prisons and/or shelter—respectively. We measure our program success by the following metrics:*

Inmate:

- Increased willingness and ability to cooperate and engage positively in team-settings.
- Increased ability to tolerate and experience emotional discomfort in a constructive manner.
- Increased ability to express emotional discomfort in a constructive manner.
- Increased awareness of the needs and emotions of self and others, and appropriate responses.
- Increased reported sense of self-esteem and social value.
- Increased willingness and ability to engage in honest self-reflections.
- Increased understanding of canine behavior and how canine-handling principles can be applied to interpersonal relationships in and out of incarceration.

- Procurement of canine-handling skills for professional application after incarceration.

Canine:

- Completion of Canine Good Citizen Certification.
- Increased signs of trust and respect with handlers and other humans.
- Decreased symptoms of nervousness, insecurity, and fear.
- Decreased tendencies toward possessiveness and territoriality.
- Increased balanced social behavior toward other dogs.
- Increased obedience to handlers.

RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Finding 20 NKSP has a video surveillance system in each Ad-Seg unit. The video monitors and retention equipment are located within the each Ad-Seg unit control Booth. The video cameras are utilized to monitor the Ad-Seg unit exercise yards.

- Facility A: family visiting room has video surveillance to monitor activities during inmate family visits. However, the retention equipment does not work at this time.

Response: The visitation rooms have video surveillance to monitor activities during visits. However the retention equipment does not work at this time. The Family Visiting units **do not** have video surveillance equipment.

- Tower 1 has video monitoring to assist with monitoring traffic in and out of NKSP's secured perimeter via the front entrance, but has no retention equipment.

RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

- Tower 5 has video monitoring to assist with monitoring traffic in and out of NKSP's secured perimeter via the vehicle sally port, but has no retention equipment.

RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

- The Correctional Treatment Center has one medical cell that has video monitoring if needed, but has no retention equipment.

RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Finding 21 There have been three deaths and no escapes since the last Grand Jury visit of February 16, 2018.

RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Finding 22 In 2018, NKSP had three riots:

- Facility M involved 33 inmates (May31)
- Facility C involved 19 inmates (October 11)
- Facility C involved 18 inmates (October 15)

RESPONSE: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Kern County Grand Jury Visit
Tuesday, January 15, 2019

RECOMMENDATION 1: The Marley's Mutts Program should consider expanding to include additional inmates and animals to the benefit of both. (Finding 19)

Response: Marley's Mutts Program has expanded to include the Minimum Support facility. This has created an opportunity for more inmate involvement and the addition of more dogs.

RECOMMENDATION 2: For the security of staff, inmates and retention of evidence, inoperable surveillance retention devices should be repaired within two weeks of failure. (Finding 20)

Response: A work order is placed with Plant Operations when repairs are needed and equipment will be purchased as budgetary constraints allow.

Should you have any questions, please contact Lt. Jose M. Martinez, Administrative Assistant/ Public Information Officer at (661) 721-2345 ext. 5007.

Sincerely,

KELLY SANTORO
Warden

Cc: Charlynn McCarthy, Foreperson, 2018-2019 Kern County Grand Jury
California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Adult Institutions, Reception Centers Mission

WASCO STATE PRISON
RECEPTION CENTER

PREFACE:

Wasco State Prison-Reception Center (WSP-RC) is located at 710 Scofield Ave. Wasco, California, 93280. WSP-RC is a 1,000-bed medium custody facility that houses general population inmates to help support and maintain the 4,580-bed reception center.

PURPOSE OF INQUIRY:

The Law and Justice Committee (Committee) of the 2018-2019 Kern County Grand Jury (Grand Jury) toured WSP-RC to inspect and inquire into conditions and operations of the prison pursuant to Penal Code §919(b).

PROCESS:

The Committee reviewed the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) website and prior Kern County Grand Jury reports. A list of questions were sent prior to the inspection to WSP-RC and a written response was received. On November 29, 2018, the Committee met with the Warden, Chief Deputy Warden, Public Information Officer/Administrative Assistant and other Executive and Medical staff for a question and answer session, followed by an extensive inspection.

BACKGROUND *AND* FACTS:

Situated on 634 acres, WSP-RC opened in February 1991. It was originally designed to house 2,484 inmates. Due to modifications and additions, current maximum housing capacity is 5,954. On the day of inspection, the population was 4,846.

There are two Reception Centers in Kern County, WSP-RC and North Kern State Prison. WSP-RC was the first of the two to be built and is the largest reception center in the state. It processes about 500 inmates (in/out) every week, from 10 different counties. The primary mission is to provide short term housing necessary to process, classify and evaluate new inmates physically and mentally, determine their security level, program requirements and appropriate institutional placement.

WSP-RC has a Prison Industry Authority (PIA) laundry and farm. The laundry provides services for Coalinga State Hospital, North Kern State Prison, Kern Valley State Prison and Wasco State Prison.

The Wasco PIA Farm area covers 330 acres and provides alfalfa, wheat and hay for the dairy cattle at California State Prison Corcoran. Crop irrigation is provided by the WSP-RC water recycling plant.

FINDINGS:

F1. WSP-RC's annual budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 is $187,697,000:
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F3. WSP-RC houses:
- General Population - Level III
- Minimum Support Facility (MSF)
- Firehouse Support – Level I
- Reception Center – Inmates pending classification

F4. On the date of inspection, the total inmate population was 4,846:
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- Facility C - Reception Center 1,101
- Facility D - Reception Center 1,009
- Facility H - Reception Center 754
- Minimum Support Facility 132
- Infirmary 13
- Other areas 203

(Receiving and Release (RR), Hospital, Family Visitation)

F5. On the date of inspection, there were 887 sworn personnel, 620 non-sworn personnel, of which 341 were medical staff.

F6. Inmates are provided three meals per day which are prepared on site. Breakfast and dinner are hot meals. A box or sack lunch is issued at the end of breakfast.

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F8. Meals are distributed using food transport trucks and wheeled hot carts.

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F10. Occasionally during inmate fundraisers, inmates are given the opportunity to purchase food from outside vendors.

F11. Staff cafeteria is available to staff in the Administration Building where meals are prepared by civilian cooks. The cafeteria is open from 5:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily and closed on major holidays.

F12. The Education Department currently offers educational programming (Pre-K to college level) on all yards. The average enrollment is over 500 students each month. In addition to the educational programming, Facility A offers:

- Back to the community Transitions Program (27 enrolled)
- Health and Wellness class (18 enrolled)
- Bakersfield College classes (31 enrolled)
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- Vocational Computer Technologies (54 enrolled)
- Distance learning through Coastline Community College (3 enrolled)

F13. School is *not* mandatory for inmates without a High School Diploma or General Education Diploma (GED).

F14. From January 2018 to November 29, 2018, 170 inmates have earned their GEDs.

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- Critical Thinking
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- Kern Painting

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- Malachi Dads
- Alcoholics Anonymous – Spanish
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- Narcotics Anonymous – English
- Getting Out by Going In – English
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- Celebrate Recovery
- Kern Poetry
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COMMENTS:

The Grand Jury would like to thank the Warden, Chief Deputy Warden, Public Information Officer/Administrative Assistant and Executive Staff for a welcoming and informative meeting followed by a tour of the facility.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

R1. The Grand Jury recommends WSP-RC repair the surveillance camera retention devices by the end of the 2019 Fiscal Year. (Finding 29)

NOTES:

- The Wasco State Prison Reception Center and CDCR should post a copy of this report where it will be available for public review.

- Persons wishing to receive an email notification of newly released reports may sign up at: www.kerncounty.com/grandjury.

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YOU ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT YOUR RESPONSE WITHIN 90 DAYS, TO:

PRESIDING JUDGE
KERN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
1415 TRUXTUN AVENUE, SUITE 212
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301

CC: **FOREPERSON**
KERN COUNTY GRAND JURY
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Appendix A

Wasco State Prison- Reception Center- Community Support and Donations for 2018

$1,999.00 to Wasco Little League

$400.00 to Frontier High School Agriculture Program

$1,500.00 to Wasco Orange Heart Foundation (Fireworks Show)

$1,619.00 to Garden Pathways Inc.

$1,883.00 to Boys and Girls Club of Kern County

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12/13/18- WSP-RC staff will be delivering about 235 gifts to needy elementary school children from five (5) local elementary schools. The names and wish lists of the children are provided to the institution by the schools. The gifts are purchased, wrapped, and delivered by WSP-RC staff members.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA – DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION GAVIN NEWSOM, GOVERNOR

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April 15, 2019

Presiding Judge
Kern County Superior Court
1415 Truxton Avenue, Suite 212
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Subject: Wasco State Prison – Reception Center's Kern County Grand Jury 2018 – 2019 Inspection

Dear Presiding Judge:

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

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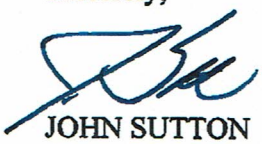
On the behalf of Wasco State Prison – Reception Center, I would like to thank each of the members of 2017 – 2018 Kern County Grand Jury for taking the time out of their busy schedules to visit and tour our institution.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact me at (661) 758-7000 or email address John.Sutton@cdcr.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



JOHN SUTTON
Warden
Wasco State Prison – Reception Center

JS:tpg

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