

# South Correctional Entity

2022 PREA Report



### Background

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) is a federal law that prohibits sexual misconduct in correctional settings such as prisons, jails, lockups, juvenile facilities, and INS detention facilities. Sexual misconduct under this law includes:

- Inmate-on-inmate sexual assault and abuse
- Staff-on-inmate sexual misconduct (sexual/inappropriate relationships with inmates)
- Inmate-on-inmate and staff-on-inmate sexual harassment

The South Correctional Entity (SCORE) is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for staff and inmates. SCORE has zero tolerance for sexual misconduct of any kind and will impose discipline for such misconduct, up to and including dismissal for staff and serious infractions for inmates who victimize other inmates. Incidents of sexual misconduct will also be referred to law enforcement when applicable. SCORE's policies regarding sexual misconduct apply to all inmates. They also apply to employees, contractors, and volunteers.

### **General Information**

During 2022, there were a total of 14,040 new admissions into the SCORE Facility . Of the new admissions, 10,042 were male, 3,165 were female, and 833 did not specify a gender. The average daily population of SCORE this year was 358.

\* These admissions include repeat inmates booked on new charges and persons officially booked into and housed within the facility by formal legal documents and by the authority of the courts or some other official agency.

The South Correctional Entity utilizes the definition of “sexual abuse” as provided by 28 C.F.R. §115.6 in the National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape (under the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003). For purposes of tracking, sexual abuse is disaggregated into three categories of inmate-on-inmate sexual victimization. These categories are:

**NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL ACTS:**

Sexual contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse;  
AND

Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus including penetration, however slight;

OR

Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;

OR

Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, or other instrument.

**ABUSIVE SEXUAL CONTACTS**

Sexual contact of any person without his or her consent, or of a person who is unable to consent or refuse;  
AND

Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks of any person.

Exclude incidents in which the contact was incidental to a physical altercation.

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one inmate directed toward another.



The South Correctional Entity utilizes the definition of "sexual abuse" by a staff member, contractor or volunteer as provided by 28 C.F.R. §115.6 in the National Standards to Prevent, Detect, and Respond to Prison Rape (under the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003). For purposes of tracking, sexual abuse is disaggregated into two categories of staff-on-inmate sexual victimization. These categories are:

#### **STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT**

Any behavior or act of a sexual nature directed toward an inmate by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor or other agency representative (exclude family, friends or other visitors.)

Sexual relationships of a romantic nature between staff and inmates are included in this definition. Consensual or nonconsensual sexual acts include-

Intentional touching of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks that is unrelated to official duties or with the intent to abuse, arouse, or gratify sexual desire;

OR

Completed, attempted, threatened, or requested sexual acts;

OR

Occurrences of indecent exposure, invasion of privacy, or staff voyeurism for reasons unrelated to official duties or for sexual gratification.

#### **STAFF SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

Repeated verbal statements, comments or gestures of a sexual nature to an inmate by an employee, volunteer, contractor, official visitor, or other agency representative (exclude family, friends, or other visitors). To include, but not limited to -

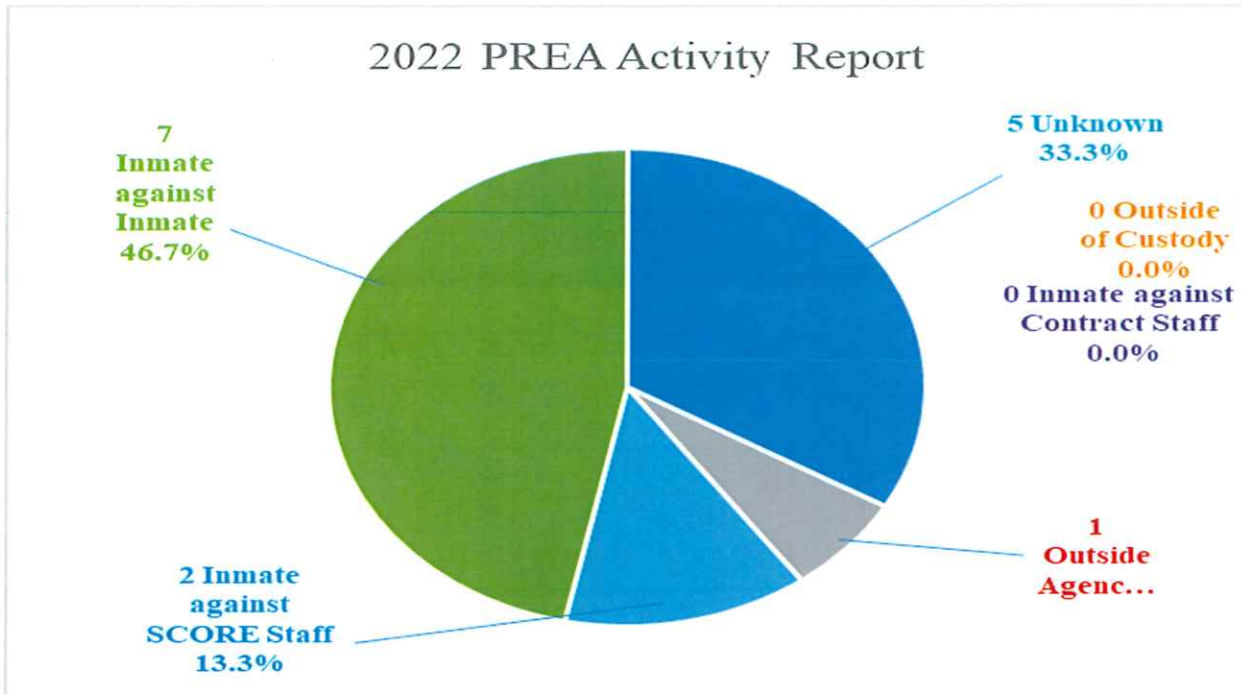
Demearing references to gender or sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing;

OR

Repeated profane or obscene language or gestures.

**PREA Report Activity**

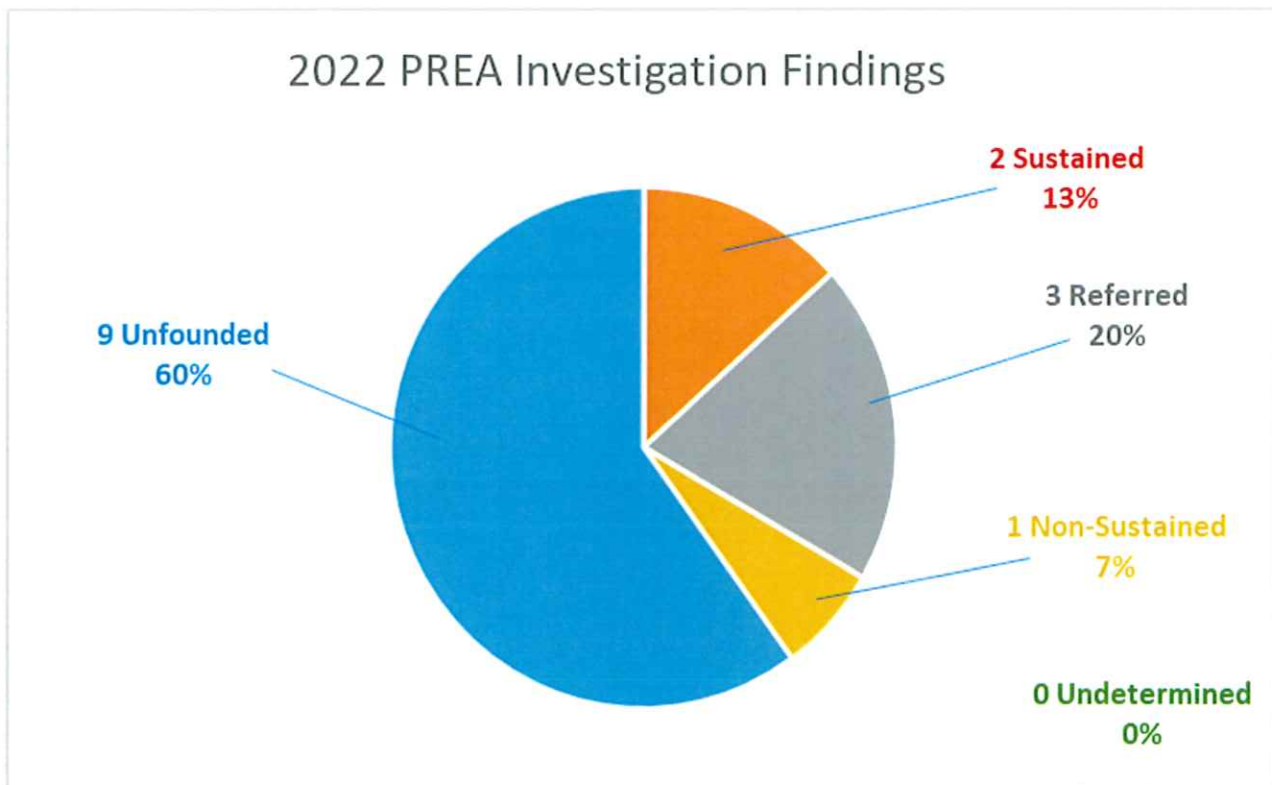
The chart below captures the number of “Inmate Against Inmate”, “Inmate Against SCORE Staff”, and “Inmate Against Contract Staff”, “Outside Agency”, “Out of Custody”, and “Unknown” reports that occurred during 2022.



15 Allegations

**PREA Report Findings**

In 2022, there were nine allegations that were unfounded, three referrals to other law enforcement agencies, two sustained, and one non-sustained. There were no exonerated or undetermined findings.



**Outcomes are defined as follows:**

- ◆ **UNFOUNDED:** The allegation is false or not factual.
- ◆ **EXONERATED:** The allegation investigated substantially occurred, but was lawful and proper.
- ◆ **NON-SUSTAINED:** There is insufficient factual evidence either to prove or disprove the allegations.
- ◆ **SUSTAINED:** The allegation is supported by sufficient factual evidence.
- ◆ **UNDETERMINED:** The complainant withdraws the complaint, cannot be located, and/or is uncooperative OR the accused employee separates from employment before the conclusion of the investigation.
- ◆ **REFERRED:** § 115.63 Reporting to other confinement facilities.
  - (a) Upon receiving an allegation that an inmate/detainee was sexually abused while confined at another facility the head of the facility that received the allegation shall notify the head of the facility or appropriate office of the agency where the alleged abuse occurred.
  - (b) Such notification shall be provided as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours after receiving the allegation.
  - (c) The agency shall document that it has provided such notification.
  - (d) The facility head or agency office that receives such notification shall ensure that the allegation is investigated in accordance with these standards.

In 2022, the Covid Pandemic was not as impactful as the previous two years. Nonetheless, SCORE maintained compliance with PREA standards in accordance with PREA standard 115.11(b) *“the agency shall employ or designate an upper-level, agency-wide PREA coordinator with sufficient time and authority to develop, implement, and oversee agency efforts to comply with the PREA standards.”*

The SCORE continues to carry out and address sexual violence within the facility that is overseen by the PREA Coordinator by:

- ◆ Reviewing agency policies to ensure compliance with standards and related expectations.
- ◆ Updating and expanding training to staff, contractors, volunteers and vendors who have contact with detainees/inmates, with specialized training for investigators, and health services professionals.
- ◆ Specialized trained PREA investigators on each shift.
- ◆ Continuing to review and update risk assessment tools for detainees/inmates to ensure they are housed and assigned to programming in accordance with their risk as a potential victim or perpetrator of PREA.
- ◆ Continuing to review and update communication strategies for staff, detainees/inmates, volunteers and the community regarding reporting venues and detainee/inmate rights to be free from victimization.
- ◆ Continuing to partner with the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC) for the provision of support services to detainee/inmate sexual assault survivors.

SCORE is committed to operating a safe and secure facility for detainees/inmates and staff with the belief that as the custodians for detainees/inmates, the provision of an environment free from sexual violence and harassment is a core mission. This agency has a duty to provide clear expectations to detainees/inmates, staff, contractors, and volunteers to maintain a violence-free facility. Lastly, SCORE staff, contractors, and volunteers have a duty and obligation as public servants to allow opportunities for detainees/inmates to serve their sentences in an environment free from sexual violence and sexual harassment by supporting opportunities for successful community reentry while breaking the cycle of violence following release, which is SCORE's mission, *“To provide the highest quality public services to those we serve.”*