

Sexual abuse in correctional institutions is a public safety issue that can impact facility order and security. This policy ensures Effingham County Prison (ECP) is in compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and the PREA National Standards.

ECP has mandated zero-tolerance towards all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment; to include inmate on inmate sexual abuse or harassment as well as employee on inmate sexual abuse or harassment. All allegations will be thoroughly investigated by outside agencies. Allegations made concerning a state inmate will be investigated by GDC Office of Professional Standards and allegations made concerning a county inmate will be investigated by Effingham County Sheriff Department.

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Reports can be made anonymously .

Effingham County Prison has not had a PREA allegation.

Effingham County Sheriff Department, an outside agency, will be contacted and complete a criminal investigation for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment involving any staff Effingham County Prison and refer to GBI if felony criminal charges are warranted.

Office of Professional Standards with Georgia Department of Corrections, An outside agency, will be contacted and complete a criminal investigation for all allegations of sexual abuse and sexual harassment involving state inmates at Effingham County Prison.

Once an allegation is brought to the attention of Effingham County Prison and the victim is in a safe location, the warden will immediately contact the appropriate investigating agency and

advise of the need of services. Investigations will be conducted according to GDC Policy 103.06, *Investigations of Allegations of Sexual Contact, Sexual Abuse, and Sexual Harassment of Offenders* and Effingham County Sheriff Department Policy

The Warden shall ensure that the following actions are taken anytime he learns of an allegation of sexual abuse or sexual assault:

- Separate the alleged victim and abuser.
- Ensure Local Institutional Sexual Abuse Response Plan is enacted;
- Contact the Field Operations Manager;
- Notify the appropriate Regional SAC;
- Subsequently, submit a written notification via email to the Office of Investigations and Compliance Senior Investigator and the Department's PREA Coordinator. This reporting should follow any and all established notification procedures in place by the Facilities Division Director (for state offenders)
- Subsequently, submit a written notification via email to the Office of Investigations and Effingham County Sheriff Department and the Department's PREA Coordinator. This reporting should follow any and all established notification procedures in place by the Facilities Division Director (for county offenders)
- Effingham County Prison shall cooperate with the outside investigators and shall endeavor to remain informed about the progress of the investigations.