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ANNUAL PREA REPORT AND ALLEGATION SUMMARY 2016

In 2016, The Cavalier County Sheriff's Office Jail has made some changes. Starting with a new Sheriff and Jail administrator. It has been a learning experience as we have never had anything to do with PREA compliance, Audits, or Pre-Audits. I took over in September and that was the first time I had attended a Jail administrator meeting. That is when I found out about PREA and that it applied to our jail, as well as the fact that North Dakota was coming out with new jail standards which would go into effect the first of the year. Also, that is when I found out that we could not keep women in our jail if we did not have a female correctional officer working at the jail. We made changes immediately after that meeting.

We signed a contract with LRCF in Devils Lake to take our females when we don't have females working. We then went to work on getting PREA compliant. We also signed a contract with Lexipol to get new policies for the jail as ours were out of date. We hired 2 new employees and had them get their correctional officer training as soon as we could get them into it. We will continue to get training for PREA for everyone involved in the jail as well as get things ready for our first PREA audit in 2017.

In 2015, our records show that we housed 64 inmates, with 6 of them being in our facility for longer than 30 days. This is also the year that we started using P1 as our records system which also included the records for the jail. In 2016, we housed 61 inmates, again with 6 being in our facility for longer than 30 days. In 2016, 31 inmates were in our facility for longer than 72 hours.

We have never had a PREA incident in our jail in the 31 years that I have been working here.

2017 looks to be a interesting year with all the new information we are getting for our jail. We are approaching it as a team and everyone is getting on board to make our jail a safe and secure facility for our inmates and the community.

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Greg Fetsch, Sheriff