PREA Data Collection Summary 2018

The Cherokee County Sheriff's Office documents and investigates all reported occurrences of nonconsensual sex acts, whether alleged to have been completed or attempted, as well as any allegations of abusive sexual contact and sexual harassment, whether solely involving inmates or involving inmates and staff members.

There were no reports of sexual misconduct or harassment involving staff members during the 2018 reporting period.

During the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, there were two allegations made, both of which solely involved inmates. At the conclusion of the investigations, one was determined to be unfounded while the other was unsubstantiated.

Both allegations involved male inmates in an area regularly monitored by staff and in both instances, parties reportedly involved were relocated.

The Cherokee County Sheriff's Office continues to maintain, review and collect data as needed from all available incident- based documents, including reports, investigation files, and sexual abuse incident reviews. Upon request, the agency will continue to make its best efforts and provide all such data from the previous year to the Department of Justice no later than June 30.

The Cherokee County Sheriff's Office will make its best efforts to continue to review the data collected and aggregated pursuant to PREA standard 115.87 in order to assess and improve the effectiveness of its sexual abuse prevention, detection, and response policies, practices, and training and take into account any corrective action necessary.

Sheriff David Groves

Captain Michelle Tippie