

PREA Data Collection Summary 2022

From the time period dating from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 The Cherokee County Sheriff's Office had one substantiated reports of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. There were 10 incidents which were reported and investigated.

One case alleged Inmate-on-Inmate Sexual Harassment. The PREA investigator determined that after reviewing the complaint, it was the opinion as a trained PREA investigator that the alleged acts were a PREA violation; however they were not criminal in nature. That case was found to be Substantiated.

The second case alleged Staff sexual misconduct or Staff-on- Inmate. The PREA investigator determined that after reviewing the complaint, it was the opinion as a trained PREA investigator that the alleged acts were not a PREA violation nor were they criminal in nature. That case was found to be unsubstantiated.

The other eight alleged complaints reported to be inmate-on-inmate sexual harassment. All of the incidents were independently investigated by a PREA investigator who determined that after reviewing the complaints, the alleged acts were not a PREA violation. They were also not found to be criminal in nature.

In comparison with the previous year there was one substantiated incident of sexual abuse or sexual harassment. The Cherokee County Sheriff's Office continues to show careful consideration for the inmates housed in its facility when addressing sexual abuse.