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To: Sheriff Thomas Bowler

From: A.S. Daniel Sheridan

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Re: Annual Report of PREA Investigations

Pursuant to 115.88 Data Review for Corrective Action, the Berkshire Sheriff's Office completes an annual report to assess the effectiveness of sexual abuse prevention, detection and response. Policies, procedures and training are examined to identify any problem areas and take corrective action on an ongoing basis and the report summarizes those findings and corrective actions.

Specific material may be redacted from the report when it would present a clear and specific threat to safety and security, but the report must still indicate the nature of any redacted material.

Through our Review of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment Investigations and, we have compiled the following data in accordance with PREA standards into the following table:

BERKSHIRE COUNTY JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION 2017 STATISTICS

TYPE OF INCIDENT	ALLEGED	SUBSTANTIATED	UNSUBSTANTIATED	UNFOUNDED
Inmate on Inmate sexual abuse	2	0	1	1
Staff on Inmate sexual abuse	3	0	1	2
Inmate on Inmate sexual harassment	2	1	1	0
Staff on Inmate sexual harassment	6	0	1	5
Annual total	13	1	4	8
Outside Agency Notifications	6	0	0	0

The Berkshire County Sheriff's Office has a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY for Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment. Every allegation, report or discovery of sexual activity is investigated as a PREA violation. Only after a full investigation are incidents categorized as either a PREA violation or not (e.g., consensual, but unauthorized sexual activity that may be a rules violation, rather than a PREA violation.)