



PREVIOUS INSPECTION \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections**

Courts \_\_\_\_\_ Jails x Sheriff Stations \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMISSIONER(S):**  
**Veral and Terrones**

**TIME**  
**DATE**

6/19/2023  
 6:30p-8:45p

<b>FACILITY NAME:</b>	Men's Central Jail
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	450 Bauchet St/ LASD SUPERVISOR CONTACTED:
<b>Census:</b>	(Capacity: _____) (Current Census: ( _____))
<b>Location(s) Inspected:</b>	5100- empty (observed from the deputy booth) 5600-total number of individuals 79 5700-total count 90 5800-total count 84 5900 -Total count 79  4300C (mental health discipline row) 2400B (general population)
<b>Issues Reported to:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> BOS <input type="checkbox"/> Officer in Charge <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LASD <input type="checkbox"/> ISD <input type="checkbox"/> OIG <input type="checkbox"/> COC Moore

**RATING: S = Satisfactory U = Unsatisfactory CA = Corrective Action Needed N/A = Not Applicable**

ITEMS	RATING	COMMENTS
<b>1. Conditions of Confinement</b>		
Cells/Toilets/Sinks	U	Broken toilet (does not flush) in: 4300 C1, C3 (just runs continuously), C8  The cell 4300C12 was out of order/no one housed there, but the floor was flooded and covered in very wet t-shirts. It was extremely unsanitary - smelled moldy and the shirts were covered in dirty water.  There was no hot water in 4300C and 2400B. 2400 reportedly had not had hot water for several months. Reported to W/C who said he would submit a work order for the water in 2400. See below for more info.
Showers (water temperature, rust, mold etc.)	U	People in 4300 reported they are not receiving showers. LASD reported that they try to only house people there for 72 hours, so it is unclear if there is a regular shower schedule. The CA reported showers are occurring, but the shower appeared dry and unused.  People in 2400B reported they did not receive consistent showers. And when they were taken to showers it is flooded and they only have approximately two minutes to shower in cold water. The entire row showers at once and often only 1-2

		shower heads work.
Crowding	U	The 5000FL dorms (which are used for "MOH"/housing for mentally ill individuals) are very overcrowded. There is no line of sight from the guard booth through the dorms – all of which housed over 75 people each. Meanwhile we observed two deputies enter 5700 for a security check; however, they did not look into bunks even though there were towels/blankets that covered their views to visibly check on people. They also did not make eye contact and walk through occurred approximately for 30 seconds. Appeared to want to rush through housing unit.
Cleanliness/Graffiti	U	Large pile of trash observed outside of 5700. Trash observed throughout the rows of 4300 and 2400.  Blood and spit observed on the walls of 2400B.  2400B1 – we observed roach hive in vents. One individual told us he has had to cover the vent as a measure to limit infestation. Several individuals in the cells in this row reported roaches and mice.
Safety, Conflict, Tension	U	We were in 2400B for approximately 30-40 minutes and apparently deputies did not communicate to one another we were inside. When we were finished with our inspection, we tried to yell to them to open gate, no response for several minutes (close to 10). One person in the front cell yelled several times and finally a deputy came to open the gate.  It was very concerning that inmates cannot get the attention of staff. Commissioner Veral was particularly concerned about what would happen if someone had a medical emergency, as has happened on previous visits to MCJ. In addition, due to the very strong smoke smell in the module (discussed below), it was very dangerous that no one walked the row.
Common Areas		
Air Quality/Temperature	U	There was a strong campfire/smoke smell throughout the facility. It was particularly strong in 2400, both on the row and in the hallway around the deputy booth. Many people in 2400 complained of ventilation concerns.  In addition, there were open fires in several cells. The smoke smell was reported to LASD who reported to us that people start fires to heat their canteen food, which is delivered on Monday evenings. It was also reported to us by people incarcerated that the fires

		are used to heat the water.
Deputy/Detainee Relations (incl. specific incidents or allegations of misconduct)		
Strip Search Issues		
Access (Drinking Water)		
Access (Mail/Reading Materials/Law Library)		
Access (Toilets (for common room))		
Access (Toiletries, Appropriate Combs/Brushes)	U	<p>We observed a man being escorted to the discipline module from the 5000 FL to 4300. He was not brought with a toothbrush or toiletries. We were on the row for approximately 10 minutes when a deputy returned to bring him a blanket, and we asked about the hygiene kit. He brought one when we asked. Others on the row noted that they thought it was brought only because we had witnessed it.</p> <p>In addition, other people in 4300C reported that they do not get access to these items unless they ask many times. When we brought this issue to LASD's attention, we were told that people need to bring their items with them from their property. However, this does not seem to be relayed to the people who are incarcerated so they go without these items for days at time.</p>
Access (Exercise, Religious Practice)		
Access (Legal Counsel)		
Access (Visitation, correspondence)		
Solitary Confinement		
Privacy/Dignity (showers, bathrooms)	U	See above re showers.
Special needs populations (pregnant, non-ambulatory, hearing impaired, mentally ill, medical conditions, developmental disability)	U	See below re MH discipline process
Module Information Postings (re: time calculations, complaint procedures, messages to SBC)		
Complaint Procedures (e.g., Deputy, medical complaints – confidential procedures to SBC, OIG, COC)		
Fees Assessed/Money on Books		
Other: <u>Classification</u>		One person reported they should be K6g (and have been previously) but was having problems getting classified as such now and is housed in the discipline module in the meantime. SBC followed up individually.
<b>2. Nutrition</b> Quality/concerns	U	2400B reports cold meals
Access to special diets		

<b>3. Trustees</b>		
Quarters		
Training & Selection		
Workload and Hours		
Calculation/Time Served		
<b>4. Medical Services</b> (Access, wait times, responsiveness, TB and other medical screening, dental, vision; infectious disease protocol)		Reported individual concerns to CHS.
<b>5. Mental Health Services</b> (Access, wait Times, treatment options, assessment procedures)		
<b>6. Telephones</b> Access/Functionality	U	Several phones were reported dysfunctional in 2400B and 4300C
<b>7. EBI Services</b> Availability/Type/Access <b>Volunteer Services</b> (Type, Access, Concerns)		
<b>8. Clean Clothing and Bedding</b> (Including laundry practices)	U	No blankets provided to individuals when they are transferred from the 5000 floor to 4300 (discipline housing) and people had to wait several days afterwards. Several people reported that we witnessed someone receiving a blanket after about 10 minutes was simply because we were present.  Foam mattress did not have covers, observed to have mold and was unsanitary.
<b>9. Facilities/Maintenance</b>		
Back Log Unfilled Order(s)		
Kitchen/ Laundry	U	People in 2400B told us they get clothing exchanges once a week, but it only includes blues and blankets (no sheets). They must rewash everything else.
Chemical exposure (kitchen, laundry, trustee duties)		
<b>10. Deputy Staffing</b>		
Quality of Interactions w/Detainees	U	See above re insufficient inspection time during security checks.
Use of Force (Last 30 days)		
Assault on Staff (Last 30 days)		
Staff Training (MH, trauma informed etc.)		
<b>11. Detainee Complaints/Concerns</b>		
<b>12. Deputy Complaints/Concerns</b>		
<b>13. Prior Corrective Action Resolution</b>		
<b>14. Detainee Documentation</b> (e.g., intake/release, procedures: classification, logs, detainee management files, Exit interview – policies/procedure grievances. generated funds, classifications)		
<b>15. Discipline Proceedings</b>	U	Two people in 4300 reported they had not received their DRB notice. CA confirmed both individuals had been on the row for 6 days.  SBC has reported problems in this MH discipline areas over the last two MCJ inspections and will follow up with the DRB Sgt. and MH staff for further

		inquiry.
<b>16. Emergency Preparedness/Systems</b> (e.g., fire extinguishers, air pack tags, emergency evacuation routes, control centers, emergency lighting fixtures, safety drills, First Aid and Suicide kits)		
<b>17. Grounds</b> (conditions, unlawful postings on exterior grounds (e.g., if ever been convicted cannot visit a detainee, etc.)		
<b>18. Inspection: Special Focus</b> OIG: _____  COC: _____  Community: _____		
<b>19. COVID-19: _COC Request_____</b>		
<b>20. PREA Issues: _____</b>		
<b>21. Other: <u>Lighting</u> _____</b>	U	Lights out in 24B cells 8 and 10. The entire module is extremely dark and hard to see.



