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Inspection Information

1. Location *

Men's Central Jail

2. Date of Previous Inspection *

5/10/2024



3. Date of this Inspection *

8/18/2024



4. Time *

12pm-5pm

5. Location

Courts

Jails

Sheriff Station

Location



6. Commissioner(s) - (Select all that Apply) *

- Ingrid Archie
- Haley Broder
- Norma Cumpian
- Wynter Daggs
- Mark - Anthony Clayton Johnson
- Bob Frutos
- Dr. Cheryl N. Grills
- Eric J. Miller
- Raymond Regalado
- Alexander Sherman
- Joahanna Terrones
- Mary Veral
- Other

Facility Information

7. Facility Name *

Courthouse names and locations: <https://www.lacourt.org/courthouse>

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Men's Central Jail

8. Facility Address *

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441 Bauchet Street,
Los Angeles CA90012General

9. Name and Title of LASD Supervisor Contacted *

Acting Captain Marchello

10. Census: Capacity *

4,642

11. Current Census *

4,031

12. Location(s) Inspected: *

8000, 9,000, 5,000, 1700

13. Issues reported to (Select all that Apply): *

- BOS
- Officer in Charge
- LASD
- ISD
- OIG
- COC
- Correctional Health Services

14. Name of the person(s) issues were reported to: *

Acting Captain Marchello; Dr. Sean Henderson

15. Contact Information of the person(s) contacted: *

rlmarche@lasd.org; SHenderson@dhs.lacounty.gov

Conditions of Confinement

16. **Condition of Confinement:** Cells/Toilets/Sinks

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

17. **Condition of Confinement COMMENTS RE:** Cells/Toilets/Sinks

18. **Condition of Confinement:** Showers (water temperature, rust, mold etc.)

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

19. **Conditions of Confinement COMMENT RE:** Showers (water temperature, rust, mold etc.)

20. **Condition of Confinement:** Crowding

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

21. **Conditions of Confinement COMMENT RE:** Crowding

22. **Condition of Confinement:** Cleanliness/Graffiti

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

23. **Conditions of Confinement COMMENT RE:** Cleanliness/Graffiti

24. **Condition of Confinement:** Safety, Conflict, Tension

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

Nutrition

25. **Nutrition:** Quality/Concerns

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

26. **Nutrition COMMENT RE:** Quality/Concerns

27. **Nutrition:** Access to special diets

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

28. **Nutrition COMMENT RE:** Access to special diets

Trustees

29. **Trustees: Quarters**

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

Medical Services

30. **Medical Services**

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Corrective Action Needed	Not Applicable
Access	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wait Times	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Responsiveness	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
TB and Other Medical Screening	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dental	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vision	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Infectious Disease Protocol	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

31. **COMMENTS RE: Medical**

Mental Health

32. **Mental Health Services**

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Corrective Action Needed	Not Applicable
Access	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wait Times	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Treatment Options	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assessment Procedures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

33. **COMMENTS RE:** Mental Health

Telephones

34. **Telephones**

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Corrective Action Needed	Not Applicable
Access	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Functionality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

35. **COMMENTS RE:** Telephones

Education Based Incarceration Programming (EBI)

36. **Education Based Incarceration Programming (EBI)**

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Corrective Action Needed	Not Applicable
Availability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Type	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

37. **COMMENTS RE:** EBI Programming

38. **EBI:** Volunteer Services

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Corrective Action Needed	Not Applicable
Type	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Concerns	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Clean Clothing and Bedding

40. **Clean Clothing and Bedding** (including laundry practices)

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

41. **COMMENTS RE: Clean Clothing and Bedding** (including laundry practices)

Facilities/Maintenance

42. **Facilities/Maintenance:** Back Log Unfilled Order(s)

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

43. **Facilities/Maintenance COMMENTS RE:** Back Log Unfilled Order(s)

44. **Facilities/Maintenance:** Kitchen/Laundry

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

Deputy Staffing

45. Deputy Staffing: Quality of Interactions w/Detainees

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Corrective Action Needed	Not Applicable
Use of Force (Last 30 days)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assault on Staff (Last 30 days)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Staff Training (MH, trauma informed etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

46. Deputy Staffing COMMENTS RE: Quality of Interactions w/Detainees

47. Detainee Complaints/Concerns COMMENTS:

48. Deputy Complaint/Concerns COMMENTS:

49. Prior Corrective Action Resolution:

50. Detainee Documentations (e.g., intake/release, procedures):

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Corrective Action Needed	Not Applicable
Classification	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Logs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Detainee management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Exit interview - policies/proced ure grievances	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Generated funds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

51. Detainee Documentation COMMENTS:

52. Discipline Proceedings:

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

Inspection: Special Focus

53. Inspection: Special Focus

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Corrective Action Needed	Not Available
COC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CHS	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
DMH	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
DPH	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Food Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
OIG	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

54. Inspection: Special Focus Request (Select all that Apply):

- COC
- Community
- CHS
- DMH
- DPH
- Facilities
- Food Services
- OIG
- N/A
- Other

55. Inspection: Special Focus Request Comments:

56. **Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Issues:**

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

INSPECTION DETAILS - ANCHORED TO SUMMARIZE #3 THROUGH #106

57. Inspection Detail for #:

58. Inspection Detail for #:

59. Inspection Detail for #:

60. Inspection Detail for **OIG** Request Related to:

61. Inspection Detail for **COC** Request Related to:

62. Inspection Detail for **Community Request** Related to:

63. **Inspection Detail:** EBI

64. **Inspection Detail:** Medical

65. **Inspection Detail:** Medical

66. **Inspection Detail:** Building and Maintenance *(Select all that apply)*

- Lawns
- Recreation Area
- Blacktop
- Asphalt
- General Condition
- Paint
- Roof
- Drains/Gutters
- Not Applicable
- Other

67. **Inspection Detail:** Building and Maintenance

INSPECTION DETAIL: INTERIOR OF BUILDINGS(S)

68. **Inspection Detail:** Interior of Building(s) and Maintenance *(Select all that apply)*

- Walls
- Paint
- Floors
- Drains
- Plumbing fixtures working
- Air Vents
- Windows
- Not Applicable
- Other

69. Inspection Detail **Interior of Building:**

70. Are Cleaning fluids and chemicals labeled and safely stored?

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable
- Other

71. Weapons locker present?

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable
- Other

72. Recreation/Sports Equipment:

73. Are the hallways clear, are doors propped open or closed?

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable
- Other

74. Holding areas (cells/rooms), is there access to drinking water and toilet?

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable
- Other

75. Condition of individual cells/rooms, or dormitories:

76. Beds - Type of bed and is it off the floor?

77. Adequate lighting:

78. Temperature:

79. Narrative Report

The Watch Commander informed the Commissioners that the staff was short 24 deputies on day shift. A poster in office stating "two days since last category 2" incident, which the Watch Commander informed the Commissioners was an incident involving injury and force of some sort. He also noted that the main downstairs elevator bank has one elevator out of order, and that a California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) inspection is expected soon: a focus of that inspection was the use of bedding, towels, and clothing to obscure people incarcerated in the jail from the view of other people, including LASD staff (known colloquially as "tenting"). Operations to eradicate tenting were underway daily and planned for 3PM in 5000s

8000

The 8000 unit is designated by LASD as a medical housing unit. Individuals are housed in large cells that hold up to about 10 people. During the Commissioner's visit, an alarm made a loud, ululating sound that was constant and omnipresent throughout the first front area (near 8214/8100). If there were an emergency requiring the attention of the Deputies, the incarcerated men would have difficulty making themselves heard above the alarm.

Room 8109 was a recreation room. However, of the 5 telephones, only 2 were in working order. There was mold on the ceiling.

The 8120 pod housed eight people. The cell had mold and stains on the wall. The people housed there requested a hot pot.

The 8122 pod housed civil detainees. The people living there complained of leaks that covered about a quarter of the cell when it rained. They also showed the Commissioner where they had cleaned black mold from the ceiling using soap and toilet paper. The telephone did not work properly, and the television cables were frayed. The cleaning trustees (incarcerated people given cleaning duties) were not allowed in the cell because the cell housed civil detainees.

In pods 8214 and 8119, the sink did not work and the toilet was out of order. The water temperature was scalding hot and had burned four people, including one that had suffered a second-degree burn. The staff did not clean the showers properly. One individual in a wheelchair fell multiple times due to inaccessible seating which made it impossible to sit on the benches in the dorm. A paralyzed man slipped on a bench. They asked for bathtub but not allowed to use it instead of shower.

One of the incarcerated people alleged he had his foot crushed by a deputy the previous week.

People in the 8214 reported that transportation to prison without wheelchairs is nonexistent. One person reported he has been waiting eight months since his sentencing to be moved to prison and has been unable to be taken due to transport difficulties as he is in a wheelchair. Another person stated he has an August 29th release set from Delano Prison but was told transportation to get there was not possible with his wheelchair.

We spoke with the Watch Commander, who stated he would like to change this ASAP and confirmed there was wheelchair-accessible transportation.

There was a massive, nonstop leak from the ceiling the 8230 area corridor that covered about thirteen yards by three yards. The hall has three large trashcans, five crates, a mop and bucket to soak up all the water. There is a nonstop leak, deputies report it has been there for at least one week. A trustee reported he has been disciplined by deputies for not successfully getting rid of the leaky water on the floor. Multiple people had slipped. The inspectors also slipped walking over near there.

Lights were off in several living areas, each housing 11-16 people. We watched deputies not enter the areas for the 30-minute security checks but swipe the scanner on the outside of the door. We watched deputies conduct checks without stopping and looking inside the rooms. We noticed that when we looked inside when the lights were off, you could not see anything very quickly.

80. Narrative Continued

In the 8118 pod, one toilet had been malfunctioning for over five weeks (verified) and likely much longer, according to people living in the room. This leaves one toilet for 11-12 people. There had been work orders made but the issue remained unresolved.

In 4120, in front of the Education Based Incarceration room in which the men have educational classes, the Commissioners walked through the unit, they observed water (possible leak).

In room 4188 the commissioners observed three computer boxes in a room on the wall which are used to look up court date and hospital information, but these do not work.

9000

The 9500 dorm housed 80 people out of a possible 147. This is significantly more than the number recommended by California BSCC Title 24, which mandates a maximum of 64 people per dorm.

The 9400 dorm housed 93 people out of a possible 102. The men in 9400 were triple bunked. Triple bunking, in which there are three levels of beds, makes the dorm significantly crowded. The dorm recently engaged in a hunger strike for hot food (confirmed by the watch commander) and although the hunger-strike had ended, there was still no hot food for special diets currently provided.

The men incarcerated in the dorm reported that someone was tampering with the food before it was served to them, and that the special diets coming cold. They also complained that there was no church or school offering. They reported that visits did not last the full 30 minutes or that their families had to wait a significant length of time on each visit. They complained that the mail was slow and that "urban" books marketed to a Black audience were returned, even though books with a similar content marketed to a general audience were not. They also complained that family photos were sent back and stated that a trustee alleged that they had found mail in the hall trash.

Three of the toilets do not flush and the urinal does not function. Furthermore, the nightly 30-minute checks are startling, because the Deputies use shine blue light flashlights the men's face at night, waking them from their sleep.

The 9300 dorm housed 97 out of a possible 103 people who are triple bunked. They had just ended a three-day hunger strike which they had commenced due a severe lack of chairs for everyone to sit and eat. The watch commander confirmed that another four are coming in a month.

Again, the water pressure is too hard and too hot. The mail is coming 1-2 months late, outgoing is just weekly. One phone does not work. Yard time is limited to once a week or less. There is a dangling cable in front of the second TV with a blunt wire. Tenting operations were underway during the commissioners' visit.

The jail was on modified lockdown during this inspection, so medical, visiting, and other appointments were severely delayed. This delay was confirmed to us by the medical staff, who told us how this makes it difficult for them to complete appointments, including changing wound care. This lockdown was apparently because not enough staff showed up to work that day. We noticed, despite the "short staff," at one point, we went into a deputy station, and there were over 10 deputies sitting around on chairs chatting.

The complaint box outside of the 9500 dorm was full of grievance forms that had yet to be collected. The commissioners conducted this inspection on the afternoon of 8/18, and there were forms dated 8/16. Per policy, forms are supposed to be collected on every shift.

5900

The 5900 dorm was triple bunked with 87 out of 87 beds filled. Shortly after the commissioners arrived, LASD deputies announced that ten people could visit the chapel, which resulted in a rush of people trying to get dressed and to the front of the line. A number of people were unable to attend chapel.

81. Narrative Continued

The commissioners discovered three mattresses on the floor in the corner of the unit. The people incarcerated in the dorm reported that there are not enough beds for everyone inside in the dorm. With lower bunk cronos and the dorm at capacity, people are sleeping on the floor. Multiple transgender women reported needing hormones, along with bras, and underwear. A group of women had requested to be moved to Century Regional Detention Facility, which is the women's jail. Another trans woman voiced concerns about male searches to her body. The showers had recently been painted to cover the mold on the ceiling. There was a black, tar-like liquid in the drains in the showers. The concrete on the shower wall entrance was crumbling. The urinal did not work: if it flushed, the effluence would emerge through the mid-floor drain. One of the toilets had what looked like feces in it and did not flush. The water buttons on the sink did not work. The water in the main drinking fountain was hot. People in the dorm requested blankets; others reported that they had found plastic in their food. Others reported rat feces and claimed the food smelled like rat urine. They also observed styrofoam cups with teethmarks. The people in the dorm also voiced concerns about the jail's anti-tenting operation. The people in the dorm complained that they received just one pair of clothes per week and needed to wash and hang them to dry. However, the jail's anti-tenting operation prevents hanging clothes from lines between the beds in the dorms, and there is no other place to hang clothes. In addition, the supplies used for hygiene (soap, toothpaste and toothbrush, etc.) known as a FISH Kit, are still not adequately distributed. The Commissioners had raised this issue in the May 2024 report for both the 5800 and 5900 dorms. The residents of 5900 reported that guards conduct lottery games to give out a limited supply of FISH kits. The people housed in the 5900 dorm also concerns about people who have seizures being treated with Narcan. The watch commander reported that the medial staff's protocol was to treat any seizure with Narcan first, in part because it does no harm. The policy is then to follow up with further treatment. The watch commander agreed that a town hall may be needed to educate the dorm about this policy around Narcan and its safety. However, part of the residents' concern appeared to be that the Narcan was used instead of other treatments. Incarcerated people were concerned about recent deaths and violence in and around this dorm. They also complained about the recent increase in canteen prices. Four people complained they had lost large sums of money through a fraud scheme. The scheme involved the use of a "tank sheet," which lists the names of the people incarcerated in a dorm and which a dorm leader uses to help coordinate the commissary. The defrauded men complained that other incarcerated people would fill out commissary order forms in their names and then cut their names out of the tank sheet and place them on the other incarcerated people's identification bracelets. When the commissary delivery arrived, the defrauded person would either be in another dorm or the fraudsters would create a noisy distraction. The defrauded people had lost sums amounting to \$600; \$350; \$291 and \$84. 1700 At the beginning the commissioners' visit, the LASD deputies, did not allow the commissioners space to conduct interviews with the people incarcerated in the unit. Instead, a number of deputies stood very close to commissioners (despite talking to people locked in their cells, some of which were hard cells covered with plexiglass) while we tried to speak with people. They refused to step back when asked.

82. Narrative Continued

Deputies must allow inspectors to inspect w/o escort so that people feel safe and comfortable enough to share freely with inspectors. This did not initially happen on this visit. Commissioners had to bring it to the attention of the watch commander who quickly remedied the problem.

Since our last visit, the unit is much brighter (lights are on). The large-screen television has been taken down in the deputy watch room.

In Unit B, commissioners observed trash in shower, and that the shower had very hot water. One person was concerned about being booked under the wrong name. People reported they had not been offered outdoor recreation every week as required by Title 15. Commissioners would request that LASD provide us with the UDAL checks for the past two months for this area to verify if people are being offered outdoor recreation as required and at what time of day it is occurring.

Row E mattresses are not plastic-covered.

Row F's shower was boiling hot, so that people on F Row had to take showers in E row. There was lots of trash, and the row was incredibly moldy, with each vent covered with about one foot square of black mold, and black mold stretching down the walls. In addition, there are a number of holes in the concrete where it has crumbled away. The incarcerated people expressed concerns about rats, cockroaches, and flies. Many of the men had pasted plastic over their vents to prevent rats entering, and some had placed bottles across the front of the cells to alert them should a rat try to enter. The rats audibly move when the men bang on the toilet and back behind cells; roaches come out of the drain. One man reported a roach in his food

They are provided with only one pair of clothes.

A number of cells were non-functional due to lack of plumbing in the cell.

F13: The TV only works if you have radio. Some men have requested radio weeks ago but have not received it so cannot hear television.

One person on F row (the name was provided to the Watch Commander) showed commissioners that he had sent out a mail to loved ones only to have it returned as "undeliverable" with a yellow sticker that appeared to come from the post office. However, these envelopes were not stamped with a postmark, so this individual was concerned that the letters were not going out at all, but rather someone in the jail was blocking his mail and putting the yellow "return to sender" sticker on his mail.

The men report that they are not getting to the Day Room.

One of the commissioners stepped on feces or mold (it was difficult to tell) in a cell.

F row does not have request forms or grievance forms

G Row. The lights in cells are on 24/7, request that they turn them off. The floors are extremely dirty throughout this area (1700/1750)

83. Narrative Continued

84. Narrative Continued

85. Overall, how would you rate this facility? *

Satisfactory

Unsatisfactory