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Inspection Information

1. Location *

Inmate Reception Center and Men's Central Jail

2. Date of Previous Inspection *

7/25/2024



3. Date of this Inspection *

10/10/2024



4. Time *

6pm

5. Location

Courts

Jails

Sheriff Station

Location



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

- Ingrid Archie
- Puja Bhatia
- Haley Broder
- Norma Cumpian
- Wynter Daggs
- Mark - Anthony Clayton Johnson
- Bob Frutos
- Dr. Cheryl N. Grills
- Katherine Hennigan Ohanesian
- 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>

Patrol Names and locations Stations: <https://lasd.org/stations/>

LA County Jail Facilities names and locations: <https://lasd.org/custody/>

Inmate Reception Center and Men's Central Jail

8. Facility Address *

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450 Bauchet Street,
Los Angeles, California 90012

9. Name and Title of LASD Supervisor Contacted *

Lt Bensen and Lt. Inital, Watch Commanders

10. Census: Capacity *

IRC: 350/MCJ 4,757

11. Current Census *

IRC: 168/MCJ 4,025

12. Location(s) Inspected: *

IRC Court line; MCJ 2000, 2300, 2300 Medical, 4300

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

- BOS
- Officer in Charge
- LASD
- ISD
- OIG
- COC
- Other

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

Lt. Germanson
Lt Bensen - Watch Commander
LT Kina Inital - Watch Commander
LT Michael Abbot

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

kinal@lasd.org
mjabbot@lasd.org

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

Toilets flooding and sink not working in cells in 2300 and 4300
Cold water off and not drinkable.
Neighbors are giving neighbors water in a bag to drink when their water is not working.
IRC Court Line Cell 32: Trashcan filled with water for drinking, as the sink was clogged completely. Report from one man who had been throwing up all day because he was not given his medication.
L: Flooded.

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.)

Shower running in 4300 and dripping in 2300

20. **Condition of Confinement:** Crowding

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

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

IRC: Bus shortages causing major delays in transport to and from court. Very crowded in court line holding cells.

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

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

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

IRC: all cells had graffiti
2300: All cells had graffiti: incarcerated people stated graffiti predated their placement in the cells

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

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

25. **Conditions of Confinement COMMENT RE:** Safety, Conflict, Tension

MCJ 4300: Malfunctioning doors in 4000 undermine safety of LASD officers, staff, and incarcerated people.

26. **Condition of Confinement:** Common Areas

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

Nutrition

27. **Nutrition:** Quality/Concerns

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

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

IRC: Limited food getting to people going to court [Leaving Wayside at 3 AM, getting PB&J at court, then not returning to Wayside until 9-10 PM -- no food in between]. Lots of reports of hunger.

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

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

Trustees

30. Trustees: Quarters

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

Medical Services

31. 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 type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Responsiveness	<input type="radio"/>	<input 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"/>

32. COMMENTS RE: Medical

2300 Medical

One report, Feels sick and bites on face

- One report, Reports chest pain

- One -- has large bite on his leg, says it hurts to stand, requests soboxone as well. He had filled out medical forms, and we requested the deputies on the row call to medical for him.

#One needs medical for fractured arm follow up

- Many, if not all, in 2300 A row were coughing

Upon leaving 2300, one of the inspectors could not stop coughing and felt laborious breathing -- there was lots of visible mold, it was stuffy, humid, and smoke-smell.

4300 B Medical

- one, finger broke, was not set straight, cannot bend it -- surgery was canceled, he said because he was told there were not enough deputies to escort him.

- Requesting medical form, issues with receiving forms when asking overall

Mental Health

33. **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"/>

34. **COMMENTS RE: Mental Health**

Telephones

35. **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 type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

36. **COMMENTS RE: Telephones**

Education Based Incarceration Programming (EBI)

37. **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"/>

38. **COMMENTS RE: EBI Programming**

39. **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"/>

40. **COMMENTS RE EBI: Volunteer Services**

Clean Clothing and Bedding

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

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

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

2300: Mattresses covered in mold ; some without covers and with chunks missing; one report of a mattress missing for a week

Facilities/Maintenance

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

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

Deputy Staffing

44. **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"/>

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

46. **Detainee Complaints/Concerns COMMENTS:**

Incarcerated person in 2300 complained that an LASD officer was using slurs and insults to goad him into fighting. The Commissioners reported the incident and officer's name to the watch commander.

47. **Deputy Complaint/Concerns COMMENTS:**

48. **Prior Corrective Action Resolution:**

49. **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/procedure 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"/>

50. **Detainee Documentation COMMENTS:**

The incarcerated people in 2300 on discipline do not have their record sheets above their cells. The watch commander stated they were kept in the observation room for the unit. However, that makes it hard to see why the person is on detention and what is their release-from-detention date. Some people incarcerated in the unit complained about being held past their release date, and it was difficult or confusing to determine their release date, given that the practice in 2300 of not placing the record sheet on the door is different from Twin Towers Correctional Facility and North County Correction Facility and Pitchess North.

51. Discipline Proceedings:

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

Inspection: Special Focus

52. 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 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 checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Food Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input 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"/>

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

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

54. Inspection: Special Focus Request Comments:

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

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

INSPECTION DETAILS - ANCHORED TO SUMMARIZE #3 THROUGH #106

56. Inspection Detail for #:

57. Inspection Detail for #:

58. Inspection Detail for #:

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

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

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

62. **Inspection Detail:** EBI

63. **Inspection Detail:** Medical

64. **Inspection Detail:** Medical

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

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

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

INSPECTION DETAIL: INTERIOR OF BUILDINGS(S)

67. **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

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

2300A overall

- 12 out of 26 cells had no functioning light and 3 had a malfunctioning light. The Commissioners have previously complained about dark parts of the jail.
- Meals/trash thrown throughout row aisle
- Spider (?) bites on arms and faces throughout the row
- #7A: mattress bottom covered in mold
- Cockroaches and rodents
- No FISH kits (or modified for discipline kits) given out, despite requests
- Complaints of cold food
- #9A: Cold water off and not drinkable.
- Stuffy + visible mold in ceiling and walls -
- #11A: Requests additional clothes; was washing underwear in toilet as the other pair had ripped; Mattress has no plastic. Bites on face.
- Reports of mail delays
- #14A: No hot or cold water in cell; toilet not working in cell.
- #20A: Mattress missing for one week
- Mold on vents of #20
- #22: Sign "I Need a bed roll"
- #26: Toilet flooding

Neighbors are giving neighbors water in a bag to drink when their water is not working.

4300

B: Shower running

C: Heavy smell of burning

D:

- Standing water under 3rd shower head from left end
- Phone off hook
- #2: Water not working
- #7: Sink not working, hot nor cold
- Lots of trash in hall
- #8: Water not working
- #9: Mattress w/o plastic. Doors are getting stuck and they are late to visits.
- Not getting FISH kits despite asks.
- Fears of doors not shutting and deputies worried about vulnerabilities. We spoke with a deputy who shared concerns about doors not shutting fully and concerns about attacks on deputies being possible (such as what happened in 4700: which has since reopened after a previous assault on a deputy where a door did not shut).

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

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable
- Other

70. Weapons locker present?

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable
- Other

71. Recreation/Sports Equipment:

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

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable
- Other

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

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable
- Other

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

See #68 detailing lack of drinking water in some of the cells in 2300A and 4300

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

76. Adequate lighting:

No. See #68 detailing 2300A had 12 out of 26 cells had no functioning light and 3 had a malfunctioning light. The Commissioners have previously complained about dark parts of the jail.

77. Temperature:

78. Narrative Report

The Commissioners' visit was prompted by two issues: (1) the LA Times report of one death and six fentanyl overdoses on at Inmate Reception Center; and (2) the Los Angeles Sheriff Department (LASD)'s May 10, 2024 spreadsheet, claiming to address a variety of issues raised by the Commission's report on conditions in Men's Central Jail, dated April 10, 2024. In particular, the Commissioners were concerned to review the report by Sergeant Marshall that, after walking 4300-D Row, "All the cell doors closed and locked properly. At the time of walk, all occupied cells had functioning gates. All non functioning cells were unoccupied," and that "[a]t time of audit, no burning, smoke, or scent of fire was present in the module or on the row [and] no trash was present on row." The Commissioners noted a number of occupied cells with malfunctioning doors, including a cell Commissioners had reported on our April 10, 2024 visit still had a door that did not close properly; the 4300 Dorm smelled of smoke: indeed, upon approaching Men's Central Jail from the Inmate Reception Center the Commissioners smelled smoke; and there was trash on the floor of the 4300 Dorm that the men incarcerated there stated had been left unattended for some time. Commissioners Miller and Broder spoke with a Sergeant who reported that, within the last year, an LASD Deputy had been attacked by an incarcerated person jumping out from a cell with a malfunctioning door elsewhere in 4000 unit. The Watch Commanders acknowledged this incident and safety issues. As we have previously noted, the malfunctioning doors may prevent people incarcerated in the 4000 unit from attending court, and present serious concerns if there is an emergency requiring evacuation of the jail; and we now additionally note that the door malfunction issue presents security threats to the LASD officers and staff of which LASD is aware.

In addition, sanitation continues to be a major issue. 2300 in particular was extremely dirty, with the cells covered in mold. All of the men the Commissioners spoke with in 2300 and 4300 complained that they had not received a hygiene package with toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. (called a FISH kit) since their arrival, some for weeks. The men in 2300 and 4300 also complained of inadequate provision of toilet roll, with some of the men having to use pages from books soaked in water as toilet paper. The men in 2300 and 4300 also complained of inadequate clothing. In 2300, the Commissioners noted that they found it difficult to breathe, with one of the Commissioners suffering breathing difficulties even upon exiting the unit. Each of the men incarcerated in 2300B suffered from insect bites and the Commissioners observed cockroaches in the cells. The men complained of rats as well. These are problems the Commissioners have reported to the Watch Commanders and the Commission on every visit.

In the Inmate Reception Center, the Deputies reported the use of force every other day. Two days before inspection, the Watch Commander reported 8 fentanyl overdoses, 1 death, Narcan used on 2/3rds of the people who overdosed. In addition, deputies reported that a severe bus shortage makes it very difficult to get transport to and from court easily. 912 people had to be moved through to court today, with only 6 buses. These delays have a knock-on impact on the men getting fed—they may be fed at court at noon and receive no more food until they return to their facility, sometimes close to midnight and after the food has been served, so that they are not fed until the following morning. In addition, the men may be unable to access necessary medication that is in their cell.

79. Narrative Continued

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81. Narrative Continued

82. Narrative Continued

83. Narrative Continued

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

Satisfactory

Unsatisfactory