

# PREA Reporting



## Zero Tolerance for Sexual Abuse

In order to uphold the safety and security of the detention facility, inmates, and staff, the Worth County Sheriff's Office has established guidelines and procedures in accordance with requirements contained in the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003(PREA). The Worth County Sheriff's Office will uphold a zero tolerance policy on all forms of sexual harassment, sexual assault, and sexual abuse of inmates as defined under PREA.

## How to Report Allegations of Sexual Abuse

Anyone can report an allegation or suspected incident of sexual abuse, rape or sexual harassment; including inmates, staff, or third parties. At the Worth County Sheriff's Office, there are several options available for reporting incidents including, but not limited to:

- Contacting the Worth County Sheriff's investigations unit at (229) 776-8218
- Contacting the National Sexual Assault hotline at 1-800-656-4673
- Notifying any staff member to include the jail staff, deputy, or medical staff
- Submitting a confidential written complaint to staff or investigations
- Staff may report allegations via their chain of command

If you were the victim of a sexual assault while in the custody of any law enforcement agency or correctional facility – or if you know of an incident of sexual assault of a person in the custody of any law enforcement agency or correctional facility – we urge you to report the incident by using the e-mail form below. Your identification will remain anonymous. All reported incidents will be investigated by the Worth County Sheriff Office investigation unit. The Worth County Sheriff Office's investigation unit shall follow a uniform evidence protocol that maximizes the potential for obtaining usable physical evidence for administrative proceedings and criminal prosecutions. If the assault or rape

happened in another jurisdiction we will forward the information to the jurisdiction where the assault occurred. You will be contacted, but you may still remain anonymous.

This form is to be used ONLY to report sexual assaults while in the custody of any law enforcement agency, and is not for the use of reporting other crimes. To report other crimes please call 911 or the Sheriff's Office directly at (229) 776-8211

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