

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS
JAIL INSPECTION REPORT**

Facility Name: Coastal Bend Detention Center-Nueces(P)

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Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	271	.1(b)(2)	<p>Classification and Separation of Inmates - Initial Custody Assessment</p> <p>(b) The following classification procedures shall be conducted utilizing the approved classification instruments.</p> <p>(2) Initial Custody Assessment. To be completed on all newly admitted inmates prior to housing assignments to determine custody levels.</p> <p>A review of inmate classification files identified that Inmate Ray Ojeda's custody file did not include an initial custody assessment.</p>
2	275	.1	<p>Regular Observation by Corrections Officers</p> <p>Every facility shall have the appropriate number of corrections officers at the facility 24 hours each day. Facilities shall have an established procedure for visual, face-to-face observation of all inmates by corrections officers at least once every hour. Observation shall be performed at least every 30 minutes in areas where inmates known to be assaultive, potentially suicidal, mentally ill, or who have demonstrated bizarre behavior are confined. There shall be a two-way voice communication capability between inmates and staff at all times. Closed circuit television may be used, but not in lieu of the required personal observation.</p> <p>A review of inmate observation documentation revealed that staff were exceeding the 30 minute intervals for observation of inmates housed in the separation area.</p>
3	275	.2	<p>Corrections Officer Training and Licensing.</p> <p>Personnel employed or appointed as jailers or guards of county jails shall be licensed as per the requirements of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education under the provisions of the Texas Administrative Code, Title 37. Personnel employed or appointed as jailers or guards at facilities operated under vendor contract with a county or city shall be subject to the same qualifications, training, and testing procedures as county jailers.</p> <p>A review of licensing and training records revealed that Officer James Hudson has been assigned to jailer duties without a valid jailer license.</p>
4	275	.4	<p>Staff</p> <p>Inmates shall be supervised by an adequate number of corrections officers to comply with state law and these standards. One corrections officer shall be provided on each floor of the facility where 10 or more inmates are housed, with no less than 1 corrections officer per 48 inmates or increment thereof on each floor for direct inmate supervision.</p> <p>A review of shift rosters and attendance logs revealed that The Coastal Bend Detention Center consistently did not have a sufficient number of jailers assigned to inmate housing areas to meet the mandated 1 officer to 48 inmate's ratio and provide for direct inmate supervision.</p>



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