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**New Hanover County Sheriff's Office  
PREA Annual Report 2022 – Standard 115.88**

**ANALYSIS**

**During the calendar year of 2022 the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office investigated a total of twenty-one (21) PREA allegations. Twenty (20) of those allegations were investigated and found to be unsubstantiated or unfounded. One (1) was investigated and found to be an allegation unrelated to PREA. This has been the seventh year the NHCDF has implemented PREA standards in the detention facility.**

**CORRECTIVE ACTION**

The NHCSO/NHCDF has implemented Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and has adopted rules and regulations for the deterrence, protection, and reporting of inmate rapes. These rules include, but are not limited to a Zero Tolerance, immediate separation of victim and perpetrator using administrative segregation or internal/state investigations for employees and if substantiated, the filing of criminal charges against the perpetrator whether staff or offender. The NHCSO/NHCDF has also made anonymous third party reporting available through a toll-free number as well as anonymous submissions on the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office website. Further specialized training has been made mandatory for PREA Investigators and Medical Staff. Coastal Horizons Rape Crisis Center serves as Victim Advocates for inmates.