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KNOX COUNTY JAIL 2016 INSPECTION REPORT

Criminal Justice Specialist Michael Leathers inspected the Knox County Jail on June 29, 2016. Entrance and exit interviews were conducted with Jail Administrator Louis Glossip and Chief of Operations Brad Abernathy.

IMPROVEMENTS SINCE LAST INSPECTION

1. A GED program is now available to detainees.
2. The jail nurse is at the facility 10 more hours per week – 40 total.
3. Video court has been implemented for first appearances.
4. A new Livescan machine has been installed.
5. Several panels of safety glass have been replaced.

NONCOMPLIANCES WITH *ILLINOIS COUNTY JAIL STANDARDS*

701.130 a) 2) A jail officer shall provide personal observation, not including observation by a monitoring device, at least once every 30 minutes. A record of the observation shall be documented in the shift record.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Documentation of personal observations routinely exceeded the 30 minute threshold. Administrators should ensure that adequate staffing exists to provide required supervision of detainees and that recording of the personal observations is timely and accurate.

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