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**ANALYSIS**

During the calendar year of 2015 there were a total of 15 PREA allegations and during the calendar year of 2014 there were 4 documented cases of PREA allegations made. The total of substantiated cases were 3 and unsubstantiated cases were 6 with 5 cases being unfounded and 1 case investigated as a PREA unrelated crime. This was the second year that the agency has implemented PREA with an increase in officer training and awareness of PREA in the calendar year of 2015.

**CORRECTIVE ACTION**

The Agency has implemented 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 through the use of administrative segregation or internal/state investigations for employees and if substantiated, the filing of criminal charges against the perpetrator whether staff or offender. The Agency has also made anonymous third party reporting available through a toll-free number. Further specialized training has been made mandatory for the Prison Rape Elimination Act. PREA Investigators as well as Medical Staff, Coastal Horizons and Rape Crisis serve as Victim Advocates.