

# PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed in 2003 with unanimous support from both parties in Congress. The purpose of the act was to “provide for the analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape in Federal, State, and local institutions and to provide information, resources, recommendations and funding to protect individuals from prison rape.” (Prison Rape Elimination Act, 2003). In addition to creating a mandate for significant research from the Bureau of Justice Statistics and through the National Institute of Justice, funding through the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the National Institute of Corrections supported major efforts in many state correctional, juvenile detention, community corrections, and jail systems.

This agency has **zero-tolerance** for any type of sexual misconduct of inmates (by inmates and staff). Sexual conduct between inmates and staff regardless of consensual status is **PROHIBITED!**

## How to report:

If you were previously housed at the Plymouth County Jail and need to report an allegation of sexual abuse/sexual harassment or to report an allegation of Sexual Abuse/Sexual Harassment on behalf of an individual who is or was housed at the Plymouth County Jail, you may contact any one of the following numbers. Reports can be made over the phone, in person, in writing or anonymously if desired.

Plymouth County Jail (Jail Lt.)  
712-546-4419

Plymouth County Attorney's Office  
712-546-5019

CSADV (Council on Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence)  
712-546-6764

Public Defender's Office  
712-279-0202

## Investigations:

All cases of alleged sexual conduct shall be promptly, thoroughly, and objectively investigated. Upon substantiation of any allegation of sexual conduct, appropriate disciplinary actions will be taken against the employee, contractor, volunteer, or individuals in the Plymouth County Jail. Those actions may include possible criminal prosecution. If the allegation potentially involves criminal behavior, the Plymouth County Jail will ensure that allegations of sexual abuse or sexual harassment are referred for investigation to an agency with the legal authority to conduct criminal investigations