

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

Facility Name: Polk County Jail

Date:

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Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	273	.5 (a)(5)	<p>Supervision. Provisions for adequate supervision of inmates who are mentally disabled and/or potentially suicidal and procedures for documenting supervision</p> <p>During a review of observation logs of suicidal inmates, it was determined that jail staff are exceeding the required 15 minute observations from 1 minute up to 16 minutes as outlined in the approved operational plan.</p>
2	275	.1	<p>Every facility shall have the appropriate number of jailers at the facility 24 hours each day. Facilities shall have an established procedure for documented, face-to-face observation of all inmates by jailers no less than once every 60 minutes.</p> <p>During a review of observation logs, it was determined that jail staff are exceeding the 60 minute face-to-face observations from 1 minute up to 55 minutes on a continual basis.</p>
3	275	.1	<p>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.</p> <p>During a review of observation logs, it was determined that jail staff are exceeding the 30 minute face-to-face observations from 1 minutes up to 17 minutes on a continual basis.</p>

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