

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

**Facility Name:** Shelby County Jail

**Date:**

January 3, 2019

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	275	.1	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. 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. There shall be a two-way voice communication capability between inmates and jailers, licensed peace officers, bailiffs, and designated staff at all times. Closed circuit television may be used, but not in lieu of the required personal observation.

**After reviewing documentation and video evidence in conjunction with self-reporting by facility administration, it was determined that the inmate worker was not observed no less than once every 60 minutes allowing the inmate the opportunity to leave his work assignment several times for up to 2.5 hours and engage in illegal activity.**



**Wendy Wisneski -TCJS Inspector**