

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

Facility Name: Hopkins County Jail

Date:

November 10, 2020

| Item | Section | Paragraph | Comments |
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| 1 | 259 | .138 (a) | <p>One or more holding cells shall be provided to hold inmates pending intake, processing, release, or other reason for temporary holding. Inmates shall not be held for more than 48 hours and the cell shall include the following features.</p> <p>The Inmate Custody Roster for November 3, 2020 indicated that 21 of the 25 inmates in the holding cells had been held there in excess of 48 hours. Discussions with jail administration confirmed that inmates were being held for more than 48 hours.</p> |
| 2 | 259 | .138(a)(3) | <p>The size of the cell shall be determined by the anticipated maximum number of inmates to be confined at any one time. Cells shall be constructed to house from one to 24 inmates and shall contain not less than 40 square feet of floor space for the first inmate and 18 square feet of floor space for each additional inmate to be confined.</p> <p>The Inmate Custody Roster for Novemeber 3, 2020 indicated 16 inmates had been held in Holding Cell 4, though our records indicate Holding Cell 4 only has a rated capacity of 10 inmates. Discussion with the jail administration confirmed the cell capacity to be accurate but alleged that the report was incorrect, and that the excess inmates were being held in one of the recreation areas. The recreation area is not approved or equipped for the holding or housing of inmates.</p> |

Note: Hopkins County was holding 34 United States Marshals Service inmates on the date of the overcrowding, contributing to the issue by limiting the number of available beds.

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