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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE LIBERTY COUNTY JAIL

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Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on March 24, 2025, detailing the specific issues that resulted in the issuance of this notice of non-compliance.

Minimum Standards Violated:	Corrective Measure Required	Date Corrective Action Must Be Completed
259.121	<p>Visiting areas shall be provided and shall be designed to provide adequate visitation for the capacity of the facility. Visitation areas shall be designed for the degree of security sought to be achieved.</p> <p>After a review of an escape that occurred on February 9, 2025, it was determined the inmate had been placed in visitation 'for safekeeping' instead of a holding cell. Visitation areas are not designed for and shall not be utilized as holding cells.</p>	Upon receipt of this notice.
259.157	<p>Doors to single cells, multiple occupancy cells, dormitories, and day rooms shall be capable of being locked and unlocked individually by control means located remote from the cell area. Single cells with contiguous day room and separation cells which open directly on an exiting corridor are exempt from this requirement. All remote door controls shall be secure.</p> <p>During a comprehensive onsite inspection conducted in January 2025, it was determined Liberty County could only open doors on the west end of the jail using remote control. All other doors had to be manually secured. After a review of an escape that occurred on February 9, 2025, it was determined that the 'slider' door on the lobby-side worked with key only and the 'slider' door on the secure side did not lock at all. In addition, the visitation area door did not lock. All three doors were</p>	Upon receipt of this notice.

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unsecured thus allowing the inmate to escape the facility.

271.2(d)

Minimum and maximum custody level inmates shall be housed separately.

During the review of a serious incident (riot) that occurred on February 27, 2025, it was determined that four (4) inmates were classified as minimum custody and housed with maximum custody inmates.

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