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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE SHELBY COUNTY JAIL

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Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued September 4, 2026, 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
273.6(3)	(3) A documented observation of the inmate shall be conducted every 15 minutes, at a minimum. The observations should include an assessment of the security of the restraints and the circulation to the extremities.	Upon receipt of this notice.

During the review of documentation and video provided after a custodial death, it was noted that jailers exceeded the required 15-minute observation period a total of 15 times. The late rounds were conducted anywhere from 1 minute to 8 minutes over the required 15-minute observation period.

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. Electronic sensors or cameras capable of recording the required personal observations of inmates in high-risk cells or groups of cells shall be installed no later than August 31, 2020.	Upon receipt of this notice.
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During the review of documentation and video provided after a custodial death, it was noted that jailers did not look into the cell on at least 4 occasions when observation rounds were conducted.

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