



**Annual Report for  
Allegations of In Custody Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment  
Within the Fort Bend County Jail**

*In Accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)*

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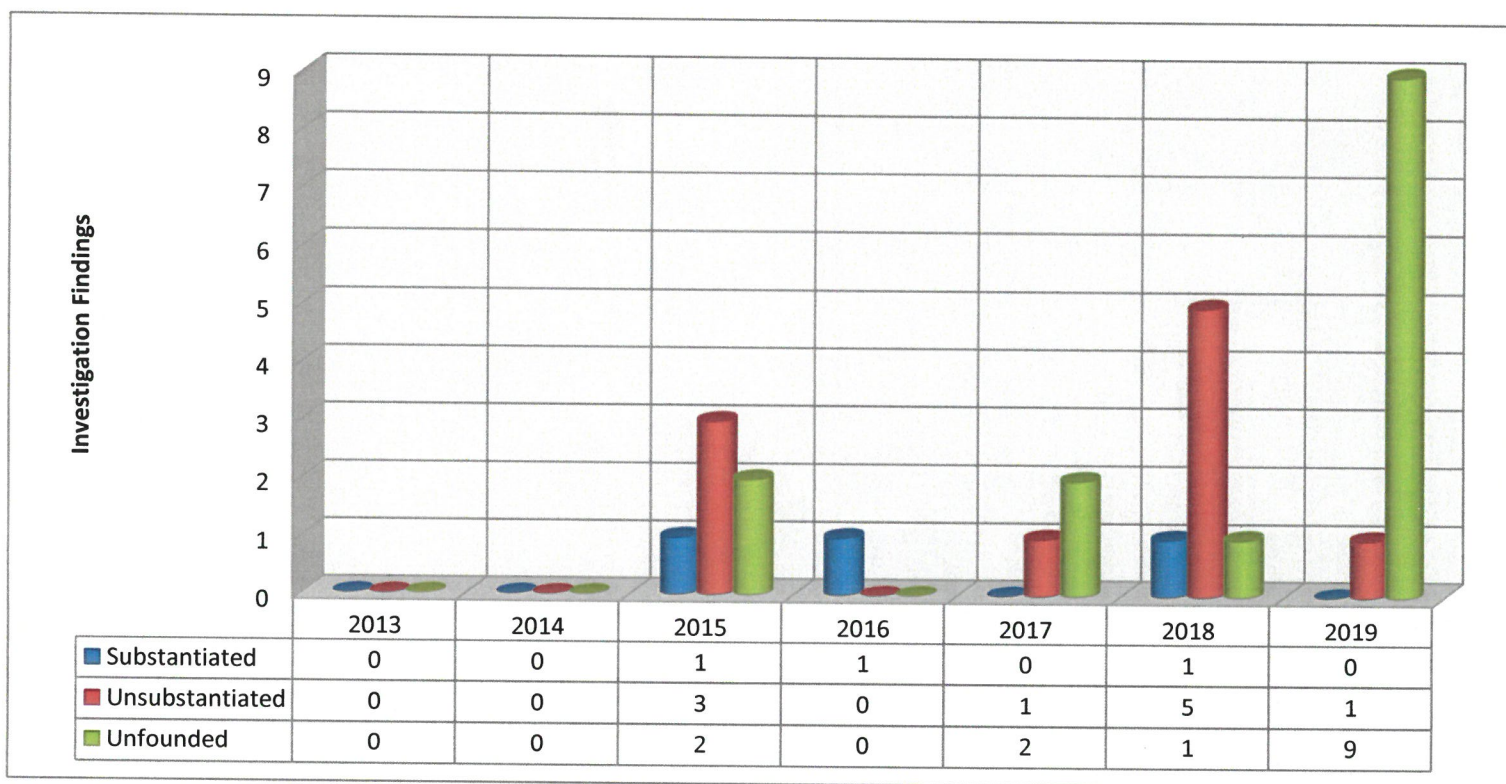
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## Reported Incidents of Inmate-to-Inmate Sexual Abuse

Sexual abuse of an inmate by another inmate includes any of the following acts, if the victim does not consent, is coerced into such act by overt or implied threats of violence, or is unable to consent or refuse:

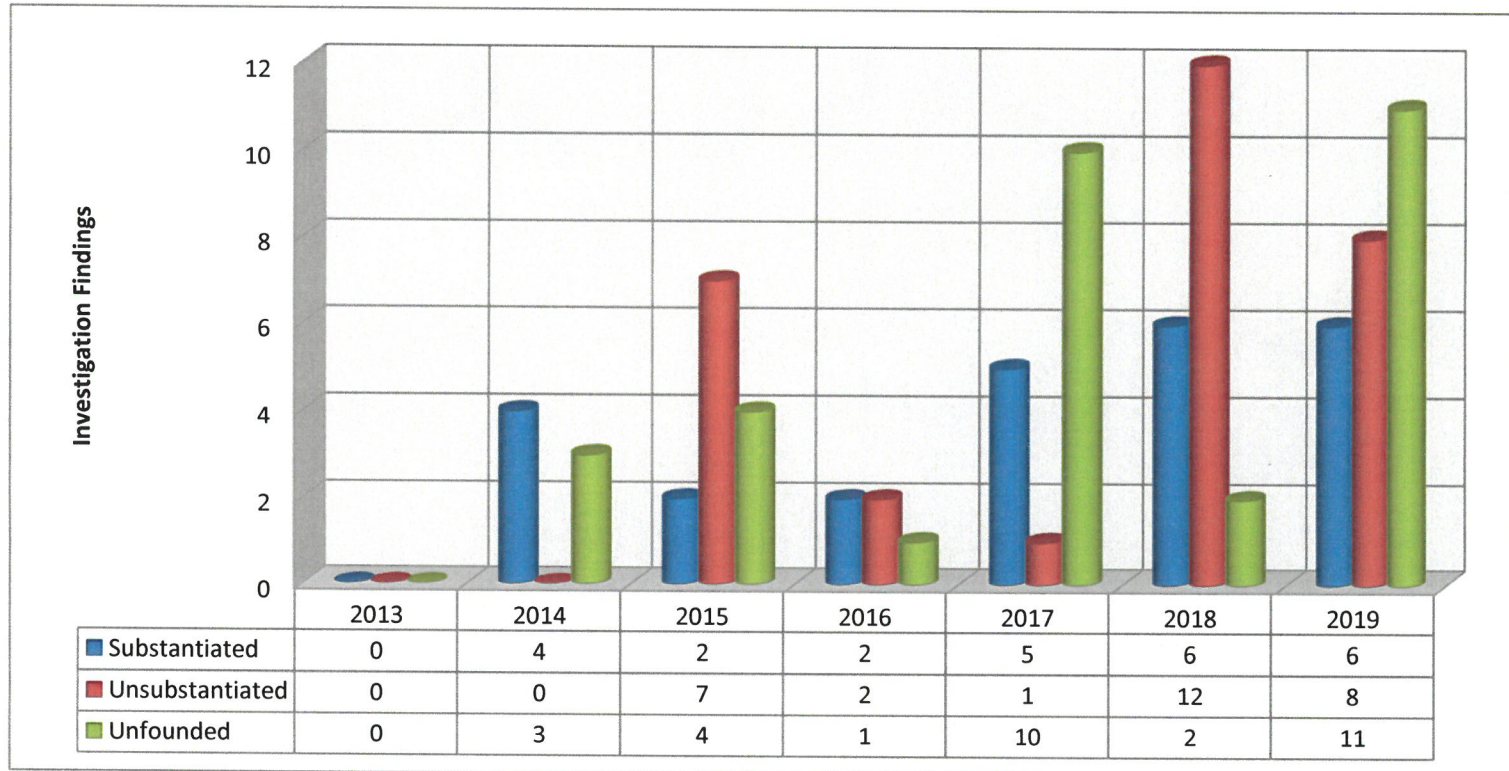
- (1) Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- (2) Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
- (3) Penetration of the anal or genital opening of another person, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument; and
- (4) Any other intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks of another person, excluding contact incidental to a physical altercation.



## Reported Incidents of Inmate-to-Inmate Sexual Harassment

### Sexual Harassment Includes—

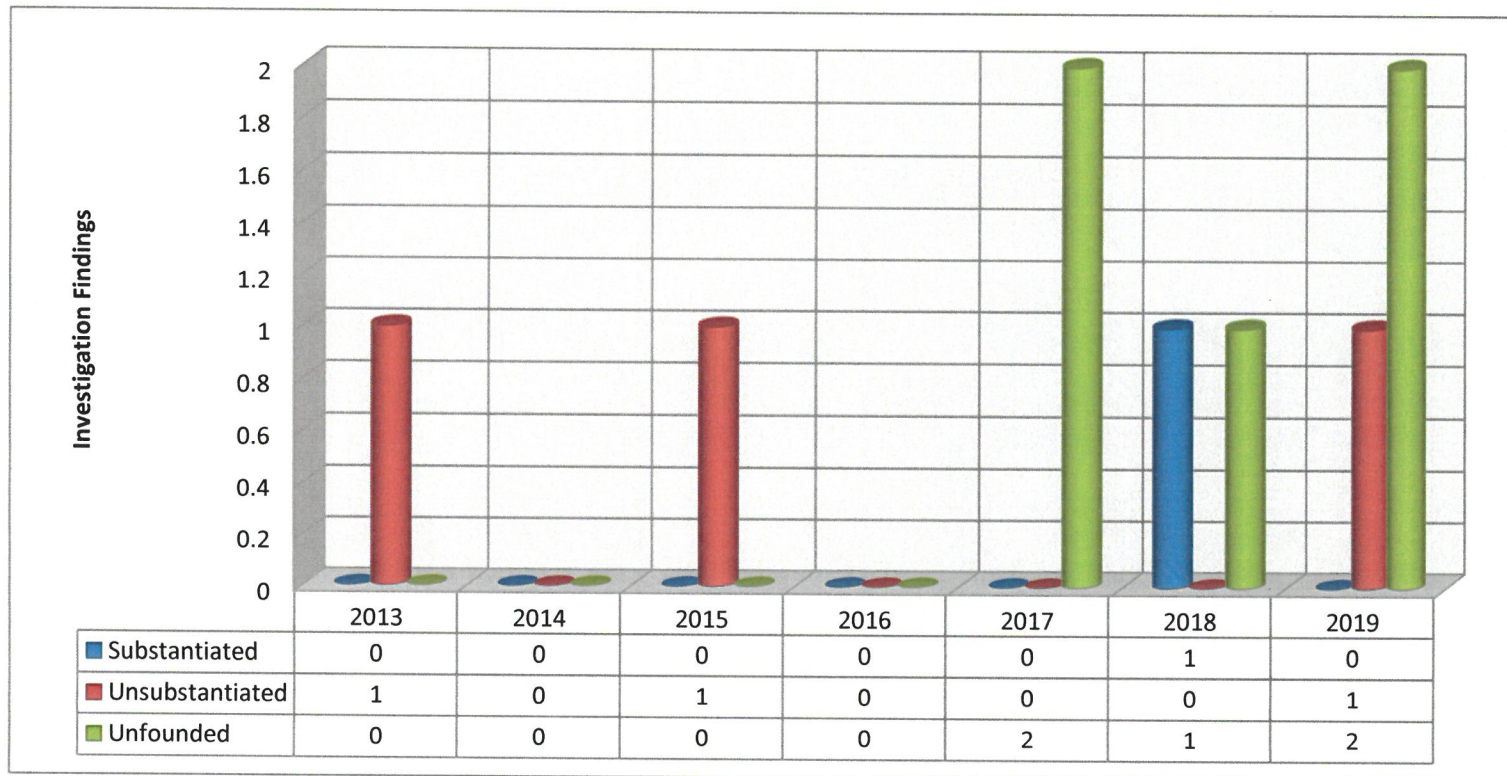
Repeated and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal comments, gestures, or actions of a derogatory or offensive sexual nature by one inmate directed toward another.



## Reported Incidents of Staff-to-Inmate Sexual Abuse

**Sexual abuse of an inmate by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer includes any of the following acts, with or without consent of**

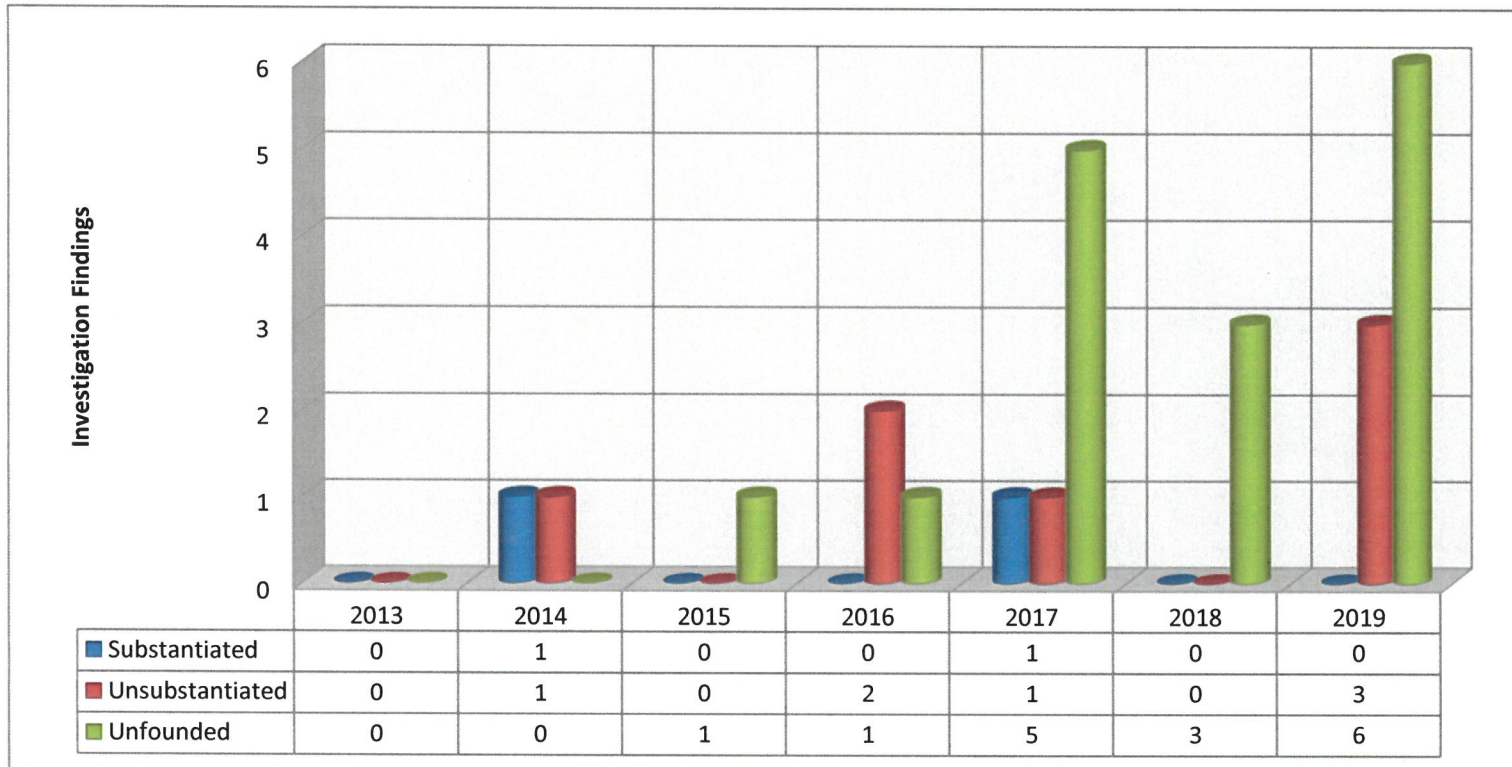
- (1) Contact between the penis and the vulva or the penis and the anus, including penetration, however slight;
- (2) Contact between the mouth and the penis, vulva, or anus;
- (3) Contact between the mouth and any body part where the staff member, contractor, or volunteer has the intent to abuse, arouse, or
- (4) Penetration of the anal or genital opening, however slight, by a hand, finger, object, or other instrument, that is unrelated to official
- (5) Any other intentional contact, either directly or through the clothing, of or with the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or the buttocks,
- (6) Any attempt, threat, or request by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer to engage in the activities described in paragraphs (1)-(5) of this
- (7) Any display by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer of his or her uncovered genitalia, buttocks, or breast in the presence of an inmate, and
- (8) Voyeurism by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer.



## Reported Incidents of Staff-to-Inmate Sexual Harassment

### Sexual Harassment Includes—

Repeated verbal comments or gestures of a sexual nature to an inmate by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer, including demeaning references to gender, sexually suggestive or derogatory comments about body or clothing, or obscene language or gestures.



## **Corrective Actions**

### **Fort Bend County Jail**

- Upgrade aging components in the facility's camera system
- Increase staff, contractor, and inmate awareness of zero-tolerance for sexual abuse and sexual harassment
- Institute the practice of internal audits in regards to safeguarding PREA compliance

## **Summary & Comparison**

### **Fort Bend County Jail**

- Passed the DOJ-Certified PREA Audit in 2017 - Next PREA Audit to be conducted mid-2020
- Designated a new Jail PREA Compliance Manager and two additional jail allegation administrative investigators
- Verified computerized criminal history, warrants, and identification status of all staff supervising inmates
- Established an agreement with Texas Forensic Nurse Examiners (TXFNE) to provide faster processing of SAFE/SANE services to alleged victims of sexual abuse
- Established an auto-renewing agreement with Fort Bend Women's Center to provide victim advocate services to alleged victims of sexual abuse
- Data analysis indicates a slight increase in Inmate-to-Inmate Sexual Abuse/Harassment due to increased PREA zero-tolerance awareness
- Facility has a reported rate of less than 1% regarding substantiated in custody sexual abuse or sexual harassment for an average daily population of over 900 incarcerated individuals