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WILLIAMSON COUNTY JAIL 2021 INSPECTION REPORT

Criminal Justice Specialist Kathy Melvin inspected the Williamson County Jail on June 30, 2021. Entrance and exit interviews were conducted with Jail Administrator Chief Hunter and Lieutenant Pinkerton.

IMPROVEMENTS SINCE LAST INSPECTION

1. The facility continued to add upgraded cameras.
2. A new detainee personal property control system was implemented which aids in a more organized property room.
3. A shadowbox was installed for restraints.
4. Security boxes were installed for facility keys and pepper foggers.
5. A jail administrator was hired.
6. An administrative lieutenant was hired.
7. Three part-time, experienced officers were hired.
8. A new booking program is scheduled to be installed this year.

NONCOMPLIANCE'S WITH *ILLINOIS COUNTY JAIL STANDARDS*

1. **701.130 a) 2) Supervision:** A jail officer shall provide personal observation, not including observation by a monitoring device, at least every 30 minutes.

Recommendation: a review of 203 personal observations determined 99 personal observations exceeded the 30-minute check requirement indicating an on-time percentage of 51%. Ensure these checks are being completed according to the Illinois County Jail Standards.

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