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WILLIAMSON COUNTY JAIL

Criminal Justice Specialist Dianne Fritschle inspected the Williamson County Jail on July 20, 2017. Entrance and exit interviews were conducted with Chief Jail Administrator Jordan and Lieutenant Pinkerton.

IMPROVEMENTS SINCE LAST INSPECTION

- 1. A "Storybook Program" has been implemented. A detainee is recorded reading a book and the recording is then sent to the detainee's child. Screened community volunteers enter the jail and assist with this program.
- 2. Expired Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA's) will be replaced with Self Rescue Respirators.
- 3. Five new surveillance cameras are slated to be installed.
- 4. Floor grates in the kitchen have been repaired.
- 5. Secure lockers have been installed for official visitors to place items into.
- 6. All detainee shower areas have been refurbished and made more private.
- 7. The Williamson County website now has a "Corrections" tab and includes information regarding the jail. This website is open to public view.
- 8. Slip resistant shoes have been purchased for kitchen workers.
- 9. The vacuum tube system has been repaired. This allows for the swift and easy transport of documentation throughout the facility.
- 10. Some officer training is being provided by contracted health care staff.
- 11. Federal detainees now have access to electronic discovery.

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NONCOMPLIANCE'S WITH ILLINOIS COUNTY JAIL STANDARDS

None

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