


**TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS
SPECIAL JAIL INSPECTION REPORT**

Facility Name: El Paso County Jail

Date:

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Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	273	.1	<p>The owner/operator of each facility shall provide medical, mental, and dental services in accordance with the approved health services plan. These services may include, but shall not be limited to, the services of a licensed physician, professional and allied health personnel, hospital, or similar services.</p> <p>After reviewing information received from the El Paso County officials, it was determined that I/M Santa Cruz, Norberto answered "yes" to questions on the intake screening which indicated that the inmate thought he could have withdrawals due to a history of alcohol and/or drug abuse. It was noted on the screening form that medical was notified. However, there is no documentation to verify that the I/M Santa Cruz was referred to medical for withdrawals.</p>
2	273	.5(a)(2)	<p>Identification. Procedures for intake screening to identify inmates who are known to be or observed to be mentally disabled and/or potentially suicidal and procedures for compliance with Code of Criminal Procedure Article 16.22 and referrals to available mental health officials</p> <p>After reviewing information received from the El Paso County officials, it was determined that I/M Norberto Santa Cruz answered "yes" to questions on the intake screening which would require that a magistrate and a mental health professional be notified. El Paso Co. officials confirmed that neither the magistrate nor a mental health professional were notified as required.</p>
3	275	.1	<p>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.</p> <p>The documentation received from El Paso Co. officials indicate that the jailers exceeded the 60 minute visual face-to-face observation of I/M Norberto Santa Cruz by approximately 38-46 minutes. I/M Santa Cruz was observed during headcount between 0615 and 0623 hours and was not seen face-to-face again by jailers until 0801 hours.</p>



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