

TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS
JAIL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility Name: Houston County Jail

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Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	259	.103	A facility shall be constructed and maintained as a special security unit. The integrity of the security perimeter shall not be compromised by other functions. Video documentation reveals I/M [REDACTED] exited the unsecured 'receiving door', that was controlled by the central control room officer, and entered the sally port area. The sally port was also left unsecured. I/M [REDACTED] was able to exit the facility, enter the unsecure work shed and take what was believed to be two (2) machetes. I/M [REDACTED] left the facility grounds by exiting through the back gate which was also unsecured due to being inoperable.
2	271	.1(b)(3)	A custody reassessment shall be conducted within 30 - 90 days of the Initial Custody Assessment and immediately upon any disciplinary action and/or change in letal staus which would affect classification. A review of paperwork provided revealed that the custody level of I/M [REDACTED] was correct, but the custody reassessment was completed incorrectly and was completed in excess of 90 days of the Initial Custody Assessment.
3	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. A review of paperwork provided revealed 'counts' were completed every twenty (20) minutes at 0600, 0620, 0640 and 0700. However, video documentation revealed that I/M [REDACTED] escaped the facility at approximately 0605. I/M [REDACTED] was not discovered to be missing until approximately 0725. Therefore, face to face observations did not occur as required.



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