

October 22, 2009

Joe Keene, Detention Director
Osage County Juvenile Detention Center
P.O. Box 166
900 St. Paul
Pawhuska, Oklahoma 74056-0166

RE: Unannounced Visit, 2009

Dear Mr. Keene:

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced visit at the Osage County Juvenile Detention Center on September 30, 2009. The detention center was certified for eight juveniles by the Office of Public Integrity (OPI) of the Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA). The OJA contracted with the Osage County Board of Commissioners for six of the juvenile detention beds. The Youth Services of Osage County, Inc. (YSOC) contracted for the operation of the facility with the Osage County Board of Commissioners. The detention center was co-located within the Osage County jail. On the day of the OJSO visit, the detention center census was six.

During the oversight visit, the OJSO spoke with the executive and the detention directors, the local grievance coordinator, and three residents; reviewed documents and six resident files; and toured the facility buildings and grounds. No issues or concerns were noted during the visit.

During the exit conference the OJSO commended the facility director on counseling services being provided to residents. A response to this report is not required. We will wait thirty days before publishing this correspondence on the web page; however, this correspondence has been sent to all appropriate state agencies.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or comments concerning this correspondence, please call me at 405-606-4900.

Sincerely,

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Oversight Specialist

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c: Robert E. Christian
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