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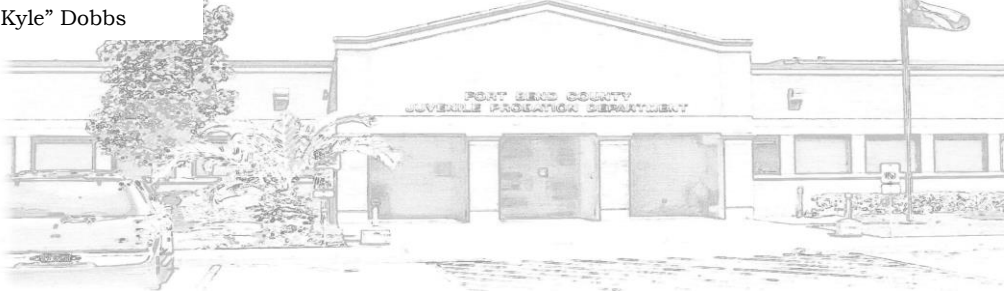
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PRESS RELEASE

The Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation Department is pleased to announce that on October 4, 2024 the Department of Justice (DOJ) re-certified the Fort Bend County Juvenile Detention Center as PREA compliant. The Center was found to be in compliance with all 43 of the PREA standards. Starting in 2016, the Fort Bend County Juvenile Detention Center was the eighth County operated juvenile facility in the State of Texas to be certified as PREA compliant. The Center has participated in three subsequent PREA audits and has been found to be in compliance with all PREA standards.

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed with unanimous support and is the first Federal Law passed dealing with sexual abuse of incarcerated persons. The purpose of the Prison Rape Elimination Act was to provide for the analysis of the incidences and effects of prison rape in Federal, State, and local institutions and to provide information, resources, recommendations, and funding to protect individuals from prison rape. The act created the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission and charged it with developing standards for the elimination of prison rape. The PREA standards establish strict requirements for facilities to ensure safeguards are in place to provide for the sexual safety of those housed in prisons, jails, and juvenile detention and corrections centers.

Chief Kyle Dobbs reported, "The Fort Bend County Juvenile Detention Center has always provided exceptional service to the youth in our facilities and this continued affirmation simply reaffirms our continued commitment to provide excellent services to the youth and families of Fort Bend County. PREA audits are an additional, independent and voluntary tool the Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation Department uses to ensure the safety and well-being of the youth in our facility. The hard work of our Fort Bend County Juvenile Detention Center staff, along with the direction and support of the Fort Bend County Juvenile Board has enabled us to continue to achieve this certification, which would not be possible without their dedication."

The full 2024 Audit report may be viewed at:

<https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/sites/default/files/document-central/document-central/juvenile-documents/prea-audit-final-reports/PREA-Audit-Final-Report-2024.pdf>