

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

Facility Name: Wheeler County Jail

Date:

October 12, 2016

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	265	.3	Inmates confined in a holding or detoxification cell shall be observed by facility personnel at intervals not to exceed 30 minutes.

After reviewing the 30 minute face-to-face observations for inmates confined in the holding and detoxification cells, there were numerous times facility personnel exceeded the 30 minutes by 1 minute up to 142 minutes.

2	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. Observation shall be performed at least every 30 minutes in areas where inmates known to be assaultive, potentially suicidal, mentally ill, or who have demonstrated bizarre behavior are confined. There shall be a two-way voice communication capability between inmates and jailers, licensed peace officers, bailiffs, and designated staff at all times. Closed circuit television may be used, but not in lieu of the required personal observation.
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After reviewing the 60 minute face-to-face observations for all inmates, there were numerous times facility personnel exceeded the 60 minutes by 1 minute up to 82 minutes. Technical assistance was provided during the previous inspection in this area.



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