

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

Facility Name: Bowie (P) County Jail

Date:

April 16, 2019

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	273	.5 (a)(2)	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 referral to available mental health officials.

There was no documentation to verify that the magistrate was notified as required by the Code of Criminal Procedure Article 16.22.

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 video evidence in conjunction with self-reporting by facility administration, it was determined that eight (8), 60 minute face-to-face observations, prior to the inmate being discovered, did not occur, even though the rounds were documented at least every 60 minutes on the observation logs.



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