

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

Facility Name: Washington County Jail

Date:

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Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	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.

After reviewing documentation and video evidence in conjunction with self-reporting by facility administration, it was determined that the face-to-face observation, prior to the inmate being discovered, did not occur due to the inmate obstructing the view of the jailer by placing a blanket over the cell door. While the jailer made a round within the required time period, the jailer did not view the inmate face-to-face as required by minimum jail standards.



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