

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

**Facility Name:** Karnes (P) County Jail (GEO)

**Date:**

September 18, 2018

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 referrals to available mental health officials;

**There was no documentation to verify that the magistrate was notified in accordance with Article 16.22 of the Code of Criminal Procedures.**

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 documentation and video evidence in conjunction with self-reporting of 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 on 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.**



**Wendy Wisneski -TCJS Inspector**