

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

Facility Name: Zavala County Jail

Date:

April 29, 2020

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	259	.102	<p>Facility security shall be planned to protect inmates from one another, protect staff and visitors from inmates, and deter or prevent escapes.</p> <p>After reviewing video documentation from the March 18, 2020 escape, it was determined that facility security was breached when three (3) interior doors were left unsecured, and both sally port gates were left unsecured allowing an inmate to literally walk out of the jail.</p>
2	289	.4	<p>Only inmates classified as minimum custody should be assigned to work outside the security perimeter and should be supervised by jailers or persons designated by the Sheriff.</p> <p>After reviewing video documentation from the March 26, 2020 escape, it was determined that four (4) outside detail workers (trusties) were left unsupervised in a vehicle. The vehicle was left running and the keys in the ignition allowing the inmate to simply place the vehicle in gear and drive off which lead to a high speed pursuit which placed the general public in immediate danger.</p>



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