

Additional Statement from CoreCivic

We are committed to the safety and dignity of every inmate entrusted to our care. We have a zero-tolerance policy for all forms of sexual abuse and sexual harassment, and every allegation of this nature is reported to our government partner and investigated fully.

To ensure we are in full compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), all staff receive pre-service and in-service education and training, and all inmates receive PREA education and training beginning at initial reception and continuing while they are with us. Anyone can report an allegation or suspected incident of sexual abuse or harassment, including inmates, staff or third parties. There are multiple options to report allegations including (but not limited to) calling the National Sexual Assault Hotline, notifying a staff member either verbally or in writing, writing the facility warden, using the PREA hotline numbers posted in facilities and contacting CoreCivic's Ethics and Compliance hotline and website.

While PREA law/standards typically prohibits us from discussing specific allegations, the Trosdale Turner facility fully complies with PREA and TDOC requirements for reporting and investigating any such claims, including those made by Mr. Steakley. His PREA claim was reviewed, fully investigated and notification was made to TDOC.

In addition, Mr. Steakley filed four religion-related grievances while incarcerated at Trosdale Turner. All of these grievances were reviewed and responded to in accordance with TDOC policy.

Regarding Ross Anderson's death, the facility chaplain at Trosdale Turner notified the Anderson family of their son's death as soon as TDOC OIC completed their initial on-site investigation and interviews. The facility has cooperated fully with the TDOC investigation.