

Ouachita Correctional Center
&
Transitional Work Program

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Better Know a Jail Memorandum

MEMORANDUM

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Re: Better Know a Jail: Ouachita Correctional Center and Transitional Work Program

I. Introduction

Ouachita Correctional Facility (hereinafter OCC) and Ouachita's Transitional Work Program (hereinafter TWP), more recently known as the Work Release or Re-Entry program, are both located in a single compound Monroe, Louisiana.¹ OCC has been in operation since 1963, when it originally was a small facility hosting 180 incarcerated individuals; since then, the facility and its programs have grown.² The formerly known Work Release/ Re-Entry program allows individuals to work outside the facility to help provide an income to the incarcerated individuals.³ The TWP works in partnership with the Correction Department with the full fledged movement into TWP in 2012.⁴

The mission statement of the facility follows as: “We commit service to and pledge protection for the citizens of Ouachita Parish in order to ensure a greater quality of life for each of us. We will work diligently to promote a sense of pride in our community for law enforcement by fostering an environment of cooperation and trust within our organization and the community, so that we may bridge the distance between citizens and law enforcement personnel.”⁵

II. Deaths

Current data is in the process of present collection by students at Loyola New Orleans College of Law, with the assistance of Professor Andrea Armstrong. Students are advised to submit Public Records Requests for 2014-2021. Currently, the only year with no deaths in either facility is 2015.⁶ During the 2014 year, CCC/TWP reported a singular death by homicide.⁷ In 2016, there were two deaths reported.⁸ One of which was a self-inflicted head wound, and the other was an overdose of methamphetamine.⁹ A singular death was reported in 2017, and the

¹ “Ouachita Correctional Center.” *Ouachita Parish Sheriffs Office*, <https://www.opso.net/divisions/ouachita-correctional-center/>. (Last accessed Dec 6, 2021)

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ “Transitional Work Program.” *Ouachita Parish Sheriffs Office*, <https://www.opso.net/divisions/work-release/>. (Last accessed Dec 6, 2021)

⁵ Relations, Public, and Public Relations. “New Sheriff, Jay Russell.” *Ouachita Parish Sheriffs Office*, 1 July 2012, <https://www.opso.net/new-sheriff-jay-russell/>.

⁶ “Ouachita.” *Incarceration Transparency*, https://www.incarcerationtransparency.org/?page_id=241. (Last accessed Dec 6, 2021) (in addition to data gathered through the semester-long PRA request project compiled in the Fall Semester of 2021)

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *Id.*

cause of death was an overdose of methamphetamines.¹⁰ Four deaths were reported in 2018, three of which were illness-related, and the other a self-inflicted injury.¹¹ In 2019, a singular death was reported, and the cause of death was illness due to personal well-being.¹² A singular death was also reported in 2020.¹³ As for 2022, we are currently awaiting the CJ-9's which would determine the number of deaths if either facility encountered any. This information shows that the vast majority of deaths occurring inside the facility walls are drug-related or related to an illness of some sort. There was about an equal ratio in the deaths that occurred as individuals who were already convicted and those who were still in the pre-trial sentencing process.¹⁴

This data was collected from Public Records requests and made available through CJ-9's and Census Data. A CJ-9 helps to document mortality in correctional institutions as an annual summary.¹⁵

III. Characteristics

A. Location, Capacity, and General Information

Monroe is the eighth-largest city in Louisiana and is in the Ouachita Parish.¹⁶ The current population of Monroe is 47,702.¹⁷ Both CCC and TWP are in Monroe, located at 4801 South Grand Avenue.¹⁸ Ouachita Correctional is currently ranked third out of the eight facilities in Monroe and 89th out of the 240 facilities in Louisiana.¹⁹ OCC is a maximum-security facility.²⁰

In 1963, when CC was first beginning operation, it housed 180 incarcerated individuals. However, today the facility has been upgraded to a maximum bed capacity of 1,152.²¹ The vast majority of the individuals housed at CCC are those from the Department of Corrections, those sentenced in the parish court, and still awaiting trial.²² Several agencies book into OCC.²³ Some of these include the Monroe Police Department, West Monroe Police Department, the Department of Corrections, and the Louisiana State Police.²⁴ There are currently 278 incarcerated individuals housed at CCC.²⁵ Currently, the youngest individual at OCC is 19,

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² *Id.*

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ *Id.*

¹⁵ *Id.*

¹⁶ *City of Monroe, Louisiana*, <https://monroela.us/>. (Last accessed Dec 6, 2021)

¹⁷ *Id.*

¹⁸ *Id.*

¹⁹ "Ouachita Parish Correctional Center - Monroe, LA (Address, Phone, and Fax)." *County Office*, <https://www.countyoffice.org/ouachita-parish-correctional-center-monroe-la-c55/>. (Last accessed Dec 6, 2021)

²⁰ *Id.*

²¹ "Ouachita Correctional Center." *Ouachita Parish Sheriffs Office*, <https://www.opsos.net/divisions/ouachita-correctional-center/>. (Last accessed Dec 6, 2021)

²² *Id.*

²³ *Id.*

²⁴ *Id.*

²⁵ *Id.*

whereas the oldest is 71.²⁶ Roughly about 36.33% are Caucasian, and 63.67% are African American.²⁷

Since OCC is a true correctional facility, there are a variety of self-improvement classes aimed to facilitate behavior change to help decrease recidivism.²⁸ These classes include GED courses, Alcoholics/Narcotics Anonymous, Freedmen, Anger Management, Celebrate Recovery, and Hi-Set (Hi-Set is a further development of the GED program allowing individuals to move onto college if meeting qualifications).²⁹ These programs are offered to individuals who are not participating in TWP and those who are participating.³⁰

TWP allows certain qualified offenders to work and earn money for personal use.³¹ Many of the individuals use the payments to help support family, pay restitution, pay fines, or any other means that one would need funds for.³² One can be selected anywhere from six months to four years prior to release into TWP.³³ The selected offenders must be non-violent and have an acceptable disciplinary record.³⁴ The program provides all workers with the transportation needed to commute to their job.³⁵ One of the most well-known programs in the TWP is the women's section, launched in 2012.³⁶ A program inside TWP is the Fidelity Bond Program.³⁷ This program helps to provide employers with insurance to protect the employer against employee dishonesty. The employers will receive a \$5,00 free and no deductible Fidelity Bond.³⁸ Another opportunity for Employers through TWP is the Work Opportunity Tax Credit.³⁹ Here, a tax credit of \$2,400 is available to qualifying employers.⁴⁰ To qualify, the employer needs to

²⁶ Information provided to the class from Andrea Armstrong

²⁷ *Id.*

²⁸ “Ouachita Parish Transitional Work Program.” *Ouachita Parish Transitional Work Program for Men, 4801 South Grand Street, Monroe, La Re-Entry Programs*, <https://www.reentryprograms.com/go/ouachita-parish-transitional-work-program-for-men>. (Last accessed Dec 6, 2021)

²⁹ *Id.*

³⁰ *Id.*

³¹ *Id.*

³² *Id.*

³³ *Id.*

³⁴ “Transitional Work Program.” *Ouachita Parish Sheriffs Office*, <https://www.opso.net/divisions/work-release/>. (Last accessed Dec 6, 2021)

³⁵ *Id.*

³⁶ “Transitional Work Program.” *Ouachita Parish Sheriffs Office*, <https://www.opso.net/divisions/work-release/>. zach@ouachitacitizen.com, Zach Parker | “Sheriff to Expand Parish Work Release Program.” *Hanna Newspapers*, 27 Dec. 2017, https://www.hannapub.com/ouachitacitizen/news/local_state_headlines/sheriff-to-expand-parish-work-release-program/article_0f99acfc-eb38-11e7-b9d0-9f7cd5f528d1.html. (Last accessed Dec 6, 2021)

³⁷ “Transitional Work Program.” *Ouachita Parish Sheriffs Office*, <https://www.opso.net/divisions/work-release/>. (Last accessed Dec 6, 2021)

³⁸ *Id.*

³⁹ *Id.*

⁴⁰ *Id.*

work the offender a total of more than 400 hours in the calendar year.⁴¹ Approximately 10-20% of individuals end up staying on with their employer after their release.⁴² Those who are participating in the TWP are also housed over at CCC.⁴³ There is a plan to move participants of TWP to their own facility in the near future.⁴⁴ Of these individuals housed at CCC, about 100 are participating in the TWP.⁴⁵ Roughly 41.49% of participants in TWP are Caucasian, and the other 57.46% are African American.⁴⁶

While the data available showed minimal information about the demographics of the facility, there is data in the collection that shows true that the population is mainly made up of male African Americans⁴⁷. In addition, the data also supported a finding that there is a larger male presence than females.⁴⁸ However, It did not seem that these facilities were used to house any ICE detainees.

B. Leadership

The Ouachita Police jury currently owns the Ouachita Correctional Center.⁴⁹ The police jury by law is required to provide a jail for the Sheriff's Office.⁵⁰

Although the Police Jury owns OCC, it is currently run by the Sheriff.⁵¹ The current leadership of both OCC and the TWP is Sheriff Jay Russell.⁵² He has been serving as Sheriff of OCC and TWR since 2012.⁵³ Russell is a graduate of ULM and the FBI Academy.⁵⁴ He brings over 29 years of experience in law enforcement at OPSO under the previous Sheriff Laymon Godwin.⁵⁵ This past July, Jay Russell was selected to be inducted into the Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame for 2021.⁵⁶

Mr. Russell prides himself in continuing the education of children in the parish and the overall lives of the incarcerated individuals at OCC. As forementioned, in 2012, the Work Program transitioned into the Transitional Work Program, allowing both men and women to earn

⁴¹ *Id.*

⁴² *Id.*

⁴³ *Id.*

⁴⁴ *Id.*

⁴⁵ *Id.*

⁴⁶ *Id.*

⁴⁷ "Ouachita Parish Correctional Center - Monroe, LA (Address, Phone, and Fax)." *County Office*, <https://www.countyoffice.org/ouachita-parish-correctional-center-monroe-la-c55/>. (Last accessed Dec 6, 2021)

⁴⁸ *Id.*

⁴⁹ "Ouachita Parish News." *Welcome to Ouachita Parish Police Jury*, <https://www.oppj.org/>. (Last accessed Dec 6, 2021)

⁵⁰ *Id.*

⁵¹ *Id.*

⁵² Relations, Public, and Public Relations. "New Sheriff, Jay Russell." *Ouachita Parish Sheriffs Office*, 1 July 2012, <https://www.opsos.net/new-sheriff-jay-russell/>.

⁵³ *Id.*

⁵⁴ *Id.*

⁵⁵ *Id.*

⁵⁶ *Id.*

wages for their work.⁵⁷ Russell plans to eventually expand and create a building on grounds solely for participants of TWP.⁵⁸ One of the newest plans being implemented to help reduce the number of incarcerated youth is Deputies Making A Change (hereinafter DMAC).⁵⁹ This program will help promote personal and academic achievement and encourage self-reliance and responsible citizenship.⁶⁰ DMAC plans to partner with businesses and schools to help foster a long-lasting positive relationship with law enforcement.⁶¹

The Administrative Division is commanded by Warden Paul Campbell and the Deputy Warden.⁶² Warden Campbell was recently presented the Law Enforcement Award for his commitment to service.⁶³ There are currently 150 deputies that help to staff OCC.⁶⁴ The Security Division comprises 17 booking personnel responsible for processing people entering and exiting OCC and 76 security personnel who is accountable for the day-to-day operations of the jail.⁶⁵ A medical division ran 24 hours a day staffed by Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, and Emergency Medical Technicians.⁶⁶ OCC is regularly visited by a Psychologist and a Doctor as well. The last staffing group is CERT; this is the Cell Extraction Response team in charge of high-risk inmates.⁶⁷

C. Budget

The budget for OCC comes from funding from parish taxes and money from housing DOC offenders.⁶⁸ OCC is currently trying to stay efficient by having means approved by a registered dietician available for 55-65 cents and feeding incarcerated individuals from gardens on the

⁵⁷ “Transitional Work Program.” *Ouachita Parish Sheriffs Office*, <https://www.opso.net/divisions/work-release/>. zach@ouachitacitizen.com, Zach Parker | “Sheriff to Expand Parish Work Release Program.” *Hanna Newspapers*, 27 Dec. 2017, https://www.hannapub.com/ouachitacitizen/news/local_state_headlines/sheriff-to-expand-parish-work-release-program/article_0f99acfc-eb38-11e7-b9d0-9f7cd5f528d1.html. (Last accessed Dec 6, 2021)

⁵⁸ *Id.*

⁵⁹ *Id.*

⁶⁰ *Id.*

⁶¹ *Id.*

⁶² *Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections*, 16 Aug. 2021, <https://doc.louisiana.gov/>.

Meher, Lauren. “Ouachita Parish.” *Home*, <https://www.lsa.org/ouachita-parish>.

⁶³ Relations, Public, and Public Relations. “Ouachita Sheriff’s Deputies Receive Awards.” *Ouachita Parish Sheriffs Office*, 21 Oct. 2021, <https://www.opso.net/ouachita-sheriffs-deputies-receive-awards/>.

⁶⁴ “Ouachita Correctional Center.” *Ouachita Parish Sheriffs Office*, <https://www.opso.net/divisions/ouachita-correctional-center/>. (Last accessed Dec 6, 2021)

⁶⁵ *Id.*

⁶⁶ *Id.*

⁶⁷ *Id.*

⁶⁸ *Id.*

grounds.⁶⁹ When assuming minimum wage, OCC is saving around \$2,095,177.⁷⁰ In 2012 and 2016, voters approved the 9.2 million property tax to help cover the costs of operating OCC.⁷¹ The milage helps to generate about 9.4 million dollars each year.⁷² This is set on the ballot again as a renewal of a 9.2 million dollar property tax proposition as a five-year term.⁷³ While TWP generates around \$180,000 in revenue each year.⁷⁴ The combination between TWP and the milage allows OCC to run safely and efficiently while also meeting DOC guidelines.⁷⁵ This is a huge benefit for OCC and the parish, as back in 2011, the budget was in the red.⁷⁶ It has not been noted if the voting has passed or not, but with the increase in basic costs, Police Jury President Smiley sees it as a benefit and testament as to the Sherriff's management.⁷⁷

It should also be noted that the current OCC website has not been updated since 2018.⁷⁸ The webpage regarding budgeting displays the proposed budget as: Revenues: \$36,884, 062, Expenditures: \$36,884,062, Surplus Revenue Over Expenditure: \$0, Beginning Year Fund Balance: \$16, 463, 709 and the Ending Year Fund Balance: \$16, 463, 709.

IV. Evidence of Oversight

A. Accreditation

As previously stated, the Ouachita Jury Police directly own OCC.⁷⁹ However, above the Jury Police is The Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice (hereinafter LCLE). LCLE is a commission headed by Governor John Bel Edwards to “promote public safety by providing progressive leadership and coordination within the criminal justice community.”⁸⁰ This commission releases reports on the status of the criminal justice system throughout Louisiana as a whole.⁸¹ The reports entail information about the status of correctional facilities, work programs, death row population, lifer population, youthful

⁶⁹ *Id.*

⁷⁰ *Id.*

⁷¹ *Id.*

⁷² *Id.*

⁷³ *Id.*

⁷⁴ “Transitional Work Program.” *Ouachita Parish Sheriffs Office*,

<https://www.opso.net/divisions/work-release/>.

zach@ouachitacitizen.com, Zach Parker | “Sheriff to Expand Parish Work Release Program.”

Hanna Newspapers, 27 Dec. 2017,

https://www.hannapub.com/ouachitacitizen/news/local_state_headlines/sheriff-to-expand-parish-work-release-program/article_0f99acfc-eb38-11e7-b9d0-9f7cd5f528d1.html.

⁷⁵ *Id.*

⁷⁶ *Id.*

⁷⁷ *Id.*

⁷⁸ “Notice of Public Hearing.” *Ouachita Parish Sheriffs Office*, <https://www.opso.net/notice-of-public-hearing/>. (Last accessed Dec 6, 2021)

⁷⁹ *Id.*

⁸⁰ *2017 SSLCFPR Report - Louisiana*.

http://lcle.la.gov/programs/uploads/2017_Status_of_State_and_Local_Corrections_Facilities_and_Program_Report.pdf. (Last accessed Dec 6, 2021)

⁸¹ *Id.*

population, and other significant data pertaining to incarceration in the state.⁸² In addition to LCLE is the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections (hereinafter LDPSC).⁸³ This organization is a state law enforcement agency responsible for the incarceration of inmates and the management of facilities at state prisons within Louisiana.⁸⁴ These three agencies in hands with the Sheriff result in the overall oversight of OCC and TWP.

Individuals housed at OCC can participate in GED courses, Alcoholics/Narcotics Anonymous, Freedmen, Anger Management, Celebrate Recovery, and Hi-Set.⁸⁵ Individuals are also encouraged to enroll in the Pell Grant program to pursue a college degree at Ashland University.⁸⁶ Due to the immense success in the TWP, it has received accreditation from the American Correctional Association (hereinafter ACA).⁸⁷ ACA is a private non-profit organization composed of mostly current and former corrections officials who work together to improve the criminal justice system.⁸⁸

B. Audits

The Ouachita Parish Police Jury performs independent self-audits yearly regarding OCC and TWP.⁸⁹ In recent years the main audit is for the ballot considering the proposed budget increase for renewed funding for OCC.⁹⁰ These audits mainly consist of fiscal reviews. There has been a yearly audit of the Ouachita Parish Police from the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, a system used as a part of the checks and balances within the state prison system.⁹¹

C. Operational Hearings

Local meetings are held at the Ouachita Parish Courthouse Annex located at 400 St. John Street, Suite 109, Monroe, LA 71201.⁹² There is a calendar listed on the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office website. However, it is not updated with the current prison-related meetings.⁹³

⁸²*Id.*

⁸³ *Id.*

⁸⁴ Louisiana Department of Public Safety & Corrections, 16 Aug. 2021, <https://doc.louisiana.gov/>.

⁸⁵ *Id.*

⁸⁶ Relations, Public, and Public Relations. "Ouachita Correctional Center Offers Continuing Education Program." *Ouachita Parish Sheriffs Office*, 13 Sept. 2019, <https://www.opso.net/ouachita-correctional-center-hi-set-program/>.

⁸⁷ *2017 SSLCFPR Report - Louisiana*.

http://lcle.la.gov/programs/uploads/2017_Status_of_State_and_Local_Corrections_Facilities_and_Program_Report.pdf. (Last accessed Dec 6, 2021)

⁸⁸ *About Us*,

https://www.aca.org/ACA_Member/About_Us/Our_History/ACA/ACA_Member/AboutUs/AboutUs_Home.aspx?hkey=0c9cb058-e3d5-4bb0-ba7c-be29f9b34380. (Last accessed Dec 6, 2021)

⁸⁹ *Id.*

⁹⁰ *Id.*

⁹¹ "Audit Reports: By Parish." *Louisiana Legislative Auditor*, <https://www.la.la.gov/reports-data/audit/parish-audit/index.shtml?key=o#Ouachita>. (Last accessed Dec 6, 2021)

⁹² *Id.*

⁹³ "Calendar of Events." *Ouachita Parish Sheriffs Office*, <https://www.opso.net/calendar-of-events/>. On (Last accessed Dec 6, 2021)

The City of Monroe hosts two meetings each month, and their website provides the dates. The most upcoming meetings are December 14th and December 28th, both at 6:00 pm; these are located at 400 Lea Joyner Expressway Monroe, LA 71201.⁹⁴ However, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury provides current events under "Ouachita Parish News," it also lists the agenda for the upcoming meetings.⁹⁵

D. *Judicial Orders*

There are currently no consent decrees in effect currently or within the past five years. There was an *En Banc* Order placed into effect on March 16, 2020, considering the COVID-19 pandemic.⁹⁶ The order was originally set to expire on April 10, 2020, yet it is unknown if the order has been renewed, given the circumstances surrounding the pandemic.⁹⁷ Despite the order, since the Ouachita Parish Police jury is a public entity, they are subjected to Louisiana's Open Meetings Law pursuant to La. R.S. 42:11-28 on a normal basis.⁹⁸

V. Evidence of Transparency

A. *Public Briefings*

The Louisiana Department of Public Safety publishes reports regarding state prisons.⁹⁹ In January 2021, Governor John Bel Edwards released the newest update regarding Public Safety and Corrections.¹⁰⁰ OCC is ranked as Tier Two. Raw data, including Adult Population, Male Population, Female Population, State Population, Local Population, TWP Population, Death Row Population, Lifer Population, and Youth Population, is listed.¹⁰¹ The Ouachita Parish Sheriff's website does not list any public briefings, nor does the Ouachita Parish Police Jury website.

B. *Data Availability*

Although the website is straightforward to navigate, the data included in some website sections have not been updated since 2018.¹⁰² This is imperative to be changed considering capacity, funding, and programs have changed. An inmate list on the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's website allows a person to look up an inmate, determine their charge, and other essential public information.¹⁰³ An entire subsection is dedicated to "Inmate and Jail Information."¹⁰⁴ If one were to click the first information tab, it would bring you to a screen to easily navigate how to conduct

⁹⁴ "City Council Meetings." *City of Monroe, Louisiana*, <https://monroela.us/government/city-council/city-council-meetings>. (Last accessed Dec 6, 2021)

⁹⁵ "Ouachita Parish News." *Welcome to Ouachita Parish Police Jury*, <https://www.oppj.org/>.

⁹⁶ *Covid19 - Louisiana Supreme Court*, 3 Dec. 2020, <https://www.lasc.org/COVID19>.

⁹⁷ *Id.*

⁹⁸ La. R.S. 42:11-28

⁹⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰⁰ James M. LeBlanc, *Briefing Book*, Department of Public Safety and Corrections (Jan. 2021) <https://s32082.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Jan-21-Full-bb.pdf>

¹⁰¹ *Id.*

¹⁰² "Notice of Public Hearing." *Ouachita Parish Sheriffs Office*, <https://www.opso.net/notice-of-public-hearing>. (Last accessed Dec 6, 2021)

¹⁰³ *Id.*

¹⁰⁴ *Id.*

a Video Visitation and see PREA reports.¹⁰⁵ The website does not require one to be very tech-savvy at all.

C. *Advocacy Groups*

Although it does not appear any well-known advocacy groups have reported or researched OCC or TWP, that does not mean it will not happen in the near future. TWP is a growing program with high regard for how the work release and re-entry programs should work. OCC and TWP do receive the support of the local government and Ouachita Parish Police Jury, Ouachita Parish Animal Shelter, Cheniere Lake Park, Ouachita Parish Fire, the University of Louisiana at Monroe, Ashland University, and the Monroe Police Department.¹⁰⁶

D. *Public Records*

While filing Public Records Act requests, the facility has been very open and honest in delivering the requested material. There was not any memorable pushback that I received. It is safe to assume that once payment has been received for the 2021 year, the data will be released with ease.

VI. Notable Cases

There most notable cases regarding conditions of OCC in the last five years. The first case is *Davis v. Ouachita Corr. Ctr.*¹⁰⁷ This case was brought forth in 2019. Here the plaintiff is a pre-trial detainee filing a pro se complaint alleging that the “air vents, air ducts, and showers at OCC ‘are covered in visible black mold, mildew, and fungus.’”¹⁰⁸ Additionally, the plaintiff alleges that Sheriff Russel was aware of the conditions and failed to maintain adequate ventilation.¹⁰⁹ Because of these conditions, the plaintiff was causing his toenails to turn black, rashes to appear from his feet, headaches, sore throat, mental distress, and a large number of other ailments.¹¹⁰ Plaintiff was taken to medical, where he was treated for gout and received medication.¹¹¹ The state alleges that the plaintiff does not disclose enough facts to ensure a responsible defendant or the fact he has been exposed to asbestos.¹¹² The plaintiff’s motion for summary judgment was denied; in addition, the claims were dismissed without prejudice.¹¹³ There is no further information today as to if these conditions have been improved at OCC.

¹⁰⁵ “Inmate & Jail Information.” *Ouachita Parish Sheriffs Office*, <https://www.opso.net/inmate-jail-information/>. (Last accessed Dec 6, 2021)

¹⁰⁶ “Ouachita Correctional Center.” *Ouachita Parish Sheriffs Office*, <https://www.opso.net/divisions/ouachita-correctional-center/>. (Last accessed Dec 6, 2021)

¹⁰⁷ *Davis v. Ouachita Corr. Ctr.*, CIVIL ACTION NO. 19-0841 SECTION P (W.D. La. Sep. 26, 2019)

¹⁰⁸ *Id.*

¹⁰⁹ *Id.*

¹¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹¹ *Id.*

¹¹² *Id.*

¹¹³ *Id.*



Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office

Sheriff: Jay Russel

Warden: Paul Campbell

Oversight: Ouachita Police Jury

Davis v. Ouachita Corr. Ctr.
Open Meeting Law La. R.S.
42:11-28

Ouachita Correctional Center & Transitional Work Program

Budget as of 2018:
\$36,884,062

4801 South Grand Avenue Monroe, LA 71202

Nominal fees are charged for Public Records Requests. However, the Parish is quick to respond and super helpful. Their website is easy to navigate and allows you to contact your loved one with little to no hassle. We are currently awaiting records for 2021. Deaths in Custody from 2014-2020: 10

OCC opened in 1963 as a maximum security facility. TWP the former Re-Entry program is currently housed at OCC. Around 1,152 individuals can be held at one time. Both have received accreditation from the ACA.

