

## Jail Conditions

**Capacity:** 15; usually only 5-6 inmates at the facility at once.

**No. of Cells:** 8 cells located in the back of the Berwick police station.

**Toilets per cell:** 1 toilet for 2 cells.

**Other utilities:** Sink in each cell, phone for collect calls in each cell, and a locker for each inmate.

**Duration of stay:** one week to two years.

**Showers:** Two individual showers. Inmates shower every other day.

**Mail:** Legal is private, mail from romantic partners or others who are not attorneys are opened by staff. No requirement to provide paper and pencil to inmates.

**Meals:** Two pieces of toast & Coffee at 5:30 AM, cooked lunch, two sandwiches for dinner (bologna and peanut butter and jelly).

**Lights out:** 10:00 PM

**Visitation:** Usually Sundays from 11 AM to 2 PM, now canceled due to pandemic restrictions.

**Access to attorneys:** in person or through videoconference.

**Education/Transition Programs:** None.

**Medical Personnel:** None. The inmates are transferred to St. Mary's Parish Law Enforcement Center (18 miles away) or the local emergency room.

**Other Programs:** Trustee program – a convicted inmate does laundry every other day, delivers lunch to inmates, and puts snacks in the vending machine.

**Outdoor time:** Sometimes inmates cut the grass and pick up litter on municipal properties.

**Note:** The facility does not provide clothing or toiletries to inmates.

# Berwick Town Jail

400 Canton Street, Berwick, LA 70342

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**Deaths in Custody Since 2014:** None reported for 2014-2021. However, Michael Falcon Jr. died in the facility on October 21, 2001. *See Falcon v. Town of Berwick*, 885 So.2d 1222 (La. Ct. App. 1st 2004).

**Chief of Police:** David S. Leonard

**Assistant Chief of Police:** Jonathan "J.P." Henry.

**Parish/Area Type:** St. Mary Parish, rural area.

**Crime Types:** Inmates are frequently held at the jail for domestic and drug-related charges. Most are awaiting trial or serving light sentences for minor crimes.