

Mission Statement: *To provide the highest quality of public safety services to our community.*

# Tangipahoa Parish Jail

15475 Club Deluxe Road, Hammond, LA, 70403  
Tangipahoa Parish

Sheriff: Daniel Edwards  
Warden: Heath Martin

## Overview

Facility was built in **1984**.

Capacity of **504 men** and **22 women**, for a total of **526 people**.

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) since 2015



Population as of 12/4/2021:

- **548** (523 men, 25 women)
- **338** black; **208** white; **1** American Indian/Alaska Native; **1** unknown

Medium-security detention center

Trustees perform cleaning and laundry chores at the jail.

Trustees also perform janitorial services at the parish courthouse, firing range, and as litter crews on parish roads and highways

## Transparency Online

**Website:** <https://www.tpsso.org/tangipahoa-parish-prison>

**Phone Number:** 985-748-8147

**Website Provides the following information:**

- Current inmate list (name, date of birth, race, gender, and arrest date)
- Visitation schedule and rules
- Instructions to send money to inmates
- Accreditation Status
- Security features of the jail

## Budget

Louisiana Legislative Auditor report for the fiscal year ending **June 30, 2020:**

- Total Sheriff's Office Expenses: **\$20.8 million**
- Prison Expenditures: **\$1,573,574**
- Prison Income: **\$4,234,957**
- The Sheriff's office received **\$2,275,376** in CARES Act funding.
- Sheriff and the Tangipahoa Parish government are currently in dispute over **\$3,988,272** in certain costs and maintenance expenses for the jail

## Statistics

### 8 Reported Deaths In the Years 2014-2020

**2014:** 3 deaths

- Ernie Hyde (illness)
- Keith Joseph (illness)\*
- Princeton Bowman (illness)

**2015:** 1 death

- Bobby Earl (accidental drowning)

**2016:** 1 death

- Brady Williams (accidental alcohol/drug intoxication)

**2017:** 1 death

- Tommy Smith (homicide)\*

**2018:** 1 death

- Peggy Simoneaux (suicide)\*

**2019:** 1 deaths

- Charles Williams (natural/unexpected)

**2020:** 0 deaths

### Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)

In the year 2015, there were 8 sexual abuse allegations.

- 1 was "substantiated"
- 2 were "unsubstantiated"
- 5 were "unfounded."

There are not any published reports after 2015, and the 2015 report was very short and general.

\* Lawsuit filed after death

## In the News

- "Tangipahoa Parish deputies fumbled for keys while woman was hanging at the jail, lawsuit claims" – **2018**
  - Lawsuit filed after death of Peggy Simoneaux
- "Sheriff, warden sued over jail inmate's beating death" – **2018**
  - Lawsuit filled after death of Tommy Smith
- "Beatings, drug smuggling, gangs: suit alleges Tangipahoa jail officials ignored pleas for help" – **2017**
- "Lawsuit: Deputies ignored cries of transgender woman raped in Tangipahoa Parish Prison" – **2017**

## Recent Lawsuits:

- *Johnson v. Tangipahoa Parish Jail*
- *James v. Edwards*
- *Harold v. Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff Office*
- *Wells v. Tangipahoa Parish Jail*

