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Concordia Parish Correctional Facility for Women

Introduction

Concordia Parish Correctional Facility for Women, located in Vidalia, Louisiana, is a correctional facility that houses female incarcerated persons under the supervision of the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office. The facility operates as part of the parish jail system and serves as a detention site for women in custody. This memorandum provides an overview of the facility's operations, focusing on its size, leadership, oversight mechanisms, and transparency. It also evaluates publicly available information, limited responses to records requests – specifically, confirmation of one reported death since 2019 – and recent incidents to assess the overall transparency of the facility.

Jail Characteristics

The Concordia Parish Correctional Facility for Women is located at 5223 Highway 84 in Vidalia, Louisiana and reportedly houses 224 individuals. The facility is believed to have opened in 2019; however, no official records confirming this information were available online. Information about the facility is limited and primarily available through the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office website. The "Corrections" tab provides only basic details like the Warden's name, the facility's address, and the phone and fax number of the facility. The website does not include information such as population data.

Additionally, under the "Jail Info" section of the "Corrections" tab, the website provides information regarding visitation, account funding options, and bonding agents. Specifically, it states under visitation, that in-person visitation is suspended in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 until

further notice at the Concordia Parish Jail, Concordia Parish Corrections Facility and Concordia Parish Women's Facility. It is unclear whether this information is current.

Public Records Requests and Inmate Morality

Access to information about the facility is limited. There is no information on the website on where to request public records. Based on available information and communications with the facility's nurse, the women's facility has experienced one reported death since 2019. On October 29, 2025, a 44-year-old woman, Lillie Mae Young, was found unresponsive in her cell and later pronounced dead. According to a press release issued by the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office on October 29, 2025 through Facebook, correctional officers conducting a routine physical check of the facility discovered Ms. Young unresponsive in her bed and unable to wake her. Emergency medical services and other first responders arrived on the scene, and Ms. Young was pronounced dead by the coroner at approximately 8:30 a.m. Ms. Young had been in custody at the Concordia Parish Correctional Facility for Women since March 28, 2025, and had a pre-existing medical condition.

The same press release stated that the death appeared to be due to natural or medical causes; however, the official cause of death remained unknown at the time, with an autopsy pending at Parish Forensics in Broussard, Louisiana. Sheriff Hedrick indicated that further details would be released at a later time, but no subsequent updates appear to be publicly available.

Additional information about Ms. Young was not readily available through official sources. Basic identifying details, including her date of birth, race, and gender, were located only through an external jail roster database, which did not include complete custodial information such as her arrest date. To date, no additional records or detailed information regarding Ms. Young's death have been provided, despite efforts to obtain such information.

Jail Leadership

The facility is overseen by Sheriff David K. Hedrick, Jr., who was sworn into office on June 26, 2020. Sheriff Hedrick succeeded his father, Kenneth Hedrick, who served two consecutive terms as sheriff. Sheriff David K. Hedrick, Jr. previously served in the United States Marine Corps before

beginning a law enforcement career over 30 years ago.

Warden Elizabeth Atkins McGlothin manages the day-to-day operations of the women's facility, and this information can be found under the "Departments & Staff" tab on the sheriff's website, where the facility is identified as CPCF II. There is no additional information on the website about the warden's background.

Oversight and Transparency

Publicly available information regarding oversight of the Concordia Parish Correctional Facility for Women is very limited. Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office provides information through their Facebook page, including updates about the Sheriff's Office and information about incarcerated persons in Concordia Parish.

When reviewing publicly available population data on the Concordia Parish roster website, there is no list showing the total number of women incarcerated at the facility or their custodial status (whether they are pre-trial or post-trial). The most detailed source available was the VINElink website, which provides a jail roster for both the Concordia Parish Correctional Facility II – Women's Facility and Concordia Parish Women's Transitional Work Program. Based on this source, there are 261 female incarcerated persons listed across both programs.

According to a 2021 legislative report, 82 women housed in the correctional facility and transitional work program were in pretrial status at that time.

Information regarding facility operations and expenditures is included in the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Annual Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2024. Under "Management Comments," the Sheriff's Office reported staffing shortages and noted that the incarcerated persons population levels fluctuated throughout the year. Under the same section, the report also notes several unexpected expenditures affecting the women's facility, including roof damage from severe weather, replacement of a sewer pump, and the need for an additional generator to maintain operations. This report lists total revenues for "Corrections" as $9,383,637.00 and total expenses as $9,065,337.00.

Notable Cases and News Coverage

There were two incidents at the facility involving the women's correctional facility. In October 2025, three correctional officers were arrested and terminated for bringing contraband into the women's facility. The charges included malfeasance in office and introduction of contraband into a penal institution. The incident occurred in the context of what Sheriff Hedrick describes as "operational restructuring" of the women's facility, which included appointing an interim warden and increasing supervision.

The other incident that also occurred in October 2025: According to a statement posted on the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office Facebook page, one former correctional officer was arrested on October 8, 2025, after admitting to violating facility regulations by bringing contraband into the institution. The officer's actions led to her termination and arrest. Sheriff Hedrick stated, "The public has a right to know when someone entrusted with upholding the law is charged with violating it," emphasizing that his office holds employees to a high standard of conduct. No further details regarding the incident were publicly released.