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**Inmate files suit against Trousdale prison run by CoreCivic**

TROUSDALE COUNTY, Tenn. (WKRN) - A prison that has been in the news for violence faces a new lawsuit. It comes from a man who was an inmate at the Trousdale Turner Correctional Facility, which is run by CoreCivic. The man claims his cellmate repeatedly threatened to rape him and the prison staff did not do anything when he reported it. The man says he was eventually raped. We asked CoreCivic for comments. They told us the man only made one report of sexual abuse and it was unsubstantiated. The company released a statement this evening. At this time, we are not releasing the name of the plaintiff because he claims to be the victim of a sexual assault. CoreCivic cares deeply about every person in our care, and we work hard to ensure those in our facility are treated respectfully and humanely. 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. Following Mr. xxxxxx's December statement at the TDOC hearing, CoreCivic examined all reports of sexual abuse filed at Trousdale Turner while he was incarcerated there. Mr. xxxxxx was found to have made one report, which was investigated, and the allegations were found to be unsubstantiated. No other reports of sexual abuse were filed by Mr. xxxxxx during his incarceration at Trousdale Turner. Additionally, the statement he made during the TDOC hearing is completely inconsistent with the report he filed. 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) using the PREA hotline numbers posted in facilities, notifying a staff member either verbally or in writing, writing the facility warden, and contacting CoreCivic's Ethics and Compliance hotline and website. TDOC conducted its own investigation into the claims made by Mr. xxxxxx at the December 2018 hearing. We encourage you to reach out to them for more information.