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**Silverdale fails state inspection; report says cameras, lights, cell locks need fixing
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HAMILTON COUNTY, Tenn. — Jail cameras, lights, and some cell locks are among a list of things that need to be repaired at Silverdale Detention Center, according to a recent state inspection. The Tennessee Corrections Institute (TCI) said in their August 26 inspection that that Silverdale "does not meet all the applicable minimum standards."

In the report, TCI detailed a list of deficiencies found, including:

Inmate admission files not including all required signatures.

Suicide watch logs exceeding documented time parameter.

Staff members have not participated in fire drills as required.

Maintenance issues in the kitchen and booking area, with booking cell windows in need of replacement, 14 cameras in need of repair, missing showerheads, and several inoperable cell locks.

Restraint logs and inventory not being fully completed.

Disciplinary process not consistently ensuring that inmates have 24 hours for preparation.

Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Hammond has mentioned some of these problems in the past. CoreCivic is ending its contract with the jail at the end of the year, and the sheriff's office will take control. Sheriff Hammond wants to house all of the county's inmates at the facility. On Wednesday, County Commissioners voted against a renovation project for the facility, citing concerns with the company who bid on it. The TCI says a follow up inspection will be conducted on October 20 to make sure the deficiencies have been corrected. A final report will be presented to the Board of Control.