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Subject: Annual Report on Pregnant Female Restraint Reporting as Required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 241.88, Subdivision 3

Dear Legislators:

Minnesota Statutes, section 241.88, subdivision 3, requires that by February 15 of each year the Department of Corrections must submit a report to the legislature on the use of restraints by state and local correctional facilities on women who are pregnant, in labor, or who have given birth in the preceding three days. The use of handcuffs on the front of the body of a pregnant woman is not considered a reportable use of restraints.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Emily Lefholz, Legislative Director at 651-341-2385.

Sincerely,

Paul Schnell
Commissioner

Cc: Emily Lefholz, Legislative Director
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Minnesota Department of Corrections
Inspection and Enforcement Unit
Pregnant Female Restraint Reporting for County Jails
 Year: 2023
 Order By: Facility Name

Facility	Facility Total	Comments
Aitkin County Jail		
Anoka County Jail		
Anoka County Workhouse		
Becker County Jail		
Beltrami County Jail		
Benton County Jail	2	01/16/2023 - Pregnant female inmate placed in restraint chair to prevent self-harm. 01/17/2023 - Pregnant female inmate was self-harming, to prevent further self-harm she was placed in a restraint chair for her safety.
Blue Earth County Jail		
Brown County Jail		
Carlton County Jail		
Carver County Jail		
Cass County Jail		
Chippewa County Jail		
Chisago County Jail	1	07/28/2023 - Staff unknowingly restrained pregnant female. Removed restraints when notified.
Clay County Jail		
Clearwater County Jail		
Cook County Jail		
Cottonwood County Jail		
Crow Wing County Jail		
Dakota County Jail		
Douglas County Jail		
Faribault County Jail		
Fillmore County Jail		
Freeborn County Jail		
Goodhue County Jail		
Hennepin County ACF - Men		
Hennepin County ACF - North		
Hennepin County ADC		
Houston County Jail		
Hubbard County Jail		
Isanti County Jail		
Itasca County Jail		
Jackson County Jail		
Kanabec County Jail		
Kandiyohi County Jail		

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Incident Pregnant Restraint Reporting for County Jails

Facility	Facility Total	Comments
Kittson County Jail		
Koochiching County Jail		
Lac qui Parle County Jail		
Lake County Jail		
Lake Of The Woods County Jail		
Le Sueur County Jail		
Lincoln County Jail		
Lyon County Jail		
Marshall County Jail		
Martin County Jail		
McLeod County Jail		
Meeker County Jail		
Mille Lacs County Jail	1	09/16/2023 - Pregnant female restraint.
Morrison County Jail		
Mower County Jail		
Murray County Jail		
Nicollet County Jail		
Nobles County Jail		
Norman County Jail		
Northeast Regional Corrections Center (ACF)		
Northwest Regional Corrections Center		
Olmsted County Jail		
Otter Tail County Jail		
Pennington County Jail		
Pine County Detention Center		
Pipestone County Jail		
Ramsey County ACF		
Ramsey County ADC	1	03/17/2023 - Pregnant female was found semi-responsive face down in emesis. Transported to the hospital.
Redwood County Jail		
Renville County Jail		
Rice County Jail		
Roseau County Jail		
Scott County Jail		
Sherburne County Jail		
Sibley County Jail		
St. Louis County Jail	1	08/02/2023 - Pregnant female handcuffed in the front.
St. Louis County Jail - Hibbing		
St. Louis County Jail - Virginia		
Stearns County Jail	3	04/08/2023 - Inmate placed in the wrap due to threats of self harm. 09/05/2023 - Jail was unaware inmate was pregnant and placed restraints on her during a use of force incident. 12/23/2023 - Restraints placed after assaulting an officer.

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Steele County Jail		
Swift County Jail		
Todd County Jail		
Traverse County Jail		
Wabasha County Jail		
Wadena County Jail		
Waseca County Jail		
Washington County Jail		
Watsonwan County Jail		
Wilkin County Jail		
Winona County Jail		
Wright County Jail		
Yellow Medicine County Jail		
Grand Total	9	Source: DOC Portal Reports