

**Catahoula Parish Sheriff's Department**

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**Catahoula Correctional Center Partners with Louisiana DOC for Facility Inspection**

Harrisonburg, LA – At the request of Sheriff Toney Edwards, the Catahoula Parish Sheriff's Office, in collaboration with the Louisiana Department of Corrections (LA DOC), conducted a comprehensive inspection—also referred to as a "shakedown"—at the Catahoula Correctional Center on the morning of December 17, 2024. The operation included two buses of correctional officers and specialized K-9 units brought in to ensure a thorough sweep of the facility.

The safety of employees and inmates remains the top priority for Sheriff Edwards and his administration. During this inspection, no street drugs were discovered within the facility. However, handmade weapons and other contraband items were confiscated, underscoring the importance of these proactive measures.

Sheriff Edwards emphasized the remarkable progress made at the correctional center in recent weeks and months, stating:

"The progression of cleaning up the facility has been tremendous. Over the past six weeks alone, three major packages have been intercepted from individuals attempting to smuggle drugs into the facility. I want the people of Catahoula Parish to know that the Catahoula Correctional Center is secure. We are working as diligently as possible to minimize what makes it past the gates so that, hopefully, nothing does as we continue to prioritize safety."

Sheriff Edwards further highlighted the success of the partnership between the LA DOC and local correctional staff, noting the improvements achieved thus far. While additional items have been found during recent operations, significant strides have been made toward creating a safer environment for all individuals within the facility.

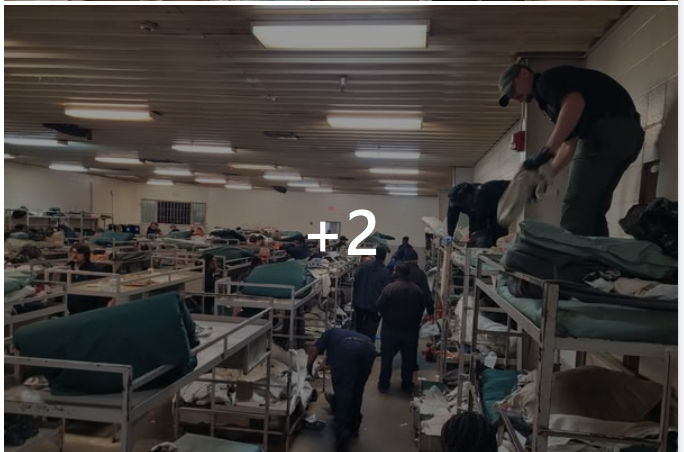
"My employees are held to a high standard of integrity, and this collaborative effort demonstrates our commitment to maintaining a secure and orderly correctional center," Sheriff Edwards stated.

The photographs accompanying this release illustrate the items confiscated, in yesterday's inspection, which revealed no street drugs.

Commitment to Safety

The Catahoula Parish Sheriff's Office remains dedicated in its commitment to ensuring the safety and security of the correctional center. Through continued diligence and the support of partners like the Louisiana Department of Corrections, progress will continue to be made by leaps and bounds.





Doris Ewing Byrnes, Devra Stockman and 36 others

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TI Jolly

Ok I'm going ask a dumb question. How does all that stuff keep getting in there? Cant just be from people visiting and getting passed security.





Paul Lemke

TI Jolly there is no visitation so its all brought in by trustees or employees and two of the weapons in the picture are not homemade knives!! they are store bought and sold to inmates, look close!!

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Stephanie DeWeese Lemoine

TI Jolly from what I'm seeing most of it is homemade (you'd be surprised how they can improvise and Invent!)

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Shelia Thompson

The employees are bringing it in to them. They need to clean up the whole Parish and Judges too.

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Good job

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