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REPORT SUMMARY

Performance Audit

*Gus Harrison Correctional Facility and
 Parr Highway Correctional Facility
 Department of Corrections*

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The mission of Gus Harrison Correctional Facility (GHCF) and Parr Highway Correctional Facility (PHCF) is to protect the public and to provide a safe and secure environment for convicted felons to live and staff to work in compliance with the laws of the State of Michigan. GHCF opened in 1991 and has a prisoner capacity of 1,140. GHCF houses level I, level II, and level IV male prisoners. PHCF opened in 1989 and has a prisoner capacity of 1,042. PHCF houses secure level I male prisoners. GHCF and PHCF are located in Adrian, Michigan.

Audit Objective:

To assess GHCF's and PHCF's compliance with selected policies and procedures related to safety and security.

Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that GHCF and PHCF were generally in compliance with selected policies and procedures related to safety and security. However, we noted reportable conditions related to gate manifests, employee searches, the food service power supply, and the arsenal inventory (Findings 1 through 4).

Noteworthy Accomplishments:

GHCF (in calendar year 2005) and PHCF (in calendar year 2004) were the only two Department of Corrections (DOC) facilities to have an employee receive the Frederick Milton Thrasher Award. This national award was created to honor and recognize outstanding individuals for superior service, accomplishments, or leadership in the fight to make society safer from the threat posed by violent criminal gangs. In addition, the DOC Security Classification Manual, issued in 2005 and used by all

DOC facilities, was prepared by GHCF's inspector. The Manual was developed to provide uniformity and consistency in preparing prisoners' security classification screens.

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Audit Objective:

To evaluate the effectiveness of GHCF's and PHCF's efforts in establishing and implementing controls to safeguard prisoner accounts and assets of the prisoner store.

Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that GHCF's and PHCF's efforts were effective in establishing and implementing controls to safeguard prisoner accounts and assets of the prisoner store. However, we noted a reportable condition related to reconciliation of the Trust Accounting and Payroll System (TAPS) and the Michigan Administrative Information Network (MAIN) (Finding 5).

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Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness and efficiency of GHCF's and PHCF's food service operations.

Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that GHCF's and PHCF's food service operations were effective and efficient. Our report does not include any reportable conditions related to this audit objective.

Noteworthy Accomplishments:

GHCF and PHCF offered greenhouse and horticulture programs to prisoners. Prisoners grew plants, vegetables, shrubs, and trees and prepared flower arrangements that were used by the prisons and donated to community agencies, local charitable organizations, food banks, and DOC. During calendar year 2005, GHCF and PHCF grew 36,772 pounds of garden produce, used 30,712 pounds at the prisons, and donated 5,625 pounds to local food banks. GHCF and PHCF also donated 259 flats of flowers and vegetables and 3,742 potted plants to community agencies and local charitable organizations.

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Agency Response:

Our audit report includes 5 findings and 5 corresponding recommendations. GHCF's and PHCF's preliminary response indicates that they agree with all the recommendations.

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