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# Sexual Contact with Inmates

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# Sexual Contact with Inmates

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It is an offense for a law enforcement officer, correctional employee, vendor or volunteer to engage in sexual contact with a prisoner or inmate who is in custody at a penal institution whether the conduct occurs on or off the grounds of the institution. This offense is a Class E felony. T.C.A. § 39-16-408.

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