



# Warren County Regional Jail

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On 4/29/2022, approximately 13 supervisory staff of WCRJ completed training for a new piece of drug detection equipment that is being introduced into the jail's operation. In January 2022, Warren County Fiscal Court approved my request to purchase the TruNarc handheld narcotics analyzer manufactured by ThermoScientific. The device was recently received, and we now have staff trained to utilize the device. The device has been utilized twice since the training last week. The device is designed to identify drugs that match the internal library of nearly 500 narcotics. This device will assist jail staff with identification and mitigation of contraband located while processing in new inmates and assist keeping dangerous drugs from being introduced into the facility. Additionally, the TruNarc will assist with the ongoing danger of paper being soaked with illegal drugs and being mailed into the facility. We have approximately 5 cases pending awaiting laboratory testing to be completed. WCRJ averages approximately 250 criminal cases a year. This device can scan suspicious mail and give a presumptive field test within minutes that will assist in drug investigations. The device can scan through most plastic baggies, can examine pills, and many other surfaces and illegal drugs. Preventing illegal drugs and contraband from coming into the facility is one of the most difficult parts of the operation and mission at WCRJ. Introducing dangerous drugs or contraband into the facility including through the mail is a felony. These devices are expensive but can help in saving inmate lives from overdose and other risks.

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