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March 12, 2013

BPC #13-0070

The Honorable City Council  
City of Los Angeles  
c/o City Clerk's Office

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: DNA QUARTERLY REPORT – 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER 2012

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, March 5, 2013, the Board APPROVED the Department's report relative to the above matter.

This matter is being forwarded to you for approval.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

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MARIA SILVA  
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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TO: Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

*Edward M. Tefank*  
EDWARD M. TEFANK  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
2-27-13  
DATE

SUBJECT: DNA QUARTERLY REPORT – 4th QUARTER 2012

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners (Board) REVIEW and APPROVE this report.
2. That the Board TRANSMIT the attached DNA Quarterly Report, 4th Quarter 2012, to the Los Angeles City Council.

DISCUSSION

At the request of the Los Angeles City Council and the Public Safety Committee, this is the 4th Quarterly Report as it relates to the reduction of the backlog of the DNA Evidence Kits.

Should have any questions, please contact Captain William P. Hayes, Commanding Officer, Robbery-Homicide Division, at (213) 486-6850.

Respectfully,



CHARLIE BECK  
Chief of Police

BOARD OF  
POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
Approved *March 5, 2013*  
Secretary *Maria Silva*

Attachments

**INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

January 18, 2013  
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**TO:** Chief of Police

**FROM:** Chief of Detectives

**SUBJECT:** DNA QUARTERLY REPORT – 4th QUARTER 2012

At the request of the Los Angeles City Council and the Public Safety Committee, this is the 4th Quarterly report as it relates to the reduction of the backlog of the DNA Evidence Kits.

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KIRK J. ALBANESE, Deputy Chief  
Chief of Detectives

Attachments

**Detective Bureau  
DNA Quarterly Report- 4th Quarter 2012  
December 31, 2012**

**PURPOSE**

The Los Angeles Police Department's (Department) Robbery-Homicide Division (RHD) and Scientific Investigation Division (SID) have been asked to provide a written report and remain available to provide monthly deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) verbal reports to the Los Angeles City Council and the Public Safety Committee, as it relates to the reduction of the backlog of the Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEKs). The SAEK Progress Report is posted and updated on the Department's website monthly.

**BACKGROUND**

In September of 2008, the City Controller's Office published an audit regarding the status of all SAEKs booked into evidence at the Los Angeles Police Department's Property Division. The Department revised the serology request procedures to process all the Historical Backlog and all incoming SAEKs booked into the Department. In April of 2011, the Historical Backlog was completed. In January of 2012, a revised monthly SAEK Progress Report was developed to demonstrate our continued efforts to ensure that incoming SAEKs were accounted for and completed in a timely manner.

**PROGRESS**

At the end of the 4th Quarter of 2012, the Department had 256 SAEKs booked into custody awaiting completion. Of the 256 SAEKs, 232 were in-process for analysis, with the exception of 24 SAEKs which were pending a request from the investigating officer. There were 40 SAEKs that had been in-process for over 90 days, and of those, none of the SAEK analysis requests have been in-process over 120 days. The Department has also completed the analysis of the additional 228 identified "retest" SAEKs.

From October 1, 2012, to December 31, 2012, the Department has completed the analysis of 254 SAEKs. Of the 254 SAEKs, 78 were outsourced while 176 were completed in-house. Thirty-six SAEKs have been reviewed and deemed unsuitable for testing. During this time period, the Department uploaded 141 profiles into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) and received 31 CODIS hits. Regular database reconciliations can result in minor differences between a summation of the individual months and the overall quarterly figures.

During this quarter, the funds spent for outsourced SAEKs were tabulated at \$93,975. From July 1, 2009, to December 31, 2012, total funds spent for outsourced SAEK analysis has totaled \$10,268,344.

SID has completed interviews for two Laboratory Technician I positions, which are the only remaining positions from the April 2011 unfreeze request. Currently, background checks are proceeding on the two selected candidates. The initial hiring delay of the Laboratory Technician was due to the City of Los Angeles (City) not having an existing list of candidates to interview. SID remains ready to provide any additional information the Managed Hiring Committee might

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need in order to address the October 2012 unfreeze request, for a total of 11 vacant positions. Six vacant positions were created by promotions in the Serology/DNA Unit (SDU) while one additional criminalist position due to a resignation in December. The new criminalist position vacancy will be part of a new unfreeze request.

During the first week of December, the Male Screening Detail (MSD) of the SDU implemented the High Throughput Male DNA Screening program. The program is projected to lead to all SAEKs being examined in-house, within 90 days of the SDU receiving a request.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) for the development of a new Evidence and Property Information Management System (EPIMS) was approved by the Board of Police Commissioners and the RFP was released. The mandatory pre-proposal conference occurred on October 18, 2012. Within a few weeks of the pre-proposal conference, the EPIMS project's Contract Administrator received e-mails from potential contractors and subcontractors requesting the Department extend the proposal due date because of the complexity of the project. The original due date of January 3, 2013, was extended to January 31, 2013. The extension information was e-mailed to all attending potential vendors at the pre-proposal conference as well as being posted on [www.labavn.org](http://www.labavn.org).

Once the proposals are received, Contracts Section will review each proposal to ensure that they are deemed responsive (showing completion of all the necessary forms and requirements) to be reviewed by the evaluation team.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Department will continue to use DNA evidence to solve crimes. The revised procedures for requesting serology/DNA analysis has ensured that each incoming SAEK will be accounted for with a Request for Serology/DNA Analysis report. The Department will continue to work in partnership with other City entities and victim advocacy groups to develop and improve our work process. The Department has made the transition on increasing "In-House" DNA analysis capability by use of the High Throughput Male DNA Screening program. The shift has occurred with the majority of the SAEK analysis being conducted internally, rather than outsourced to a contract laboratory. It is the Department's continued goal to ensure the timely testing of all SAEKs and other booked items identified as biological evidence.

Attached are the monthly DNA Progress Reports for October, November, and December of 2012.

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## Sexual Assault Evidence Kit (SAEK) Progress Report: December 31, 2012

Category	2011 YTD	2011 December	2012 YTD	2012 December
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### SAEK RECEIVED

Total SAEK, Analysis In-Process or Pending a Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)	N/A	503	N/A	256
Total SAEK, Booked by LAPD	1259	103	1263	77

### PENDING ANALYSIS REQUEST

Total SAEK-RSDA Pending			N/A	24
Total SAEK-RSDA Pending, $\geq$ 30 Days from Booking			41	0

### ANALYSIS IN-PROCESS

Total SAEK-Analysis Pending Completion – ALL			N/A	232
Analysis Pending Completion – Internal			N/A	197
Analysis Pending Completion – Outsource	N/A	63	N/A	35
Internal Analysis Initiated – Internal			1,324	67
Analysis Contracted Out – Outsource	936	63	672	33

### Total No. of Days SAEK in Analysis since Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)

Total Backlog: $\geq$ 90 Days			N/A	40
$\geq$ 120 Days			N/A	0
$\geq$ 150 Days			N/A	0
$\geq$ 180 Days			N/A	0

### ANALYSIS COMPLETE

Total SAEK Analysis Completed - ALL	1,476*	34*	1,551	95
SAEK Analysis Complete - Internal	138	27	647	73
SAEK Analysis Complete - Outsource	1,338*	7*	904	22
SAEK Unsuitable for Testing (Cat 4, Suspect Kit, Etc.)	217	0	214	10

### SAEK TESTING RESULTS

DNA Profiles Uploaded to CODIS	907	154	918	74
Total CODIS Hits	646	6	273	0
CODIS Hits – Case to Offender	633	6	258	0
CODIS Hits – Case To Case	13	0	15	0

#### Notes:

Shaded areas were not tabulated, as data was not available from previous year.

\* SAEK in 2011 were tabulated as complete, based on a sub-contractor analysis report.

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## Sexual Assault Evidence Kit (SAEK)

Progress Report: November 30, 2012

Category	2011 YTD	2011 November	2012 YTD	2012 November
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### SAEK RECEIVED

Total SAEK, Analysis In-Process or Pending a Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)	N/A	433	N/A	274
Total SAEK, Booked by LAPD	1,156	72	1,186	83

### PENDING ANALYSIS REQUEST

Total SAEK-RSDA Pending			N/A	11
Total SAEK-RSDA Pending, $\geq$ 30 Days from Booking			41	0

### ANALYSIS IN-PROCESS

Total SAEK-Analysis Pending Completion – ALL			N/A	263
Analysis Pending Completion – Internal			N/A	239
Analysis Pending Completion – Outsource	N/A	75	N/A	24

Internal Analysis Initiated – Internal			1,257	92
Analysis Contracted Out – Outsource	873	75	639	6

Total No. of Days SAEK in Analysis since Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)				
Total Backlog: $\geq$ 90 Days			N/A	28
$\geq$ 120 Days			N/A	12
$\geq$ 150 Days			N/A	0
$\geq$ 180 Days			N/A	0

### ANALYSIS COMPLETE

Total SAEK Analysis Completed - ALL	1,442*	30*	1,456	72
SAEK Analysis Complete - Internal	111	30	574	41
SAEK Analysis Complete - Outsource	1,331*	0*	882	31
SAEK Unsuitable for Testing (Cat 4, Suspect Kit, Etc.)	217	1	204	12

### SAEK TESTING RESULTS

DNA Profiles Uploaded to CODIS	753	35	844	36
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Total CODIS Hits	640	12	273	3
CODIS Hits – Case to Offender	627	9	258	2
CODIS Hits – Case To Case	13	3	15	1

#### Notes:

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\* SAEK in 2011 were tabulated as complete, based on a sub-contractor analysis report.

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## Sexual Assault Evidence Kit (SAEK)

Progress Report: October 31, 2012

Category	2011 YTD	2011 October	2012 YTD	2012 October
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### SAEK RECEIVED

Total SAEK, Analysis In-Process or Pending a Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)	N/A	390	N/A	255
Total SAEK, Booked by LAPD	1102	96	1103	117

### PENDING ANALYSIS REQUEST

Total SAEK-RSDA Pending			15	15
Total SAEK-RSDA Pending, $\geq 30$ Days from Booking			38	2

### ANALYSIS IN-PROCESS

Total SAEK-Analysis Pending Completion – ALL			N/A	240
Analysis Pending Completion – Internal			N/A	196
Analysis Pending Completion – Outsource	N/A	47	N/A	44

Internal Analysis Initiated – Internal			1,163	104
Analysis Contracted Out – Outsource	798	47	631	2

### Total No. of Days SAEK in Analysis since Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)

Total Backlog: $\geq 90$ Days			N/A	38**
$\geq 120$ Days			N/A	13**
$\geq 150$ Days			N/A	0
$\geq 180$ Days			N/A	0

### ANALYSIS COMPLETE

Total SAEK Analysis Completed - ALL	1,412*	104*	1,380	84
SAEK Analysis Complete - Internal	81	27	531	61
SAEK Analysis Complete - Outsource	1,331*	77*	849	23
SAEK Unsuitable for Testing (Cat 4, Suspect Kit, Etc.)	216	7	192	14

### SAEK TESTING RESULTS

DNA Profiles Uploaded to CODIS	718	35	808	31
Total CODIS Hits	628	17	266***	6
CODIS Hits – Case to Offender	618	17	255***	2
CODIS Hits – Case To Case	10	0	14	4

#### Notes:

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\* SAEK in 2011 were tabulated as complete, based on a sub-contractor analysis report.

\*\* Includes 2 retest sexual assault kits which are  $\geq 120$  days.

\*\*\*Numbers corrected for under-reporting in previous months.

2011 YTD totals reconciled with RHD records.