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BPC #11-0046

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 2010

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, February 1, 2011, 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

*Maria Silva*

MARIA SILVA  
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

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TO: Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

*Richard M. Turank*  
RICHARD M. TURANK  
REGULATORY DIRECTOR  
1/25/11  
DATE

SUBJECT: DNA QUARTERLY REPORT - 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER 2010

RECOMMENDED ACTION


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 2010, to the Los Angeles City Council.

DISCUSSION

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

Should you have any questions, please contact Captain Kevin L. McClure, Commanding Officer, Robbery-Homicide Division, at (213) 486-6850.

Respectfully,



CHARLIE BECK  
Chief of Police

BOARD OF  
POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
Approved *February 1, 2011*  
Secretary *Maria Silva*

Attachments

**Detective Bureau  
DNA Quarterly Report, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter  
January 11, 2011**

**PURPOSE**

Robbery-Homicide Division (RHD) has been asked to provide a written report and remain available to provide a monthly verbal report to the Los Angeles City Council and the Public Safety Committee, as it relates to the reduction of the backlog of the DNA Evidence Kits. This is the fourth quarterly report for 2010. The progress report is posted and updated on a monthly basis on the Department's website.

**BACKGROUND**

In September of 2008, the City Controller's Office published a report regarding the status of all Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK) booked into evidence at the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) Property Division. The report revealed 7,495 SAEKs had not yet been analyzed. As a result, the LAPD conducted a physical audit of all SAEKs booked at Property Division. The LAPD's audit revealed there were 11,077 SAEKs in evidence, and 6,132 SAEKs had not been analyzed. The 6,132 SAEKs became the "Historical Backlog."

A monthly DNA report has been developed with the collaboration of the Controller's Office, the City Attorney's Office, Councilmember Eric Garcetti's office, and a multitude of victim advocate groups. The monthly report documents efforts to reduce the Historical Backlog and provides month to month progress.

**PROGRESS**

As of December 31, 2010, all the SAEKs from the Historical Backlog have been analyzed. The Los Angeles Police Department's identified Historical Backlog of 6,132 SAEKs have been analyzed. Of the 6,132 cases analyzed, the LAPD has uploaded 1,934 forensic unknown profiles into the Combined Offender DNA Index System (CODIS). Additionally, from the 6,132 SAEKs analyzed, there have been 521 named offender hits and 41 case to case hits. Of the case to case hits, some include forensic unknowns, while others include named offenders identifying possible sexual assault serial offenders. These results do not include the remaining technical review information from the Historical Backlog, nor the analysis efforts of the SAEKs booked post December 8, 2008.

From July 1, 2009, to December 31, 2010, total funds spent for outsourced SAEKs analysis has accumulated to \$7,072,139.

Previously allocated grant funds totaling approximately \$3.5 million have been anticipated as sufficient to address the needs of the Department to complete the "Historical Backlog" technical reviews. Additional grant funding has been sought for peripheral testing circumstances and review of previously tested SAEKs that may yield a proficient profile due to DNA technology advancement.



**Detective Bureau  
DNA Quarterly Report, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter  
January 11, 2011**

We have filled 14 new positions to the Scientific Investigation Division's (SID) Serology/DNA Unit; ten criminalist and four laboratory technicians. The new SID personnel are at various stages in their training depending on their background and the Department's needs. Continuing our hiring efforts, the interviews have been completed for the next 10 approved criminalist positions.

The LAPD Information Technology Division (ITD) has developed an interim web-based, interconnected database application that is in use by Department personnel. Currently, "RHD Incident Tracking System" allows for data entry by personnel to submit the LAPD Form 12.56, "Request for Serology/DNA Analysis," (RSDA) electronically on a website based system. The RSDA can then be viewed, prioritized and edited. The form is accessible by investigators, criminalists, and supervising personnel. The system imports limited case information from the Automated Property Index Management System (APIMS), Crime Analysis Mapping System (CAMS) and Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS). The case search feature ensures RSDA forms are submitted more efficiently and accurately. The database allows for monitoring of analysis requests and can ensure time requirements are met for Penal Codes 680 and 803 with built-in email alerts.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Historical Backlog of 6,132 SAEKs has been eliminated. The technical reviews of approximately 476 are still pending and anticipated to be completed by the end of February 2011. We continue to review prior cases that can produce possible evidence based on current DNA technology. The LAPD will continue to efficiently respond to crimes involving DNA evidence, outsource SAEKs as funding permits, and with our increased staffing at SID, train personnel for increased "In-House" DNA analysis.

Attached are the monthly DNA Progress Reports for October, November, and December 2010.

# Report on the Controller's Office Audit Recommendations

December 2010

## Recommendation #1

**Reconcile the difference between the rape kit records from the physical inventory to the APIMS records to ensure that the entire rape kit backlog is accounted for.**

Response:

This recommendation has been completed.

## Recommendation #2

**Verify the information of the physical inventory (such as tested or not tested) with Scientific Investigation Division's (SID) database. Eliminate the kits which have already been tested and include the untested kits which were omitted from the rape kit backlog.**

Response:

This recommendation has been completed.

## Recommendation #3

**Assess the resources needed to clear the secondary backlog of kits awaiting technical reviews and request additional funding, if necessary.**

Response:

This recommendation is ongoing. However, the funding to clear the secondary backlog is anticipated to be sufficient. We will continue to look into more funding due to peripheral testing issues, such as, confirmation analysis and consensual partner eliminations.

## Recommendation #4

**Submit written reports to the Public Safety Committee once a month and to City Council once a quarter which show pertinent sexual assault kit statistics as described in the audit report.**

Response:

This recommendation has been completed. The report is currently viewable to the public online via the Department website ([http://www.lapdonline.org/get\\_informed](http://www.lapdonline.org/get_informed)). The DNA Monthly Progress Reports are available under the link "DNA Monthly Report."

#### **Recommendation #5**

**Place a high priority on developing a comprehensive master database to account for all untested rape kits and develop a formal timeline for implementing the master database.**

#### **Response:**

In collaboration with Robbery-Homicide Division (RHD), Information Technology Division (ITD) has developed a patch work tracing system as a temporary solution to integrating several feeder legacy systems. This system has a limited application and does not fill the requirements of a comprehensive tracking system. As of November 11, 2010, Department-wide, the "RHD Incident Tracking System" is in use to submit and track serology requests for all post December 08, 2008, Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEKs) booked.

The Department has identified potential funds and is preparing correspondence requesting City Council approval to use those funds for a Request for Proposal to hire a consultant to conduct a system needs assessment. Concurrent with that effort, is a search of any existing information technology consultant currently under contract that might meet the system consultant needs.

This dual approach will push forward to identify and hire a consultant to identify the tracking system parameters.

#### **Recommendation #6**

**Continue to place a high priority on sending out required victim notifications and seek additional resources if required. The Department should also send out notifications on pre-2004 cases that are not required by the Penal Code.**

#### **Response:**

The Department will continue to track, monitor, and send victim notification letters as mandated by Penal Code Section 680. Scientific Investigation Division will continue to test the SAEKs within two years, thus eliminating the need for future notification letters.

Penal Code Section 680 is not retroactive, therefore Victim Notification Letters were not initially sent on any cases that occurred between 1997 and 2004. However, if a victim expresses an interest in their SAEK case status, the Department provides notification updates and refers the concerned individuals for counseling.

#### **Recommendation #7**

**Develop protocols which will increase the likelihood that victims receive the notifications.**

#### **Response:**

This recommendation has been completed.



**Recommendation #8**

**Update the information in the Grants Tracking System in a timely manner to prepare the Quarterly Report submitted to the Department of Justice. If needed, request access to Financial Management Information System (FMIS) from the Controller's Office.**

**Response:**

This recommendation has been completed.

**Recommendation #9**

**Modify the system features of the Grants Tracking System so that month-end information will be available to the users in a more timely manner.**

**Response:**

This recommendation has been completed.

Prepared By  
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**LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK)**  
**Progress Report for October 30, 2010**

Category	Historical Backlog Pre 12/8/08	Subsequent Post 12/8/08	October 2010 Activity (All cases)
<b>Total Kits Booked</b>	<b>6132</b>	<b>2515</b>	<b>109</b>
Rape Kits (LAPD)	6012	2487	108
Sex Kits (Coroner)	120	28	1
<b>Outsourced to Private Laboratory</b>	<b>4658</b>	<b>1651</b>	<b>131</b>
Analyzed SAEK's	4551	868	259
Submitted to Laboratory/pending return to LAPD	107	783	111
DNA profiles found	2437	428	102
Completed Technical Review	1499	103	196
Pending Technical Review	938	325	N/A
Uploaded to CODIS	1550	84	129
Total CODIS Hits	446	55	77
Named offender only	394	42	63
Case-to-case only	35	8	5
Named offender and case-to-case	17	5	9
<b>LAPD Laboratory Analyzed SAEK's</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>18</b>
DNA Profiles Found	47	160	1
Uploaded to CODIS	29	190	37
Total CODIS Hits	21	132	43
Named offender only	17	115	38
Case-to-case only	3	6	2
Named offender and case-to-case	1	11	3
<b>Unsuitable for Testing</b>	<b>1225</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Remaining Untested Kits</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>N/A</b>

\* Initially recorded as 7,495 SAEKs by the Controller's report. After a physical audit by the LAPD in October 2008, the figure was revised to 6,132.

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**LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK)**  
**Progress Report for November 30, 2010**

Category	Historical Backlog Pre 12/8/08	Subsequent Post 12/8/08	November 2010 Activity (All cases)
<b>Total Kits Booked</b>	<b>6132</b>	<b>2643</b>	<b>128</b>
Rape Kits (LAPD)	6012	2610	123
Sex Kits (Coroner)	120	33	5
<b>Outsourced to Private Laboratory</b>	<b>4658</b>	<b>1697</b>	<b>46</b>
Analyzed SAEK's	<b>4623</b>	<b>1107</b>	<b>311</b>
Submitted to Laboratory/pending return to LAPD	35	590	44
DNA profiles found	2466	523	124
Completed Technical Review	1792	107	297
Pending Technical Review	674	416	N/A
Uploaded to CODIS	1687	86	139
Total CODIS Hits	530	60	89
Named offender only	472	46	82
Case-to-case only	36	8	1
Named offender and case-to-case	22	6	6
<b>LAPD Laboratory Analyzed SAEK's</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>20</b>
DNA Profiles Found	47	167	7
Uploaded to CODIS	29	199	9
Total CODIS Hits	22	135	4
Named offender only	18	116	2
Case-to-case only	3	7	1
Named offender and case-to-case	1	12	1
<b>Unsuitable for Testing</b>	<b>1225</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Remaining Untested Kits</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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**LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK)**  
**Progress Report for December 31, 2010**

Category	Historical Backlog Pre 12/8/08	Subsequent Post 12/8/08	December 2010 Activity (All cases)
<b>Total Kits Booked</b>	6132	2767	124
Rape Kits (LAPD)	6012	2733	123
Sex Kits (Coroner)	120	34	1
<b>Outsourced to Private Laboratory</b>	4658	1764	67
Analyzed SAEK's	4658	1160	88
Submitted to Laboratory/pending return to LAPD	0	604	60
DNA profiles found	2484	546	41
Completed Technical Review	2008	154	263
Pending Technical Review	476	392	N/A
Uploaded to CODIS	1905	117	249
Total CODIS Hits	563	68	41
Named offender only	503	54	39
Case-to-case only	38	8	2
Named offender and case-to-case	22	6	0
<b>LAPD Laboratory Analyzed SAEK's</b>	249	295	5
DNA Profiles Found	47	167	0
Uploaded to CODIS	29	206	7
Total CODIS Hits	22	135	0
Named offender only	18	116	0
Case-to-case only	3	6	-1
Named offender and case-to-case	1	13	1
<b>Unsuitable for Testing</b>	1225	431	17
<b>Remaining Untested Kits</b>	0	881	N/A

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**Overview of December Activities**  
**January 11, 2011**

The Los Angeles Police Department Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK) Progress Report provides significant information about the status of the SAEK backlog elimination project. The Serology/DNA unit is also responsible for processing and conducting analysis for biological evidence unrelated to sexual assaults, as well as additional evidence related to sexual assaults. This report is a reflection of the productivity associated with the SAEKs.

The December Progress Report shows a total of 881 Remaining Untested Kits. Of the 881 Remaining Untested Kits, approximately 604 are currently in progress, either at a contract laboratory or within the LAPD Crime Laboratory. There were an additional 124 new SAEKs collected in December 2010. None of the remaining untested kits are from the Historical Backlog, which is now zero.

The number of kits not yet submitted for testing is 277. Of the 277 kits which have not been submitted for testing, 120 have been assigned to SID criminalists and are in the process of being prepared for analysis. The remaining SAEK's are in their initial investigative stages and requests have not yet been submitted to SID.

**All new requests for analysis of a sexual assault kit are immediately assigned to an SID criminalist for processing and analysis (in-house or outsourced). There is no backlog of unassigned SAEK requests for analysis of an SAEK at SID.**

The Report shows a total of 868 Pending Technical Reviews. It is anticipated the backlog of Pending Technical Reviews will be reduced to only those in progress by mid April 2011.



INTRADPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

January 20, 2011  
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**TO:** Chief of Police

**FROM:** Chief of Detectives

**SUBJECT:** DNA QUARTERLY REPORT – 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER 2010

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Should you have any questions, please contact Captain Kevin L. McClure, Commanding Officer, Robbery-Homicide Division, at (213) 486-6850.



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Chief of Detectives

Attachments