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June 7, 2012

BPC #12-0261

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

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: DNA MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2012

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, June 5, 2012, 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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria Silva".

MARIA SILVA
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

May 31, 2012
8.6

TO: Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: DNA MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2012

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners (Board) REVIEW and APPROVE this report.
2. That the Board TRANSMIT the attached DNA Monthly Report for April 2012, and the Progress Report on the City Controller's Office audit recommendations to the Los Angeles City Council.

DISCUSSION

At the request of the Los Angeles City Council and the Public Safety Committee, this is the DNA Monthly Report for April 2012, and a progress report on the City Controller's Audit recommendations as it relates to the reduction of the backlog of the DNA Evidence Kits.

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

Respectfully,

CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

Attachments

BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Approved June 5, 2012
Secretary Maria Silva

**Report on the Controller's Office, 2nd FOLLOW-UP
AUDIT Recommendations
April 30, 2012**

BACKGROUND

On November 10, 2011, the Office of the Controller issued the 2nd Follow-Up Audit of the Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Grant Program. The Audit identified several findings and recommendations. The Los Angeles Police Department (Department) was asked to prepare a response and include information regarding the steps the Department has taken or intends to take to address the recommendations and to clarify information.

The following numbered items have been completed from the Controller's Office 2nd Follow Up Audit recommendations.

Recommendation No. 1

Ensure that any sexual assault evidence kits that will be analyzed or that require a technical review are included in the SAEK Progress Reports.

Recommendation No. 3

Ensure reconciling differences between Departmental records are properly accounted for and explained in the SAEK Progress Report in order to accurately reflect the number and processing status of SAEKs.

Recommendation No. 4

Review those DNA cases where a request for testing is pending and determine the proper disposition.

Recommendation No. 5

Formalize follow-up procedures to ensure DNA testing requests are made within 30 days of the date of the offense.

Recommendation No. 6

Ensure the protocol for requesting DNA testing is followed in order to accurately track the status of rape kits.

Recommendation No. 7

The LAPD should implement protocols to review the unfounded cases received subsequent to December 8, 2008, to ensure that any cases where DNA analysis should be performed are identified.

Recommendation No. 8

The LAPD should verify the data queries used to compile the SAEK Progress Reports to minimize any reporting differences.

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Recommendation No. 9

The LAPD should re-assess its resource needs (staffing and funding) to ensure the appropriate level of resources are available and maintained to prevent any future rape kit backlogs from occurring.

Recommendation No. 10

Communicate to Policymakers any change to originally estimated funding levels that were designated for a specific purpose.

The following numbered items remain and are an ongoing effort to reconcile from the Controller's Office 2nd Follow-Up Audit recommendations.

Recommendation No. 2

Identify revisions that are necessary to various Departmental records (e.g., APIMS or SAEK Master List, etc.) to ensure the reported number and status of SAEKs are accurate.

Response:

The completion of this recommendation involves the development of a master database (Recommendation #11) and the ongoing development of the interim system Robbery-Homicide Division (RHD)/Incident Tracking System (ITS).

Information Technology Division (ITD) has developed an additional feature in RHD/ITS that compares and identifies any Division of Record (DR) numbers that are in RHD/ITS that are no longer entered in Property Division's Automated Property Information Management System (APIMS). A new query function allows for check and balances for SAEKs that could have an alternate DR number issue, as well as improve on the accounting of the total number of SAEKs in LAPD custody. Once the discrepancy is realized, notification is made to ensure that Property Division, RHD, and Scientific Investigation Division (SID) are made aware of any changes to a DR number and any evidence is transferred to the proper DR number.

The revised SAEK Monthly Report has been developed to reflect additional stages of the SAEK analysis request process, as well as any SAEK that is added from previous years. We have submitted a total of 216 SAEKs as retests and have tabulated the amount in the April DNA monthly DNA report. This month, 178 SAEKs were submitted. The submittal of the re-tests will be processed under the current analysis standards and most recent DNA protocols. The analysis completion and progress of all SAEKs will be observed in the revised SAEK Monthly Report.

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Recommendation No. 11

The LAPD should establish a formalized plan or timeline with interim milestones to track its progress in developing a comprehensive master database for sexual assault evidence kits.

Response:

Information Technology Division (ITD) has gathered the business and technical requirements for the Evidence and Property Information Management System (EPIMS). A Request For Proposal (RFP) document is in the final stages of revision to be submitted to the City Attorney's Office for review. Once the RFP is released and proposals are received from various vendors, the Department will be better positioned to identify a timeline for acquisition and implementation of the new Evidence and Property Information Management System. Early cost estimates for such a system easily exceed one-million dollars for which there is not an identified source of funding.

Overview of April 2012 Activities
May 9, 2012

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 (SDU) 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 (formatted in the new version, effective January 2012) is a reflection of the productivity associated with the SAEKs.

The April Progress Report shows a total of 441 SAEKs in progress or pending a request. Of these 441 SAEKs, 19 are pending submission of a request to RHD. None of the 19 pending requests are older than 30 days from the booking date. The number of kits where testing has not yet been completed is 422, which includes all cases in progress whether done in-house or sent out. It does not include those that have been requested but are not yet assigned.

The Department previously completed a review of all cases that were screened but not DNA typed. Although no DNA typing was performed, these cases were deemed "complete" by the procedural standards in place through late 2008. The Department identified 216 SAEKs of evidentiary value. These have been submitted for DNA testing (38 in March, the remaining 178 in April) and are all included in this (April) monthly report. Cases that were determined to be unfounded will not be processed further.

The SDU is continuing to decrease the time required to complete casework (including the mandatory technical and administrative reviews) without sacrificing quality. Total cases over 90 days decreased from 228 in January to 140 in February, decreased further to 79 in March and stands at 32 in April.

None of the remaining untested kits are from the Historical Backlog, which was previously eliminated. There were an additional 110 new SAEK's collected in April.

Los Angeles Police Department

Sexual Assault Evidence Kit (SAEK)

Progress Report: April 30, 2012

Category	2011 YTD	2011 April	2012 YTD	2012 April
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SAEK RECEIVED

Total SAEK, Analysis In-Process or Pending a Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)	N/A	632	N/A	*441
Total SAEK, Booked by LAPD	419	113	446	110

PENDING ANALYSIS REQUEST

Total SAEK-RSDA Pending	[Shaded]	[Shaded]	19	19
Total SAEK-RSDA Pending, \geq 30 Days from Booking	[Shaded]	[Shaded]	10	0

ANALYSIS IN-PROCESS

Total SAEK-Analysis Pending Completion – ALL	[Shaded]	[Shaded]	N/A	*422
Analysis Pending Completion – Internal	[Shaded]	[Shaded]	N/A	*301
Analysis Pending Completion – Outsource	N/A	126	N/A	*138

Internal Analysis Initiated – Internal	[Shaded]	[Shaded]	591	252
Analysis Contracted Out – Outsource	472	126	215	37

Total No. of Days SAEK in Analysis since Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)				
Total Backlog: \geq 90 Days	[Shaded]	[Shaded]	N/A	32
\geq 120 Days	[Shaded]	[Shaded]	N/A	11
\geq 150 Days	[Shaded]	[Shaded]	N/A	9
\geq 180 Days	[Shaded]	[Shaded]	N/A	9

ANALYSIS COMPLETE

Total SAEK Analysis Completed - ALL	**671	**59	625	151
SAEK Analysis Complete - Internal	20	15	271	67
SAEK Analysis Complete - Outsource	**589	**44	354	84
SAEK Unsuitable for Testing (Cat 4, Suspect Kit, Etc.)	95	33	81	21

SAEK TESTING RESULTS

DNA Profiles Uploaded to CODIS	555	122	367	67
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Total CODIS Hits	355	71	111	43
CODIS Hits – Case to Offender	330	70	111	43
CODIS Hits – Case To Case	8	1	0	0

Notes:

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

* Includes SAEK, carried over from 2011 and 216 SAEKs deemed “retest.”

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

BPC # 12-02601

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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MAY 30 2012

POLICE COMMISSION

Leon R. DeLoe for

May 18, 2012
8.6

TO: Chief of Police

FROM: Chief of Detectives

SUBJECT: DNA MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2012

At the request of the Los Angeles City Council and the Public Safety Committee this is the DNA Monthly Report for April 2012, as it relates to the reduction of the backlog of the DNA Evidence Kits. The report will be posted and updated on a monthly basis on the Department's website.

Along with the monthly report is a progress report on the City Controller's Office audit recommendations as it relates to the backlog of the DNA Evidence Kits.

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



KIRK J. ALBANESE, Deputy Chief
Chief of Detectives

Attachments