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June 12, 2012

BPC #12-0264

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

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: DNA QUARTERLY REPORT – 1ST QUARTER 2012

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, June 12, 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
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TO: Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: DNA QUARTERLY REPORT – 1st 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, 1st 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 1st 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

Attachments

**BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS**
Approved *June 12, 2012*
Secretary *Maria Silva*

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PURPOSE

Robbery-Homicide Division (RHD) has been asked to provide a written report and remain available to provide monthly verbal reports 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. The monthly DNA progress report is posted and updated on a monthly basis on the Los Angeles Police 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 LAPD's Property Division. The Department revised the serology request and analysis procedures to process all the Historical Backlog and all incoming SAEKs booked into Department custody to their highest level of analysis completion, up to the DNA profile being uploaded to the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS). In April of 2011, the Historical Backlog was completed. In January of 2012, a revised monthly SAEK report was developed to demonstrate our continued efforts to ensure that incoming SAEKs are accounted for and completed in a timely manner.

PROGRESS

At the end of the 1st Quarter of 2012, the Department had 380 SAEKs booked into custody awaiting completion. Out of the 380, all were in-process for analysis with the exception of 14 SAEKs that were pending a request from the investigating officer. There were 79 SAEKs that had been in-process for over 90 days, of those 79 cases, 68 were over 120 days, and of the 68 cases, 54 were over 150 days in-process. There were 43 SAEKs that were over 180 days in process.

From January 1, 2012 to March 31, 2012, the Department has completed the analysis of 459 SAEKs. Out of the 459 SAEKs, 253 SAEKs were outsourced while 206 were completed in-house. Sixty SAEKs were reviewed and have been deemed unsuitable for testing. During this time period, the Los Angeles Police Department uploaded 300 profiles into CODIS and received 68 CODIS hits.

In January 2012, the Department revised the monthly SAEK report. The new SAEK report format provides more tracking information including pending Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA) reports and information on in-process analysis time. The report now provides the number of completed SAEKs based upon six distinct testing stages of where a SAEK analysis can be considered complete:

- Unsuitable for testing
- Screening for Sperm/Semen and DNA evidence -negative
- Profile unsuitable -negative
- Profile developed for comparison only/mixture

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- Profile developed, follow-up required
- CODIS upload

The Department reviewed the remaining 1,475 SAEKs previously mentioned in the Controller's Office 2nd Follow-up Audit report. The Department identified 229 SAEKs that could possibly yield a potential profile based on current analysis procedures and standards. Requests were submitted for 216 of the 229 SAEKs that were prioritized and submitted to Scientific Investigation Division (SID). The remaining 13 SAEKs (13 cases submitted as unfounded) are under review to verify their status as having no evidentiary value. Under current procedures, all SAEKs having evidentiary value will be submitted to SID for analysis.

During this quarter, the funds spent for outsourced SAEKs were tabulated at \$137,294.00. From July 1, 2009, to March 31, 2012, total funds spent for outsourced SAEK analysis has totaled \$ 9,460,101.00.

All the new staff positions approved for the SID, Serology/ DNA Unit (SDU) Expansion Program have been filled, some vacancies have occurred for which a recent unfreeze request was granted. Hiring is underway for one Chief Forensic Chemist II, two Criminalist IIIs, one Supervising Criminalist, seven Criminalists, one Laboratory Technician II, and one Laboratory Technician I. Personnel Department must offer an exam and establish a list before hiring can commence for the Laboratory Technician I position. This will not be completed before the end of the current fiscal year. This process will create eight additional vacancies (due to promotions) in addition to other attrition vacancies. The Department will submit additional unfreeze requests as soon as any vacancies in the Serology/DNA Unit are determined.

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) has been completed. The 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.

CONCLUSION

Our revised procedures for requesting serology/DNA analysis has ensured that each incoming SAEK will be accounted for with a RSDA 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 will continue to use DNA evidence to solve crimes, outsource SAEKs as funding permits, and continue to train our Serology/DNA unit personnel for increased "In-House" DNA analysis.

Attached are the monthly DNA Progress Reports for January, February, and March 2012.

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

Category	2011 YTD	2011 January	2012 YTD	2012 January
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SAEK RECEIVED

Total SAEK, Analysis In-Process or Pending a Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)	N/A	825	N/A	492*
Total SAEK, Booked by LAPD	93	93	96	96

PENDING ANALYSIS REQUEST

Total SAEK-RSDA Pending			27	27
Total SAEK-RSDA Pending, \geq 30 Days from Booking			0	0

ANALYSIS IN-PROCESS

Total SAEK-Analysis Pending Completion – ALL			N/A	465*
Analysis Pending Completion – Internal			N/A	351*
Analysis Pending Completion – Outsource	N/A	599	N/A	114*

Internal Analysis Initiated – Internal			81	81
Analysis Contracted Out – Outsource	171	171	30	30

Total No. of Days SAEK in Analysis since Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)				
Total Backlog: \geq 90 Days			N/A	228
\geq 120 Days			N/A	173
\geq 150 Days			N/A	96
\geq 180 Days			N/A	54

ANALYSIS COMPLETE


Total SAEK Analysis Completed - ALL	185**	185**	134	134
SAEK Analysis Complete - Internal	2	2	39	39
SAEK Analysis Complete - Outsource	150**	150**	70	70
SAEK Unsuitable for Testing (Cat 4, Suspect Kit, Etc.)	33	33	25	25

SAEK TESTING RESULTS

DNA Profiles Uploaded to CODIS	115	115	164	164
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Total CODIS Hits	7	7	2	2
CODIS Hits – Case to Offender	7	7	2	2
CODIS Hits – Case To Case	0	0	0	0

Notes:

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

* Includes SAEK, carried over from 2011.

** 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: February 29, 2012

Category	2011 YTD	2011 February	2012 YTD	2012 February
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SAEK RECEIVED

Total SAEK, Analysis In-Process or Pending a Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)	N/A	643	N/A	*407
Total SAEK, Booked by LAPD	183	90	212	116

PENDING ANALYSIS REQUEST

Total SAEK-RSDA Pending			29	29
Total SAEK-RSDA Pending, ≥ 30 Days from Booking			4	4

ANALYSIS IN-PROCESS

Total SAEK-Analysis Pending Completion – ALL			N/A	*378
Analysis Pending Completion – Internal			N/A	*182
Analysis Pending Completion – Outsource	N/A	438	N/A	*196

Internal Analysis Initiated – Internal			198	117
Analysis Contracted Out – Outsource	277	106	117	87

Total No. of Days SAEK in Analysis since Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)				
Total Backlog: ≥ 90 Days			N/A	140
≥ 120 Days			N/A	119
≥ 150 Days			N/A	96
≥ 180 Days			N/A	63

ANALYSIS COMPLETE

Total SAEK Analysis Completed - ALL	457**	272**	324	190
SAEK Analysis Complete - Internal	3	1	129	90
SAEK Analysis Complete - Outsource	417**	267**	170	100
SAEK Unsuitable for Testing (Cat 4, Suspect Kit, Etc.)	37	4	47	22

SAEK TESTING RESULTS

DNA Profiles Uploaded to CODIS	194	79	240	76
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Total CODIS Hits	241	234	34	32
CODIS Hits – Case to Offender	222	215	34	32
CODIS Hits – Case To Case	2	2	0	0

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

Category	2011 YTD	2011 March	2012 YTD	2012 March
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SAEK RECEIVED

Total SAEK, Analysis In-Process or Pending a Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)	N/A	611	N/A	*380
Total SAEK, Booked by LAPD	306	123	336	86

PENDING ANALYSIS REQUEST

Total SAEK-RSDA Pending			15	14
Total SAEK-RSDA Pending, ≥ 30 Days from Booking			6	2

ANALYSIS IN-PROCESS

Total SAEK-Analysis Pending Completion – ALL			N/A	*366
Analysis Pending Completion – Internal			N/A	*170
Analysis Pending Completion – Outsource	N/A	380	N/A	*196

Internal Analysis Initiated – Internal			332	125
Analysis Contracted Out – Outsource	346	69	172	69

Total No. of Days SAEK in Analysis since Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)				
Total Backlog: ≥ 90 Days			N/A	79
≥ 120 Days			N/A	68
≥ 150 Days			N/A	54
≥ 180 Days			N/A	43

ANALYSIS COMPLETE

Total SAEK Analysis Completed - ALL	**612	**130	459	184
SAEK Analysis Complete - Internal	5	2	206	73
SAEK Analysis Complete - Outsource	**545	**128	253	111
SAEK Unsuitable for Testing (Cat 4, Suspect Kit, Etc.)	62	25	60	13

SAEK TESTING RESULTS

DNA Profiles Uploaded to CODIS	433	239	300	60
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Total CODIS Hits	284	43	68	34
CODIS Hits – Case to Offender	260	38	68	34
CODIS Hits – Case To Case	7	5	0	0

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