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July 10, 2012

BPC #12-0296

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

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: DNA MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2012

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, July 10, 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 blue ink that reads "Maria Silva".

MARIA SILVA
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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POLICE COMMISSION

July 5, 2012
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REVIEWED

TO: Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police


RICHARD M. TEFANK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

7/3/12
DATE

SUBJECT: DNA MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 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 May 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 May 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

BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Approved July 10, 2012
Secretary 

Attachments

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

June 21, 2012
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TO: Chief of Police

FROM: Chief of Detectives

SUBJECT: DNA MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2012

At the request of the Los Angeles City Council and the Public Safety Committee this is the DNA Monthly Report for May 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

Los Angeles Police Department

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

Category	2011 YTD	2011 May	2012 YTD	2012 May
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SAEK RECEIVED

Total SAEK, Analysis In-Process or Pending a Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)	N/A	635	N/A	*454
Total SAEK, Booked by LAPD	524	105	555	109

PENDING ANALYSIS REQUEST

Total SAEK-RSDA Pending			30	30
Total SAEK-RSDA Pending, \geq 30 Days from Booking			15	3

ANALYSIS IN-PROCESS

Total SAEK-Analysis Pending Completion – ALL			N/A	*424
Analysis Pending Completion – Internal			N/A	*247
Analysis Pending Completion – Outsource	N/A	79	N/A	*177

Internal Analysis Initiated – Internal			695	97
Analysis Contracted Out – Outsource	551	79	337	117

Total No. of Days SAEK in Analysis since Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)				
Total Backlog: \geq 90 Days			N/A	46
\geq 120 Days			N/A	9
\geq 150 Days			N/A	0
\geq 180 Days			N/A	0

ANALYSIS COMPLETE

Total SAEK Analysis Completed - ALL	**756	**85	753	118
SAEK Analysis Complete - Internal	21	1	317	39
SAEK Analysis Complete - Outsource	**673	**84	436	79
SAEK Unsuitable for Testing (Cat 4, Suspect Kit, Etc.)	113	18	99	18

SAEK TESTING RESULTS

DNA Profiles Uploaded to CODIS	581	26	450	83
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Total CODIS Hits	405	50	176	64
CODIS Hits – Case to Offender	379	49	176	64
CODIS Hits – Case To Case	9	1	0	0

Notes:

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

* Includes additional 228 “retest” SAEKs, including 12 SAEKs submitted in May.

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

Overview of May 2012 Activities
June 19, 2012

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) 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 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 May 2012 Progress Report shows a total of 454 SAEKs in progress or pending a request. Of these 454 SAEKs, 30 are pending submission of a request to RHD (3 of these were booked over 30 days ago). The number of kits where testing has not yet been completed is 424, 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 SDU workflow is such that at any given moment in time, some accumulated cases are not yet assigned, but previous assigned work is continually in progress.

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. As a result of the review, 209 cases had a total of 229 SAEKs, 38 SAEKs were handled as priority due to involving a stranger or having statute of limitation issues. These SAEKs were submitted in March 2012 (included in March 2012 report). Additionally, 178 SAEKs showed potential evidentiary value and were submitted for analysis in April 2012 (included in April 2012 report). This month, the last thirteen cases of the 229 SAEKs were reviewed and 12 SAEKs were submitted for testing (included in the May 2012 report) with one case (one SAEK) deemed unfounded. All of the identified re-test cases of evidentiary value have been submitted for testing under current analysis request procedures.

The SDU is continuing to decrease the time required to complete casework (including the mandatory technical and administrative reviews) without sacrificing quality. Of the 424 cases in progress, there are 46 cases not complete over 90 days from the date of request, and only 9 of these are over 120 days. There are no incomplete cases at or beyond 150 days from the date of request. There were an additional 109 new SAEK's collected in May 2012.

The Department has continued its efforts on the development of a comprehensive master database system to track the number and status of SAEKs booked into LAPD custody. A Request for Proposal (RFP) has been written for the development of a new Evidence and Property Information Management System (EPIMS). The RFP has been submitted to the City Attorney's Office for review. With over 1400 technical requirements, the City Attorney's Office will take a minimum of 30 days to complete their review. Upon completion of the review and the Police Commission's approval, the RFP can be released. The Department anticipates that the proposal process, vendor selection and contract negotiations will take up to six months. From this point, a project this complex is estimated to take up to 12 months for implementation.

Report on the Controller's Office, 2nd FOLLOW-UP
AUDIT Recommendations
May 31, 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 is 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 is 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).

The Department submitted a total of 228 SAEKs as re-tests and have tabulated the amount in the May 2012 monthly DNA report. This month, 12 additional SAEKs were submitted for re-test. 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.

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:

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