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BPC #10-0421

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

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: DNA QUARTERLY REPORT – 3rd QUARTER 2010

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, November 2, 2010, 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
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

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TO: Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: DNA QUARTERLY REPORT - 3rd 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, 3rd 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 3rd Quarterly Report as it relates to the reduction of the backlog of the DNA Evidence Kits.

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

Respectfully,



CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

Attachments

**BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

Approved *November 2, 2010*
Secretary *Maria Silva*

**Detective Bureau
DNA Quarterly Report. 3rd Quarter
September 30, 2010**

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 third quarterly report for 2010. The progress report is posted and updated on a monthly basis on the Department's website by the 10th of each month. This action will enhance our verbal monthly report.

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 that 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 corroboration 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 September 30, 2010, 152 SAEKs from the Historical Backlog are in the process of being analyzed. It is anticipated that the testing of these remaining SAEKs will be completed near the end of October 2010. Of the 4,755 cases analyzed, the LAPD has uploaded 1,453 forensic unknown profiles into the Combined Offender DNA Index System (CODIS). Additionally, from the 4,755 cases analyzed, there have been 358 named offender hits and 33 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 analysis efforts of the SAEKs booked post December 8, 2008.

From July 1, 2009, to September 30, 2010, total funds spent for outsourced SAEKs analysis has accumulated to \$5,932,762.

Previously allocated grant funds totaling approximately \$3.5 million has been anticipated as sufficient to address the needs of the Department to complete of 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.

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We will continue to look into more funding due to peripheral testing issues, such as, confirmation analysis and consensual partner eliminations.

We are continuing our efforts to increase the staffing within our DNA/Serology Unit to handle the incoming analysis requests. The "Managed Hiring Committee" has approved the hiring of 14 more DNA staff by the end of October 2010. Interviews were conducted for four Laboratory Technicians a few weeks ago. Four selections were made pending medical and background investigations. The remaining positions to fill are entry level criminalists. The Department will interview and fill these positions when the Personnel Department releases the new certification list of eligible candidates in early November. This should be completed by early December 2010.

Robbery-Homicide Division is in the pilot phase of 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. The Department has identified potential funds and is preparing correspondence requesting City Council approval to use those funds for and 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.

CONCLUSION

The Historical Backlog has been reduced from 6,132 to 152 SAEKs. The last of the SAEKs associated with the Historical Backlog were sent out to an outsource laboratory for analysis. The anticipated completion of the "Historical Backlog" should be documented in the October Monthly DNA Report. Continued procedures will be performed on completing the necessary technical reviews of data reports to ensure any profile of evidentiary value will be uploaded to CODIS. To efficiently respond to crimes involving DNA evidence, the Department will continue to 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 July, August, and September 2010.

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

Category	Historical Backlog Pre 12/8/08	Subsequent Post 12/8/08	July 2010 Activity (All cases)
Total Kits Booked	6132*	2132	100
Rape Kits (LAPD)	6014	2107	97
Sex Kits (Coroner)	118	25	3
Outsourced to private laboratory	4655	960	264
Analyzed SAEK's	4381	199	131
Submitted to Laboratory / pending return to LAPD	274	761	133
DNA profiles found	2278	131	56
Completed Technical Review	771	78	149
Pending Technical Review	1507	53	N/A
Uploaded to CODIS	983	69	94
Total CODIS Hits	276	11	46
- Named offender only	249	7	46
- Case-to-case only	23	3	0
- Named offender and case-to-case	4	1	0
LAPD Laboratory Analyzed SAEK's	249	220	28
DNA profiles found	47	150	63
Uploaded to CODIS	29	113	18
Total CODIS Hits	10	71	9
- Named offender only	9	61	8
- Case-to-case only	1	4	0
- Named offender & case-to-case	0	6	1
Unsuitable for Testing	1228	323	58
Remaining Untested Kits	274	1390	N/A

* 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.

Compiled By,
Elizabeth Nation Scientific Investigation Division
James Blocker Robbery-Homicide Division

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

Category	Historical Backlog Pre 12/8/08	Subsequent Post 12/8/08	August 2010 Activity (All cases)
Total Kits Booked	6132	2286	154
Rape Kits (LAPD)	6013	2258	151
Sex Kits (Coroner)	119	28	3
Outsourced to Private Laboratory	4658	1294	337
Analyzed SAEK's	4405	259	84
Submitted to Laboratory/pending return to LAPD	253	1035	253
DNA profiles found	2393	140	124
Completed Technical Review	1006	85	242
Pending Technical Review	1387	55	N/A
Uploaded to CODIS	1211	74	233
Total CODIS Hits	315	25	53
Named offender only	281	18	43
Case-to-case only	29	6	9
Named offender and case-to-case	5	1	1
LAPD Laboratory Analyzed SAEK's	249	237	17
DNA Profiles Found	47	153	3
Uploaded to CODIS	29	146	33
Total CODIS Hits	19	88	26
Named offender only	16	76	22
Case-to-case only	2	6	3
Named offender and case-to-case	1	6	1
Unsuitable for Testing	1225	352	26
Remaining Untested Kits	253	1438	N/A

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

Category	Historical Backlog Pre 12/8/08	Subsequent Post 12/8/08	September 2010 Activity (All cases)
Total Kits Booked	6132	2406	120
Rape Kits (LAPD)	6013	2378	120
Sex Kits (Coroner)	119	28	0
Outsourced to Private Laboratory	4658	1520	733
Analyzed SAEK's	4506	654	496
Submitted to Laboratory/pending return to LAPD	152	866	237
DNA profiles found	2416	347	230
Completed Technical Review	1306	100	315
Pending Technical Review	1110	247	N/A
Uploaded to CODIS	1424	81	220
Total CODIS Hits	381	43	84
Named offender only	342	31	74
Case-to-case only	31	7	3
Named offender and case-to-case	8	5	7
LAPD Laboratory Analyzed SAEK's	249	252	15
DNA Profiles Found	47	159	6
Uploaded to CODIS	29	153	7
Total CODIS Hits	19	91	3
Named offender only	16	78	2
Case-to-case only	2	5	-1
Named offender and case-to-case	1	8	2
Unsuitable for Testing	1225	391	39
Remaining Untested Kits	152	1109	N/A

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