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November 20, 2012

BPC #12-0446

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

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID (DNA) MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, November 20, 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

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TO: Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

Richard M. Tefank
RICHARD M. TEFANK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
11/14/12
DATE

SUBJECT: DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID (DNA) MONTHLY REPORT FOR
SEPTEMBER 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 September 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 September 2012, and a progress report on the City Controller's Audit recommendations as it relates to the reduction of the backlog of the Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEKs).

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 *November 29, 2012*
Secretary *Maria Silva*

Attachments

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

November 8, 2012
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TO: Chief of Police

FROM: Chief of Detectives

SUBJECT: DNA MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

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

Overview of September 2012 Activities
October 5, 2012

The Los Angeles Police Department Serology/DNA Unit (SDU) is responsible for the analysis of biological evidence on all types of evidence and cases. This report represents the efforts of the SDU as it relates to the analysis of Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEKs).

The September 2012 progress report indicates 236 SAEKs are either undergoing analysis or pending a request for analysis to Robbery-Homicide Division (RHD). Of these, 223 SAEKs are being analyzed by either in-house resources or a contract laboratory. The remaining 13 SAEKs are pending the submission of a request for analysis, and only one (1) is for a SAEK that was booked into evidence more than 30 days prior.

The influx of 228 SAEK re-tests in April, May and June of 2012 temporarily increased the number of SAEKs in the late (over 90 days) categories. That increase has now been essentially eliminated, as the number of SAEKs over 90 days has returned to the range that existed prior to processing the re-tests (37 SAEKs). Of the SAEKs over 90 days, 9 (24%) remain from the SAEK re-test casework. Likewise, six of the 12 SAEKs (50%) that are over 120 days are the re-test casework. The remaining 219 SAEK re-tests are completed.

As part of the ongoing effort to better address the Department's goal of testing all SAEKs in-house, the SDU continues to refine the High Throughput Male DNA Screening program, based on information gained from the piloted version (discussed in last month's report). The SDU remains on schedule to implement this program on all SAEKs by the end of 2012.

**Report on the Controller's Office, 2nd Follow-Up Audit of the
Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Grant Program Recommendations**
September 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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September 30, 2012

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).

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:

A Request for Proposal (RFP) for the development of a new Evidence and Property Information Management System (EPIMS) was presented and approved by the Police Commission on September 18, 2012. The RFP has been released, with a pre-proposal conference scheduled on October 18, 2012. Proposals will be due to the Department on January 3, 2013. Information Technology Bureau reviewed the timeline and updated the time frames based on previous systems implemented. The time frame estimates for the proposal process, vendor selection, and contract negotiations was increased from six months to require at least eight to 12 months. The implementation of such a complex management system would be expected to progress in phases and require approximately 18 to 24 months for completion. The early cost estimates for such a comprehensive system easily exceed one-million dollars for which there is not an identified source of funding.

Los Angeles Police Department

Sexual Assault Evidence Kit (SAEK)
Progress Report: September 30, 2012

Category	2011 YTD	2011 September	2012 YTD	2012 September
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SAEK RECEIVED

Total SAEK, Analysis In-Process or Pending a Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)	N/A	405	N/A	236
Total SAEK, Booked by LAPD	989	107	986	108

PENDING ANALYSIS REQUEST

Total SAEK-RSDA Pending			13	13
Total SAEK-RSDA Pending, \geq 30 Days from Booking			30	1

ANALYSIS IN-PROCESS

Total SAEK-Analysis Pending Completion – ALL			N/A	223
Analysis Pending Completion – Internal			N/A	157
Analysis Pending Completion – Outsource	N/A	10	N/A	66

Internal Analysis Initiated – Internal			1,062	102
Analysis Contracted Out – Outsource	887	10	629	2

Total No. of Days SAEK in Analysis since Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)

Total Backlog: \geq 90 Days			N/A	**37
\geq 120 Days			N/A	12
\geq 150 Days			N/A	0
\geq 180 Days			N/A	0

ANALYSIS COMPLETE

Total SAEK Analysis Completed - ALL	*1,391	*188	1,297	159
SAEK Analysis Complete - Internal	54	16	471	39
SAEK Analysis Complete - Outsource	*1,155	*172	826	120
SAEK Unsuitable for Testing (Cat 4, Suspect Kit, Etc.)	209	35	178	17

SAEK TESTING RESULTS

DNA Profiles Uploaded to CODIS	683	49	777	***150
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Total CODIS Hits	574	133	242	19
CODIS Hits – Case to Offender	558	133	232	10
CODIS Hits – Case To Case	16	0	10	9

Notes:

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

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

** Includes 9 retest sexual assault kits, 6 of which are \geq 120 days.

*** Includes 60 profiles to correct for under-reporting in June and July 2012.