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November 20, 2012

BPC #12-0447

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

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID (DNA) QUARTERLY REPORT – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 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

MARIA SILVA  
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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TO: Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

  
RICHARD M. TEFANK  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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DATE

SUBJECT: DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID (DNA) QUARTERLY REPORT – 3rd  
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, 3rd 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly DNA Report as it relates to the reduction of the backlog of the Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEKs).

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

BOARD OF  
POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
Approved November 20, 2012  
Secretary 

Attachments

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

November 8, 2012  
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**TO:** Chief of Police

**FROM:** Chief of Detectives

**SUBJECT:** DNA QUARTERLY REPORT – 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER 2012

At the request of the Los Angeles City Council and the Public Safety Committee, this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



KIRK J. ALBANESE, Deputy Chief  
Chief of Detectives

Attachments

**Detective Bureau**  
**DNA Quarterly Report- 3rd Quarter 2012**  
**October 1, 2012**

**PURPOSE**

The Los Angeles Police Department's (Department) Robbery-Homicide Division (RHD) and Scientific Investigation Division (SID) have been asked to provide a written report and remain available to provide monthly deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) verbal reports to the Los Angeles City Council and the Public Safety Committee, as it relates to the reduction of the backlog of the Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEKs). The SAEK Progress Report is posted and updated on the Department's website monthly.

**BACKGROUND**

In September of 2008, the City Controller's Office published an audit regarding the status of all SAEKs booked into evidence at the Los Angeles Police Department's Property Division. The Department revised the serology request procedures to process all the Historical Backlog and all incoming SAEKs booked into the Department. In April of 2011, the Historical Backlog was completed. In January of 2012, a revised monthly SAEK Progress 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 3rd Quarter of 2012, the Department had 236 SAEKs booked into custody awaiting completion. Of the 236 SAEKs, all were in-process for analysis with the exception of 13 SAEKs that were pending a request from the investigating officer. There were 37 SAEKs that had been in-process for over 90 days, and of those, only 12 were over 120 days. Currently, none of the SAEK analysis requests have been in-process over 150 days.

From July 1, 2012, to September 30, 2012, the Department has completed the analysis of 429 SAEKs. Of the 429 SAEKs, 305 were outsourced while 124 were completed in-house. Fifty-nine SAEKs have been reviewed and deemed unsuitable for testing. During this time period, the Department uploaded 281 profiles into CODIS and received 66 CODIS hits. Regular database reconciliations can result in minor differences between a summation of the individual months and the overall quarterly figures.

The Department is in the process of completing the retest efforts on 228 identified SAEKs that were deemed complete by 2008 standards. At the end of this quarter, 219 of the re-tests have been completed with only nine remaining retest SAEKs in-process.

During this quarter, the funds spent for outsourced SAEKs were tabulated at \$446,361. From July 1, 2009, to September 30, 2012, total funds spent for outsourced SAEK analysis has totaled \$10,174,369.

The SID, Serology/DNA Unit (SDU), has submitted an unfreeze request for a total of 11 vacant positions in the Unit, six of which resulted from promotions in the prior fiscal year.

**Detective Bureau**  
**DNA Quarterly Report- 3rd Quarter 2012**  
**October 1, 2012**

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.

**CONCLUSION**

The Department will continue to use DNA evidence to solve crimes. The revised procedures for requesting serology/DNA analysis has ensured that each incoming SAEK will be accounted for with a Request for Serology/DNA Analysis 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 also continue to outsource SAEKs as funding permits, with a continued emphasis on the training of our SDU personnel to increase the "In-House" DNA analysis capability. It is the Department's goal to ensure timely testing of all SAEKs and to reduce our reliance on the outsourcing of DNA analysis.

Attached are the monthly DNA Progress Reports for July, August, and September of 2012.

# 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.

# Los Angeles Police Department

## Sexual Assault Evidence Kit (SAEK)

Progress Report: August 31, 2012

Category	2011 YTD	2011 August	2012 YTD	2012 August
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### SAEK RECEIVED

Total SAEK, Analysis In-Process or Pending a Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)	N/A	518	N/A	318
Total SAEK, Booked by LAPD	882	114	878	117

### PENDING ANALYSIS REQUEST

Total SAEK-RSDA Pending			29	29
Total SAEK-RSDA Pending, $\geq 30$ Days from Booking			23	1

### ANALYSIS IN-PROCESS

Total SAEK-Analysis Pending Completion – ALL			N/A	289
Analysis Pending Completion – Internal			N/A	105
Analysis Pending Completion – Outsource	N/A	30	N/A	184

Internal Analysis Initiated – Internal			968	93
Analysis Contracted Out – Outsource	877	30	627	51

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

Total Backlog: $\geq 90$ Days			N/A	120**
$\geq 120$ Days			N/A	93
$\geq 150$ Days			N/A	0
$\geq 180$ Days			N/A	0

### ANALYSIS COMPLETE

Total SAEK Analysis Completed - ALL	*1,203	*128	1,141	147
SAEK Analysis Complete - Internal	38	8	370	63
SAEK Analysis Complete - Outsource	*983	*120	624	84
SAEK Unsuitable for Testing (Cat 4, Suspect Kit, Etc.)	174	16	161	29

### SAEK TESTING RESULTS

DNA Profiles Uploaded to CODIS	634	3	628	93
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Total CODIS Hits	416	459	223	2
CODIS Hits – Case to Offender	425	41	222	1
CODIS Hits – Case To Case	16	2	1	1

#### 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 88 retest sexual assault kits, 83 of which are  $\geq 120$  days.

# Los Angeles Police Department

## Sexual Assault Evidence Kit (SAEK)

Progress Report: July 31, 2012

Category	2011 YTD	2011 July	2012 YTD	2012 July
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### SAEK RECEIVED

Total SAEK, Analysis In-Process or Pending a Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)	N/A	545	N/A	375
Total SAEK, Booked by LAPD	768	121	761	112

### PENDING ANALYSIS REQUEST

Total SAEK-RSDA Pending			23	23
Total SAEK-RSDA Pending, $\geq$ 30 Days from Booking			19	2

### ANALYSIS IN-PROCESS

Total SAEK-Analysis Pending Completion – ALL			N/A	352
Analysis Pending Completion – Internal			N/A	124
Analysis Pending Completion – Outsource	N/A	28	N/A	228

Internal Analysis Initiated – Internal			875	92
Analysis Contracted Out – Outsource	847	160	573	43

Total No. of Days SAEK in Analysis since Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)				
Total Backlog: $\geq$ 90 Days			N/A	144**
$\geq$ 120 Days			N/A	19
$\geq$ 150 Days			N/A	0
$\geq$ 180 Days			N/A	0

### ANALYSIS COMPLETE

Total SAEK Analysis Completed - ALL	*955	*136	994	124
SAEK Analysis Complete - Internal	30	4	370	24
SAEK Analysis Complete - Outsource	*863	*132	624	100
SAEK Unsuitable for Testing (Cat 4, Suspect Kit, Etc.)	158	27	132	13

### SAEK TESTING RESULTS

DNA Profiles Uploaded to CODIS	631	21	537	38
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Total CODIS Hits	416	5	220	44
CODIS Hits – Case to Offender	384	3	220	44
CODIS Hits – Case To Case	14	2	0	0

#### Notes:

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

\* SAEKs examined in 2011 were reported as complete when the sub-contractor analysis report was received by the SDU. SAEKs are now reported as complete only after the SDU review of the sub-contractor data and CODIS upload (if applicable) is complete.

\*\* Includes 113 retest sexual assault kits, 11 of which are  $\geq$  120 days.