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

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: DNA QUARTERLY REPORT – 3rd QUARTER 2011

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, November 1, 2011, 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

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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

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BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: DNA QUARTERLY REPORT - 3rd QUARTER 2011

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 2011, 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 Clay Farrell, Commanding Officer, Robbery-Homicide Division, at (213) 486-6850.

Respectfully,

Charlie Beck
CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

Attachments

BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Approved *November 1, 2011*
Secretary *Maria Silva*

**Detective Bureau
DNA Quarterly Report. 2nd Quarter
October 11, 2011**

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 3rd quarterly report for 2011. The progress report is posted and updated on a monthly basis on the 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 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 collaboration 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

The Los Angeles Police Department's identified Historical Backlog of 6,132 SAEKs has been completed. Analysis and technical reviews for the entire work has been completed on of the historical Backlog. Of the 6,132 SAEKs analyzed, the LAPD has uploaded 2,146 forensic unknown profiles into the Combined Offender DNA Index System (CODIS). Additionally, as of September 30, 2011, from the 6,132 SAEKs processed, there have been 795 named offender hits and 37 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.

From December 8, 2008, to September 30, 2011, we have analyzed 3,773 newly booked SAEKs. The LAPD has uploaded 794 forensic unknown profiles into CODIS. From the 3,773 SAEKs processed, there have been 428 named offender hits and 29 case to case hits.

From July 1, 2009, to September 30, 2011, total funds spent for outsourced SAEKs analysis has accumulated to \$ 8,929,612.00.

All of the new staff positions approved for the Scientific Investigation Division (SID), Serology/DNA Unit (SDU) expansion program have been filled. Three laboratory technician attrition vacancies were approved to be backfilled in fiscal year 2011/2012. During the expansion program, an additional fourteen vacancies occurred due to a combination of resignations and promotions in the SDU. A request was submitted to the Department to fill the vacancies on May 20, 2011, to retain the staffing needs for DNA analysis. Since the May 20, 2011 request, an additional Laboratory Technician I vacancy was created due to an "In-House" promotion to a Criminalist. A request to fill this new vacancy is in progress.

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In progression to the development of the master database, Information Technology Division has provided a lead project manager, along with the two consultants on conducting interviews and discussing current procedures and best practices with our internal Department subject matter experts. They continued to gather and document the technical and business requirements needed for Evidence and Property Information Management System (EPIMS). The consultants have inquired with other agencies to address the capabilities and requirements of similar property data information systems. The primary requirement is to allow the fluid data migration from our Department's current major data information systems, Consolidated Crime Arrest Database (CCAD), Automated Property Information Management System (APIMS), Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS), and the Detective Case Tracking System (DCTS).

Our goal is to have greater efficiency in tracking each SAEK and providing more comprehensive evidence analysis information. It is anticipated that the consultants' work process will be completed in March of 2012, for the issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP).

We continue to utilize and develop our interim system "RHD Incident Tracking System" (ITS) to allow for data entry by personnel to submit the LAPD Form 12.56, "Request for Serology/DNA Analysis," (RSDA) electronically on a website based system. The RSDA can then be viewed, prioritized and edited. The form is accessible by investigators, criminalists, and supervising personnel. The database ensures each SAEK booked into Department custody is accounted for with a RSDA submittal. The system allows for monitoring of all analysis requests to ensure procedural time requirements are met for Penal Codes 680 and 803 with built-in email alerts.

A current development in RHD ITS involved the generation of a SAEKs "Date of Import." This date has allowed for more consistent and accurate account for when a SAEKs was brought into our tracking system regardless of the original custody date, report date, and any other date delays due to evidence kick-back issues. This process will provide a consistent time-valid account of the number of new SAEKs taken into LAPD custody.

CONCLUSION

While the Historical Backlog of the identified 6,132 SAEKs has been eliminated, we continue to work with community advocates to ensure our adherence to Victim DNA Bill of Rights issues. We will monitor our internal process to provide the best practice and procedure for efficient and accurate analysis results. We continue to analyze our new incoming SAEKs in a timely manner and have reviewed prior cases that can produce possible evidence based on updated procedures and current DNA technology.

The LAPD will continue to efficiently respond to crimes involving DNA evidence, 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 2011.

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK)
Progress Report for July 31st, 2011.

Category	Historical Backlog Pre 12/8/08	Subsequent Post 12/8/08	July 2011 Activity (All cases)
Total Kits Booked	6132	3546	123
Rape Kits (LAPD)	6012	3501	121
Sex Kits (Coroner)	120	45	2
Outsourced to Private Laboratory	4658	2475	84
Analyzed SAEK's	4658	2087	231
Submitted to Laboratory/pending return to LAPD	0	388	84
DNA profiles found	2469	1037	75
Completed Technical Review	2469	836	28
Pending Technical Review	0	201	N/A
Uploaded to CODIS	2117	499	18
Total CODIS Hits	775	277	24
Named offender only	692	239	22
Case-to-case only	34	14	1
Named offender and case-to-case	49	24	1
LAPD Laboratory Analyzed SAEK's	249	325	4
DNA Profiles Found	47	176	4
Uploaded to CODIS	29	243	3
Total CODIS Hits	23	148	0
Named offender only	19	117	0
Case-to-case only	3	13	0
Named offender and case-to-case	1	18	0
Unsuitable for Testing	1225	589	27
Remaining Untested Kits	0	545	N/A

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James Blocker Robbery-Homicide Division

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK)
Progress Report for August 31st, 2011.

Category	Historical Backlog Pre 12/8/08	Subsequent Post 12/8/08	August 2011 Activity (All cases)
Total Kits Booked	6132	3663	117
Rape Kits (LAPD)	6012	3618	114
Sex Kits (Coroner)	120	45	3
Outsourced to Private Laboratory	4658	2505	30
Analyzed SAEK's	4658	2207	120
Submitted to Laboratory/pending return to LAPD	0	298	30
DNA profiles found	2469	1088	51
Completed Technical Review	2469	869	33
Pending Technical Review	0	219	N/A
Uploaded to CODIS	2117	500	1
Total CODIS Hits	784	310	42
Named offender only	700	270	39
Case-to-case only	34	15	1
Named offender and case-to-case	50	25	2
LAPD Laboratory Analyzed SAEK's	249	333	8
DNA Profiles Found	47	177	1
Uploaded to CODIS	29	245	2
Total CODIS Hits	23	149	1
Named offender only	19	117	0
Case-to-case only	3	14	1
Named offender and case-to-case	1	18	0
Unsuitable for Testing	1225	605	16
Remaining Untested Kits	0	518	N/A

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LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK)
Progress Report for September 30th, 2011.

Category	Historical Backlog Pre 12/8/08	Subsequent Post 12/8/08	September 2011 Activity (All cases)
Total Kits Booked	6132	3773	110*
Rape Kits (LAPD)	6012	3725	107
Sex Kits (Coroner)	120	48	3
Outsourced to Private Laboratory	4658	2515	10
Analyzed SAEK's	4658	2379	172
Submitted to Laboratory/pending return to LAPD	0	136	10
DNA profiles found	2469	1163	75
Completed Technical Review	2469	995	126
Pending Technical Review	0	168	N/A
Uploaded to CODIS	2117	545	45
Total CODIS Hits	864	359	129
Named offender only	776	311	117
Case-to-case only	34	15	0
Named offender and case-to-case	54	33	12
LAPD Laboratory Analyzed SAEK's	249	349	16
DNA Profiles Found	47	180	3
Uploaded to CODIS	29	249	4
Total CODIS Hits	23	153	4
Named offender only	19	117	0
Case-to-case only	3	14	0
Named offender and case-to-case	1	22	4
Unsuitable for Testing	1225	640	35
Remaining Untested Kits	0	405	N/A

*RHD ITS "Date of Import" tabulated 115 SAEKs booked for the month of September. Previously, APIMS "Original Custody Date" was being used to tabulate the SAEK count. An overlap of 5 SAEKs were accounted for in the August 2011 DNA report, (115-5=110).

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