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December 11, 2012

BPC #12-0470

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

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: DNA MONTHLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2012

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, December 11, 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

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MARIA SILVA
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

INTRADPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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December 7, 2012
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TO: Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

Richard M. Tefank
RICHARD M. TEFANK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
12/5/12
DATE

SUBJECT: DNA MONTHLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 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 October 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 October 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.

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 December 11, 2012
Secretary *Maria Silva*

Attachments

INTRADPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

November 20, 2012

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TO: Chief of Police

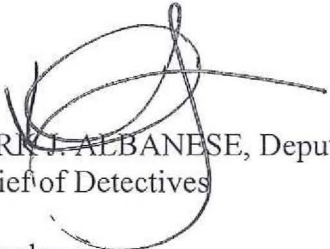
FROM: Chief of Detectives

SUBJECT: DNA MONTHLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2012

At the request of the Los Angeles City Council and the Public Safety Committee this is the DNA Monthly Report for October 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 October 2012 Activities
November 7, 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 October 2012 progress report indicates 255 SAEKs are either undergoing analysis or pending a request for analysis to Robbery-Homicide Division (RHD). Of these, 240 SAEKs are undergoing analysis using internal resources (196) or through outsourcing (44) to a contract laboratory. The remaining 15 SAEKS are pending the submission of a request for analysis, and two of these cases involve SAEKs that have been booked into evidence for more than 30 days.

The influx of 228 SAEK re-tests in April, May and June 2012 exceeded SDU's regular workload capacity, inflating the number of SAEKs in the late (over 90 days) category. As of this report, 226 of the SAEK re-tests are complete.

During the same time period, SDU was finalizing the High Throughput Male DNA Screening Program (discussed in the DNA Monthly Report- August 2012). The program, set to begin December 3, 2012, will enable the analysis of all SAEKs in-house. The SDU projects that the program will ensure completion of all SAEKs within 90 days. However, these turnaround times will not be fully reflected in this report until February 2013, as it will take approximately 90 days to complete the cases started (using traditional method) in September, October and November.

Los Angeles Police Department

Sexual Assault Evidence Kit (SAEK)

Progress Report: October 31, 2012

Category	2011 YTD	2011 October	2012 YTD	2012 October
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SAEK RECEIVED

Total SAEK, Analysis In-Process or Pending a Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)	N/A	390	N/A	255
Total SAEK, Booked by LAPD	1102	96	1103	117

PENDING ANALYSIS REQUEST

Total SAEK-RSDA Pending			15	15
Total SAEK-RSDA Pending, ≥ 30 Days from Booking			38	2

ANALYSIS IN-PROCESS

Total SAEK-Analysis Pending Completion – ALL			N/A	240
Analysis Pending Completion – Internal			N/A	196
Analysis Pending Completion – Outsource	N/A	47	N/A	44

Internal Analysis Initiated – Internal			1,163	104
Analysis Contracted Out – Outsource	798	47	631	2

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

Total Backlog: ≥ 90 Days			N/A	38**
≥ 120 Days			N/A	13**
≥ 150 Days			N/A	0
≥ 180 Days			N/A	0

ANALYSIS COMPLETE

Total SAEK Analysis Completed - ALL	1,412*	104*	1,380	84
SAEK Analysis Complete - Internal	81	27	531	61
SAEK Analysis Complete - Outsource	1,331*	77*	849	23
SAEK Unsuitable for Testing (Cat 4, Suspect Kit, Etc.)	216	7	192	14

SAEK TESTING RESULTS

DNA Profiles Uploaded to CODIS	718	35	808	31
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Total CODIS Hits	628	17	266***	6
CODIS Hits – Case to Offender	618	17	255***	2
CODIS Hits – Case To Case	10	0	14	4

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 2 retest sexual assault kits which are ≥ 120 days.

***Numbers corrected for under-reporting in previous months.

2011 YTD totals reconciled with RHD records.

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

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:

This recommendation has been completed. A Request for Proposal (RFP) for the development of a new Evidence and Property Information Management System (EPIMS) was presented and approved by the Board of Police Commissioners on September 18, 2012. With the RFP released, a mandatory pre-proposal conference was attended by prospective vendors on October 18, 2012. Proposals will be due to the Department on January 3, 2013. The anticipated timeline for the proposal process, vendor selection, and contract negotiations will 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 progress of the EPIMS project will be updated in the Detective Bureau DNA Quarterly Report.

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).