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July 20, 2010

BPC #10-0303

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

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: DNA QUARTERLY REPORT - 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2010

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

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

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FROM: Chief of Police

*Richard M. Tefank*  
RICHARD M. TEFANK  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
7/14/10  
DATE

SUBJECT: DNA QUARTERLY REPORT - 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2010

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners (Board) APPROVE this report.
2. That the Board TRANSMIT the attached DNA Monthly Report for June 2010, 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 second DNA Quarterly Report for 2010.

Should you 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 *July 20, 2010*  
Secretary *Maria Silva*

**Detective Bureau  
DNA Quarterly Report  
June 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 second quarterly report. The progress report is posted and updated on a monthly basis on the Department's website by the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 June 30, 2010, 411 SAEKs from the Historical Backlog remain to be analyzed. This amounts to a 93 percent Historical Backlog reduction. Of the 5,721 cases analyzed, the LAPD has uploaded 931 forensic unknown profiles into the Combined Offender DNA Index System (CODIS). Additionally, from the 5,721 cases analyzed, there have been 214 named offender hits and 24 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 July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, total funds spent for outsourced SAEKs analysis has accumulated to \$5,388,958.

To address the increase in total SAEKs not analyzed and the continued decrease of the Historical Backlog, the 2009 Forensic DNA Unit Efficiency Improvement Program Grant for \$245,549 has been approved by the Mayor. This will allow for the secondary backlog of the technical data reviews to be completed from the Historical Backlog numbers in a timely manner. The funds have been tabulated to be sufficient to complete the secondary backlog of about 2400 technical reviews on an overtime basis. Also, \$1.8 million has been allocated from the general fund for Fiscal Year 2010/2011. When combined with funds from the 2009 and 2010 National Institute of Justice Backlog Grants, as well as the Urban Area Security Initiative Grant, the total funding available to cover costs associated with the outsourcing of pending SAEK analysis is approximately \$3.5 million. This amount is anticipated to be sufficient to address the needs of the Department.

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Our workforces' abilities have been reduced by ten percent due to budget mandated furloughs. Also, with the Citywide termination of the Community Police Aides (CPA), seven which were assigned to assist in the DNA Backlog case reconciliation, has placed a delay on the completion. We have completed the hiring of the ten employees to our Serology/DNA staff. Five were hired from current crime lab support staff. Although the new personnel will initially be tasked with shipping SAEKs to outsourced laboratories, this will allow other personnel currently doing that process to begin training on screening evidence. As time and resources permit, they will be rotated into DNA analysis training, which will take up to one year.

Robbery-Homicide Division, Special Assault Section (SAS) reviewed all the "Report Unfounded" cases to determine if they were in fact unfounded and if the SAEK met the criteria for analysis and CODIS upload. The assessment of the unfounded cases was to determine if testing and CODIS uploading of the SAEK should continue. Special Assault Section personnel utilized the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Handbook and the Department's Detective Operation Manual. Also, current CODIS Upload Guidelines, and a compilation of subject matter experts related to sexual assault investigations, were contacted and a checklist was developed to aid in the assessment process. Special Assault Section personnel reviewed 356 cases initially identified as Report Unfounded from the 6,132 Historical Backlog. Upon case assessment, RHD SAS personnel determined that 151 (42%) of cases reviewed would remain "Report Unfounded." Out of the 151 cases, 90 kits were slated for testing and were accounted for in the "Remaining Untested Kits" in the monthly Progress Report. With these kits having no evidentiary value, they were removed from the backlog list allowing for kits with evidentiary value to be tested in a timelier manner.

Ongoing efforts are being made to streamline requests for serology/DNA analysis with the assistance of LAPD's Information Technology Division. A web-based database application is under development to allow access by appropriate investigative personnel to submit requests for DNA analysis electronically. Furthermore, this database will ensure requests are received more efficiently and accurately. The database will allow for better tracking and monitoring of DNA analysis, ensuring time requirements are met.

## **CONCLUSION**

The reduction of the Historical Backlog from 6,132 to 411 SAEKs, continues to establish the Department's commitment to test all kits having evidentiary value. The Department continues to use the resources of DNA technology to further the investigative leads to increase the accountability of those cases where we have been able to locate DNA evidence. The Department will continue to outsource its SAEKs for analysis as funding permits.

Attached is the monthly DNA Progress Reports for March, April, May and June.

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

Category	Historical Backlog Pre 12/8/08	Subsequent Post 12/8/08	March 2010 Activity (All cases)
<b>Total Kits Booked</b>	<b>6132*</b>	<b>1675</b>	<b>98</b>
Rape Kits (LAPD)	6016	1660	97
Sex Kits (Coroner)	116	15	1
<b>Outsourced to private laboratory</b>	<b>4348</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>80</b>
Analyzed SAEK's	<b>4183</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>44</b>
Submitted to Laboratory / pending return to LAPD	165	50	36
DNA profiles found	2156	106	26
Completed Technical Review	423	30	61
Pending Technical Review	1733	76	N/A
Uploaded to CODIS	823	25	43
Total CODIS Hits	208	6	4
- Named offender only	183	5	4
- Case-to-case only	23	1	0
- Named offender and case-to-case	2	0	0
<b>LAPD Laboratory Analyzed SAEK's</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>41</b>
DNA profiles found	47	47	28
Uploaded to CODIS	29	35	22
Total CODIS Hits	10	21	14
- Named offender only	9	16	11
- Case-to-case only	1	4	2
- Named offender & case-to-case	0	1	1
<b>Unsuitable for Testing</b>	<b>1094</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Remaining Untested Kits</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>1207</b>	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.

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James Blocker                          Robbery-Homicide Division

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

Category	Historical Backlog Pre 12/8/08	Subsequent Post 12/8/08	April 2010 Activity (All cases)
<b>Total Kits Booked</b>	<b>6132*</b>	<b>1789</b>	<b>114</b>
Rape Kits (LAPD)	6015	1773	113
Sex Kits (Coroner)	117	16	1
<b>Outsourced to private laboratory</b>	<b>4444</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>98</b>
Analyzed SAEK's	<b>4205</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>23</b>
Submitted to Laboratory / pending return to LAPD	239	51	75
DNA profiles found	2162	114	14
Completed Technical Review	453	44	44
Pending Technical Review	1709	70	N/A
Uploaded to CODIS	842	36	30
Total CODIS Hits**	216	6	8
- Named offender only	191	5	8
- Case-to-case only	23	1	0
- Named offender and case-to-case	2	0	0
<b>LAPD Laboratory Analyzed SAEK's</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>39</b>
DNA profiles found	47	72	25
Uploaded to CODIS	29	52	17
Total CODIS Hits**	10	24	3
- Named offender only	9	19	3
- Case-to-case only	1	4	2
- Named offender & case-to-case	0	1	1
<b>Unsuitable for Testing</b>	<b>1114</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Remaining Untested Kits</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>1239</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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**Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK)**  
**Progress Report for May 31, 2010**

Category	Historical Backlog Pre 12/8/08	Subsequent Post 12/8/08	May 2010 Activity (All cases)
<b>Total Kits Booked</b>	<b>6132*</b>	<b>1893</b>	<b>104</b>
Rape Kits (LAPD)	6015	1875	102
Sex Kits (Coroner)	117	18	2
<b>Outsourced to private laboratory</b>	<b>4566</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>142</b>
Analyzed SAEK's	4205	151	0
Submitted to Laboratory / pending return to LAPD	361	71	142
DNA profiles found	2162	114	0
Completed Technical Review	508	65	76
Pending Technical Review	1654	49	N/A
Uploaded to CODIS	895	55	72
Total CODIS Hits	218	7	3
- Named offender only	193	5	2
- Case-to-case only	23	1	0
- Named offender and case-to-case	2	1	1
<b>LAPD Laboratory Analyzed SAEK's</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>15</b>
DNA profiles found	47	78	6
Uploaded to CODIS	29	60	8
Total CODIS Hits	10	30	6
- Named offender only	9	25	6
- Case-to-case only	1	4	0
- Named offender & case-to-case	0	1	0
<b>Unsuitable for Testing</b>	<b>1208</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Remaining Untested Kits</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>1311</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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

Category	Historical Backlog Pre 12/8/08	Subsequent Post 12/8/08	June 2010 Activity (All cases)
<b>Total Kits Booked</b>	<b>6132*</b>	<b>2032</b>	<b>139</b>
Rape Kits (LAPD)	6014	2012	139
Sex Kits (Coroner)	118	20	0
<b>Outsourced to private laboratory</b>	<b>4651</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>563</b>
Analyzed SAEK's	<b>4264</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>93</b>
Submitted to Laboratory / pending return to LAPD	387	515	470
DNA profiles found	2226	127	77
Completed Technical Review	630	70	127
Pending Technical Review	1596	57	N/A
Uploaded to CODIS	902	57	6
Total CODIS Hits	232	9	16
- Named offender only	205	5	12
- Case-to-case only	23	3	2
- Named offender and case-to-case	4	1	2
<b>LAPD Laboratory Analyzed SAEK's</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>7</b>
DNA profiles found	47	87	9
Uploaded to CODIS	29	95	35
Total CODIS Hits	10	62	32
- Named offender only	9	53	28
- Case-to-case only	1	4	0
- Named offender & case-to-case	0	5	4
<b>Unsuitable for Testing</b>	<b>1208</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Remaining Untested Kits</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>1385</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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