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August 29, 2012

BPC #12-0353

The Honorable City Council  
City of Los Angeles  
c/o City Clerk's Office  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: DNA MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY 2012

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, August 28, 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

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POLICE COMMISSION

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August 24, 2012  
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TO: Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

*Armando J. Rodriguez*  
8/23/12  
DATE

SUBJECT: DNA MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY 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 July 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 July 2012, and a progress report on the City Controller's Audit recommendations as it relates to the reduction of 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.

Respectfully,

  
CHARLIE BECK  
Chief of Police

Attachments

BOARD OF  
POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
Approved *August 28, 2012*  
Secretary *Mama' Telle*

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

August 24, 2012  
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**TO:** Chief of Police

**FROM:** Chief of Detectives

**SUBJECT:** DNA MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY 2012

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

**Report on the Controller's Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Follow-Up  
Audit Recommendations  
July 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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Audit Recommendations  
July 31, 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:

The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the new Evidence and Property Information Management System (EPIMS) was submitted to the City Attorney's Office on June 14, 2012. The City Attorney's Office has anticipated that the review will require an additional three weeks to provide comments and further revisions to the RFP. Upon completion of the review and the Police Commission's approval, the RFP can be released. The proposal process, vendor selection and contract negotiations will take up to six months. From this point, the implementation of a project this complex is estimated to take up to 12 months. The early cost estimates for such a comprehensive system easily exceed one-million dollars for which there is not an identified source of funding.

**Overview of July 2012 Activities**  
**August 7, 2012**

The Los Angeles Police Department Serology/DNA Unit (SDU) is responsible for the processing and analysis of biological evidence. This report represents the efforts of the Serology/DNA Unit as it relates to the analysis of sexual assault evidence kits (SAEKs).

The July 2012 progress report indicates a total of 375 SAEKs are either in the process of being analyzed or pending a request to Robbery-Homicide Division (RHD) for an analysis of the evidence. A review of those numbers determined that 352 kits are currently being analyzed by either in-house resources or have been submitted to a contract laboratory. The remaining 23 cases are pending the submission of a request for analysis to RHD. Of those, only two of the pending requests for analysis are on kits that were booked into evidence more than 30 days prior.

The 1,475 SAEKs previously mentioned in the Controller's Office 2<sup>nd</sup> Follow-up Audit report were reviewed by the Department, 229 SAEKs were identified that could possibly yield a profile based on current analysis procedures and standards. The 229 SAEKs were prioritized and submitted for testing in April, May and June of this year. All of the identified re-test cases of evidentiary value (228 SAEKs) have now been submitted for testing under current analysis procedures. As indicated the retests have increased the numbers of SAEKs in the late categories. Specifically, these numbers are 113 of the 144, in the over 90 days category and 11 of the 19, in the over 120 days category. The remaining 105 SAEK retests are either in-process or completed.

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# 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.