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May 7, 2013

BPC #13-0146

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

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID (DNA) MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH 2013

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, May 7, 2013, 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 cursive script that reads "Maria Silva".

MARIA SILVA  
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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**TO:** The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

**FROM:** Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID (DNA) MONTHLY REPORT-  
MARCH 2013

**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 March 2013, and the Progress Report on the City Controller's 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 March 2013, 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

Attachments

BOARD OF  
POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Approved *May 7, 2013*  
Secretary *Maria Silva*

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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**TO:** Chief of Police

**FROM:** Chief of Detectives

**SUBJECT:** DNA MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH 2013

At the request of the Los Angeles City Council and the Public Safety Committee, this is the DNA Monthly Report for March 2013. 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 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 of the  
Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Grant Program Recommendations**  
March 31, 2013

**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 (SAEK) 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 Department 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 Department should verify the data queries used to compile the SAEK Progress Reports to minimize any reporting differences.**

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March 31, 2013

**Recommendation No. 9**

**The Department 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 Department 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.**

The following numbered item remains and is 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 and implementation of the Evidence and Property Information Management System (EPIMS), which is in progress, and the continued utilization and development of the interim system, Robbery-Homicide Division Incident Tracking System.

In response to the EPIMS Request for Proposal (RFP) which was due January 31, 2013, the Department received seven proposals. The evaluation team is currently completing its initial review of the proposals. Follow up meetings will be scheduled with the viable contenders. An evaluation team will make a final recommendation by the end of the second quarter of 2013.

**Overview of March 2013 Activities**  
**April 5, 2013**

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 summarizes the efforts of the SDU as they relate to the analysis of Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEKs), both in addressing a large historical backlog and in establishing practices to allow the timely testing of all new SAEKs.

The March 2013 report indicates 147 SAEKs are either undergoing analysis or pending submission of a request for analysis to Robbery-Homicide Division (RHD). Of these, 135 SAEKs are undergoing analysis using either internal resources (126) or through outsourcing (9) to a contract laboratory. The remaining 12 SAEKs are pending submission of a request; none involve a kit booked into evidence more than 30 days ago.

In December 2012, the Male Screening Detail (MSD) of the SDU began, and has continued SAEK analysis operations. The gains in efficiency from the processes developed and utilized by the MSD are reflected in the overall testing of SAEKs. It is reported that for the first time since the SAEK Backlog Reduction Project began, the goal of completing the analysis of all SAEKs within 90 days of receiving a request has been met.

# Los Angeles Police Department

## Sexual Assault Evidence Kit (SAEK)

Progress Report: March 31, 2013

Category	2012 YTD	2012 March	2013 YTD	2013 March
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### SAEK RECEIVED

<b>Total SAEK, Analysis In-Process or Pending a Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)</b>		*380		147
<b>Total SAEK, Booked by LAPD</b>	336	86	259	87

### PENDING ANALYSIS REQUEST

<b>Total SAEK-RSDA Pending</b>		14		12
<b>Total SAEK-RSDA Pending, <math>\geq</math> 30 Days from Booking</b>	6	2	**8	0

### ANALYSIS IN-PROCESS

<b>Total SAEK-Analysis Pending Completion – ALL</b>		*366		135
<b>Analysis Pending Completion – Internal</b>		*170		126
<b>Analysis Pending Completion – Outsource</b>		*196		9

<b>Internal Analysis Initiated – Internal</b>	332	125	229	79
<b>Analysis Contracted Out – Outsource</b>	172	69	28	0

Total No. of Days SAEK in Analysis since Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)				
<b>Total Backlog: <math>\geq</math> 90 Days</b>		79		0
<b><math>\geq</math> 120 Days</b>		68		0
<b><math>\geq</math> 150 Days</b>		54		0
<b><math>\geq</math> 180 Days</b>		43		0

### ANALYSIS COMPLETE

<b>Total SAEK Analysis Completed - ALL</b>	459	184	***314	61
<b>SAEK Analysis Complete - Internal</b>	206	73	***259	43
<b>SAEK Analysis Complete - Outsource</b>	253	111	55	18
<b>SAEK Unsuitable for Testing (Cat 4, Suspect Kit, Etc.)</b>	60	13	48	20

### SAEK TESTING RESULTS

<b>DNA Profiles Uploaded to CODIS</b>	300	60	135	39
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<b>Total CODIS Hits</b>	68	34	112	36
<b>CODIS Hits – Case to Offender</b>	68	34	90	32
<b>CODIS Hits – Case To Case</b>	0	0	22	4

**Shaded areas do not apply**

**Notes:** \* Includes carryover from 2011.

\*\* Includes carryover from 2012.

\*\*\* Numbers corrected for under-reporting in previous months of 2013.