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BPC #12-0319

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

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: DNA MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE 2012

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, July 31, 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

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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POLICE COMMISSION

July 27, 2012
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TO: Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: DNA MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE 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 June 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 June 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

BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Approved *July 31, 2012*
Secretary *Maria Silva*

Attachments

Overview of June 2012 Activities July 9, 2012

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK) Progress Report provides significant information about the status of the SAEK backlog elimination project. The Serology/DNA unit (SDU) is responsible for processing and conducting analysis for biological evidence unrelated to sexual assaults, as well as additional evidence related to sexual assaults. This report (formatted in the new version, effective January 2012) is a reflection of the productivity associated with the SAEKs.

The June 2012 Progress Report shows a total of 424 SAEKs in progress or pending a request; of these 424 SAEKs, 26 are pending submission of a request to RHD (2 were booked over 30 days ago). The number of kits where testing has not yet been completed is 398, which includes all cases in progress whether done in-house or sent out. It does not include those that have been requested but are not yet assigned. The SDU workflow is such that at any given moment in time, some accumulated cases are not yet assigned, but previous assigned work is continually in progress.

The Department previously completed a review of all cases that were screened but not DNA typed. Although no DNA typing was performed, these cases were deemed "complete" by the procedural standards in place through late 2008. As a result of the review, 209 cases (having a total of 229 SAEKs) were identified. These cases were prioritized based on case circumstances and submitted for testing over the previous three months. All of the identified re-test cases of evidentiary value have now been submitted for testing under current analysis request procedures.

The SDU is continuing to decrease the time required to complete casework (including the mandatory technical and administrative reviews) without sacrificing quality. Of the 424 cases in progress, there are 38 cases not complete over 90 days from the date of request, and only 7 of these are over 120 days. There are no incomplete cases at or beyond 150 days from the date of request. There were an additional 94 new SAEK's collected in June 2012.

The Department has continued its efforts on the development of a comprehensive master database system to track the number and status of SAEKs booked into LAPD custody. A Request for Proposal (RFP) has been written for the development of a new Evidence and Property Information Management System (EPIMS). The RFP has been submitted to the City Attorney's Office for review. With over 1400 technical requirements, the City Attorney's Office is continuing to complete their review. Upon completion of the review and the Police Commission's approval, the RFP can be released. The Department anticipates that the proposal process, vendor selection and contract negotiations will take up to six months. From this point, a project this complex is estimated to take up to 12 months for implementation.

**Report on the Controller's Office, 2nd FOLLOW-UP
AUDIT Recommendations
June 30, 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.

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. With over 1,400 technical requirements, the City Attorney's Office will require a least a month to complete their review. Upon completion of the review and the Police Commission's approval, the RFP can be released. The Department anticipates that the proposal process, vendor selection and contract negotiations will take up to six months. From this point, a project this complex is estimated to take up to 12 months for implementation. The early cost estimates for such a comprehensive system easily exceed one-million dollars for which there is not an identified source of funding.

Los Angeles Police Department

Sexual Assault Evidence Kit (SAEK)

Progress Report: June 30, 2012

Category	2011 YTD	2011 June	2012 YTD	2012 June
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SAEK RECEIVED

Total SAEK, Analysis In-Process or Pending a Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)	N/A	684	N/A	424
Total SAEK, Booked by LAPD	770	123	649	94

PENDING ANALYSIS REQUEST

Total SAEK-RSDA Pending			26	26
Total SAEK-RSDA Pending, ≥ 30 Days from Booking			17	2

ANALYSIS IN-PROCESS

Total SAEK-Analysis Pending Completion – ALL			N/A	398
Analysis Pending Completion – Internal			N/A	118
Analysis Pending Completion – Outsource	N/A	78	N/A	280

Internal Analysis Initiated – Internal			793	92
Analysis Contracted Out – Outsource	687	136	525	183

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	7
≥ 150 Days			N/A	0
≥ 180 Days			N/A	0

ANALYSIS COMPLETE

Total SAEK Analysis Completed - ALL	*819	*63	868	113
SAEK Analysis Complete - Internal	26	5	347	30
SAEK Analysis Complete - Outsource	*731	*58	521	83
SAEK Unsuitable for Testing (Cat 4, Suspect Kit, Etc.)	131	18	119	20

SAEK TESTING RESULTS

DNA Profiles Uploaded to CODIS	610	29	496	46
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Total CODIS Hits	411	6	176	0
CODIS Hits – Case to Offender	381	51	176	0
CODIS Hits – Case To Case	12	3	0	0

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.

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July 24, 2012
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TO: Chief of Police

FROM: Chief of Detectives

SUBJECT: DNA MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE 2012

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