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BPC #11-0309

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

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: DNA QUARTERLY REPORT – 2nd Quarter 2011

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, August 2, 2011, the Board APPROVED the Department's report relative to the above matter.

This matter is being forwarded to you for approval.

Respectfully,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria Silva".

MARIA SILVA
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

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TO: Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

MEMO for 7/25/11

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: DNA QUARTERLY REPORT - 2nd QUARTER 2011

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners (Board) REVIEW and APPROVE this report.
2. That the Board TRANSMIT the attached DNA Quarterly Report, 2nd Quarter 2011, to the Los Angeles City Council.

DISCUSSION

At the request of the Los Angeles City Council and the Public Safety Committee, this is the 2nd Quarterly Report as it relates to the reduction of the backlog of the DNA Evidence Kits.

Should have any questions, please contact Captain Clay Farrell, Commanding Officer, Robbery-Homicide Division, at (213) 486-6850.

Respectfully,



CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

Attachments

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Approved August 2, 2011
Secretary *Maria Silva*

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DNA Quarterly Report. 2nd Quarter
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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 2nd quarterly report for 2011. The progress report is posted and updated on a monthly basis on the Department's website.

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 collaboration 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

The Los Angeles Police Department's identified Historical Backlog of 6,132 SAEKs has been completed. Analysis and technical reviews for the entire work has been completed on the Historical Backlog. Of the 6,132 SAEKs analyzed, the LAPD has uploaded 2,146 forensic unknown profiles into the Combined Offender DNA Index System (CODIS). Additionally, as of June 30, 2011, from the 6,132 SAEKs analyzed, there have been 707 named offender hits and 36 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. These results do not include the analysis efforts of the SAEKs booked post December 8, 2008.

From July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2011, total funds spent for outsourced SAEKs analysis has accumulated to \$8,483,082.00.

All of the new staff positions approved for the Scientific Investigation Division (SID), Serology/DNA Unit (SDU) expansion program have been filled. Most recently, five new criminalists and two systems analysts started in June 2011. The new SID personnel are at various stages in their training depending on their background and the Department's needs. Three laboratory technician attrition vacancies were approved to be backfilled in fiscal year 2011/2012. Due to a combination of resignations and promotions at the SDU, a request to fill the additional 12 vacancies in the SDU has been submitted by the Department to retain DNA analysis staffing needs.

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In progression to the development of the master database, two consultants have been hired and have made contact with Property Division subject matter experts to gather and document the technical and business requirements that will track the collection of all property/evidence. The updated APIMS will allow for fluid import of comprehensive information from Property Division, providing for a more efficient monitoring and accountability of all evidence to be tracked and analyzed for results.

We continue to also use and develop our interim system "RHD Incident Tracking System" (ITS) to allow for data entry by personnel to submit LAPD Form 12.56, "Request for Serology/DNA Analysis," (RSDA) electronically on a website based system. The RSDA can then be viewed, prioritized, and edited. The form is accessible by investigators, criminalists, and supervising personnel. The database allows for monitoring of analysis requests and can ensure procedural time requirements are met for Penal Codes 680 and 803 with built-in email alerts.

CONCLUSION

The Historical Backlog of 6,132 SAEKs has been eliminated. We will continue to address peripheral analysis needs regarding elimination reference samples and confirmation hits on CODIS uploads. We continue to monitor and analyze new incoming SAEK cases in a timely manner and review prior cases that can produce possible evidence based on current DNA technology. The LAPD will continue to efficiently respond to crimes involving DNA evidence, outsource SAEKs as funding permits, and with increased staffing at SID, train personnel for increased "In-House" DNA analysis.

Attached are the monthly DNA Progress Reports for April, May, and June 2011.

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK)
Progress Report for April 30th, 2011.

Category	Historical Backlog Pre 12/8/08	Subsequent Post 12/8/08	April 2011 Activity (All cases)
Total Kits Booked	6132	3187	113
Rape Kits (LAPD)	6012	3152	113
Sex Kits (Coroner)	120	35	0
Outsourced to Private Laboratory	4658	2176	126
Analyzed SAEK's	4658	1714	44
Submitted to Laboratory/pending return to LAPD	0	462	126
DNA profiles found	2469	902	28
Completed Technical Review	2469	762	105
Pending Technical Review	0	140	N/A
Uploaded to CODIS	2114	430	116
Total CODIS Hits	753	221	67
Named offender only	675	188	56
Case-to-case only	33	11	1
Named offender and case-to-case	45	22	10
LAPD Laboratory Analyzed SAEK's	249	315	15
DNA Profiles Found	47	171	3
Uploaded to CODIS	29	239	6
Total CODIS Hits	23	146	4
Named offender only	19	117	2
Case-to-case only	3	12	0
Named offender and case-to-case	1	17	2
Unsuitable for Testing	1225	526	33
Remaining Untested Kits	0	632	N/A

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Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK)
 Progress Report for May 31st, 2011.

Category	Historical Backlog Pre 12/8/08	Subsequent Post 12/8/08	May 2011 Activity (All cases)
Total Kits Booked	6132	3293	106
Rape Kits (LAPD)	6012	3257	105
Sex Kits (Coroner)	120	36	1
Outsourced to Private Laboratory	4658	2255	79
Analyzed SAEK's	4658	1798	84
Submitted to Laboratory/pending return to LAPD	0	457	79
DNA profiles found	2469	947	45
Completed Technical Review	2469	791	29
Pending Technical Review	0	156	N/A
Uploaded to CODIS	2116	454	26
Total CODIS Hits	768	255	49
Named offender only	688	220	45
Case-to-case only	32	12	0
Named offender and case-to-case	48	23	4
LAPD Laboratory Analyzed SAEK's	249	316	1
DNA Profiles Found	47	171	0
Uploaded to CODIS	29	239	0
Total CODIS Hits	23	147	1
Named offender only	19	117	0
Case-to-case only	3	13	1
Named offender and case-to-case	1	17	0
Unsuitable for Testing	1225	544	18
Remaining Untested Kits	0	635	N/A

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LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK)
 Progress Report for June 30th, 2011.

Category	Historical Backlog Pre 12/8/08	Subsequent Post 12/8/08	June 2011 Activity (All cases)
Total Kits Booked	6132	3423	130
Rape Kits (LAPD)	6012	3380	123
Sex Kits (Coroner)	120	43	7
Outsourced to Private Laboratory	4658	2391	136
Analyzed SAEK's	4658	1856	58
Submitted to Laboratory/pending return to LAPD	0	535	78
DNA profiles found	2469	963	16
Completed Technical Review	2469	808	17
Pending Technical Review	0	155	N/A
Uploaded to CODIS	2117	481	28
Total CODIS Hits	770	258	5
Named offender only	688	221	1
Case-to-case only	33	14	3
Named offender and case-to-case	49	23	1
LAPD Laboratory Analyzed SAEK's	249	321	5
DNA Profiles Found	47	172	1
Uploaded to CODIS	29	240	1
Total CODIS Hits	23	148	1
Named offender only	19	117	0
Case-to-case only	3	13	0
Named offender and case-to-case	1	18	1
Unsuitable for Testing	1225	562	18
Remaining Untested Kits	0	684	N/A

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