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

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: DNA MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2011

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, March 6, 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

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

FROM: Chief of Police

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SUBJECT: DNA MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2011

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 December 2011, 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 December 2011, 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 Clay Farrell, Commanding Officer, Robbery-Homicide Division, at (213) 486-6850.

Respectfully,

CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

Attachments

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK)
Progress Report for December 31st, 2011.

Category	Historical Backlog Pre 12/8/08	Subsequent Post 12/8/08	December 2011 Activity (All cases)
Total Kits Booked	6132	4047	104
Rape Kits (LAPD)	6012	3995	103
Sex Kits (Coroner)	120	52	1
Outsourced to Private Laboratory	4658	2617	63
Analyzed SAEK's	4658	2463	7
Submitted to Laboratory/pending return to LAPD	0	154	63
DNA profiles found	2469	1206	2
Completed Technical Review	2469	1146	74
Pending Technical Review	0	52	N/A
Uploaded to CODIS	2117	684	81
Total CODIS Hits	864	385	4
Named offender only	776	334	4
Case-to-case only	34	17	0
Named offender and case-to-case	54	34	0
LAPD Laboratory Analyzed SAEK's	249	433	27
DNA Profiles Found	47	200	13
Uploaded to CODIS	29	334	73
Total CODIS Hits	23	162	2
Named offender only	19	124	2
Case-to-case only	3	15	0
Named offender and case-to-case	1	23	0
Unsuitable for Testing	1225	648	0
Remaining Untested Kits	0	503	N/A

Compiled by,
Scientific Investigation Division

Report on the Controller's Office

Audit Recommendations

December 31, 2011

The following numbered items have been completed from the Controller's Office Audit recommendations.

Recommendation #1

Reconcile the difference between the rape kit records from the physical inventory to the APIMS records to ensure that the entire rape kit backlog is accounted for.

Recommendation #2

Verify the information of the physical inventory (such as tested or not tested) with Scientific Investigation Division's (SID) database. Eliminate the kits which have already been tested and include the untested kits which were omitted from the rape kit backlog.

Recommendation #3

Assess the resources needed to clear the secondary backlog of kits awaiting technical reviews and request additional funding, if necessary.

Recommendation #4

Submit written reports to the Public Safety Committee once a month and to City Council once a quarter which show pertinent sexual assault kit statistics as described in the audit report.

Recommendation #6

Continue to place a high priority on sending out required victim notifications and seek additional resources if required. The Department should also send out notifications on pre-2004 cases that are not required by the Penal Code.

Recommendation #7

Develop protocols which will increase the likelihood that victims receive the notifications.

Recommendation #8

Update the information in the Grants Tracking System in a timely manner to prepare the Quarterly Report submitted to the Department of Justice. If needed, request access to Financial Management Information System (FMIS) from the Controller's Office.

Recommendation #9

Modify the system features of the Grants Tracking System so that month-end information will be available to the users in a more timely manner.

Report on the Controller's Office

Audit Recommendations

December 31, 2011

The following numbered item remains and is an ongoing effort to reconcile from the Controller's Office Audit recommendations.

Recommendation #5

Place a high priority on developing a comprehensive master database to account for all untested rape kits and develop a formal timeline for implementing the master database.

Response:

In collaboration with Robbery-Homicide Division (RHD), Information Technology Division (ITD) has developed a patch work tracking system as a temporary solution to integrating several feeder legacy systems. This system has a limited application and does not fill the requirements of a comprehensive tracking system. The "RHD Incident Tracking System" (ITS) is currently in use Department wide to submit and track serology requests for all post December 08, 2008, Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEKs) booked into custody.

In response to the master database development, two consultants have been hired and have begun to gather and document the technical and business requirements that will track the collection of all property/evidence. The work progress will be monitored in monthly meetings coordinated by ITD. It is anticipated that their work process will be completed in March of 2012. We may then issue a Request for Proposal (RFP).

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Overview of December 2011 Activities January 16, 2012

The Los Angeles Police Department Sexual Assault Evidence Kit (SAEK) Progress Report provides significant information about the status of the SAEK backlog elimination project. The Scientific Investigation Division (SID) Serology/DNA unit 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 is a reflection of the analysis productivity associated with the SAEKs.

The December 2011, DNA Progress Report shows a total of 503 Remaining Untested Kits. Of the 503 Remaining Untested Kits, 154 are currently in progress at a contract laboratory. The number of kits where testing has not yet been completed is 349. The 349 also includes the additional 104 new SAEKs collected in the month of December.

As of December 31, 2011, 36 of the 349 SAEKs were pending a request for analysis. None of the 36 SAEKs were thirty days overdue. The number of SAEKs with a request for testing where the testing had not been started was 17.

The DNA matrix report shows a total of 52 Pending Technical Reviews. All SAEK analysis results completed by contract labs are put into the technical review process immediately upon return of the data.

The original version of this report was developed to assist interested parties in monitoring SAEK analysis progress. The Los Angeles police Department works with other city entities and victim advocacy groups to create a better work process for continuous improvement and will continue to monitor and analyze incoming SAEK cases in a timely manner.

In furtherance of this process, and in consultation with the aforementioned interested parties, the Department will be implementing a new more user-friendly monthly DNA matrix report. The new format provides detailed information regarding the overall progress in the request and testing of the SAEKs by providing a number breakdown of SAEKs in the previous "Remaining Untested Kits" category.