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April 6, 2010

BPC #10-0146

The Honorable Public Safety Committee
City of Los Angeles
c/o City Clerk's Office
City Hall, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Attention John White:

RE: DNA QUARTERLY REPORT, FIRST QUARTER 2010

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, April 6, 2010, 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 I

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c: Chief of Police

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TO: Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

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FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: DNA QUARTERLY REPORT, FIRST QUARTER 2010

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

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CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

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Approved *April 6, 2010*
Secretary *Maria Silva*

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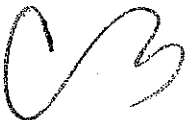
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**Detective Bureau
DNA Report
March 31, 2010**

PURPOSE

Robbery-Homicide Division 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 first report. The report will be posted and updated on a monthly basis on the Department's website by the 5th of each month. This action will serve as our verbal monthly report.

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." Additionally, in a September, 2009 correspondence from the Chief of Police, the total CODIS hits was reported as 405. The 405 number reflects all CODIS hits and the new number used on this report reflects sexual assault-related hits only.

A monthly DNA report has been developed with the corroboration 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 and year-to-date progress.

PROGRESS

As of February 28, 2010, 648 SAEKs from the Historical Backlog remain to be analyzed. This amounts to an 82 percent Historical Backlog reduction. Of the 4,406 cases analyzed, the LAPD has uploaded 814 forensic unknown profiles into the Combined Offender DNA Index System (CODIS). Additionally, from the 4,406 cases analyzed, there have been 190 named offender hits and 24 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.

From July 1, 2009, to February 28, 2010, total funds spent for outsourced SAEKs analysis has accumulated to \$3,763,735.

To continue our progress towards testing all SAEKs, the Department is anticipating receiving funds pending City Council approval of the Forensic DNA Unit Efficiency Improvement Grant which will authorize funding for the technical data reviews of the pending outsourced reports. Also, the 2009 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Grant was adopted by the Council on March 26, 2010 which provides funding for outsourcing to private labs. These grants will address SAEKs not analyzed and those awaiting Technical Review.

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Our workforces' abilities have been reduced by ten percent due to budget mandated furloughs. To ensure we can transition to the current needs of timely analysis of new requests, we have completed the process of interviewing forty applicants to select ten additional criminalists/technicians for immediate hire to increase our Serology/DNA staff.

Ongoing efforts are being made to streamline requests for serology/DNA analysis with the assistance of LAPD's Information Technology Division. A web-based database application is under development to allow access by appropriate investigative personnel to submit requests for DNA analysis electronically. Furthermore, this database will ensure analysis requirements are met and evidence is analyzed in a timely manner.

In addition, legislative efforts are being addressed in the Senate to eliminate Federal policies that require verification of analysis of DNA testing completed by outsourced accredited approved laboratories by a "Law Enforcement Government Laboratory." Currently, the FBI Laboratory is re-evaluating existing policies, standards, and protocols, regarding the requirements for a review of the results of outsourced private laboratories DNA analysis by public law enforcement laboratories. The current policy assessment will engage both public and private laboratories.

Two reports have been created to depict the progress of SAEK testing by the LAPD. The first report consists of information solely related to the "Historical Backlog" and the second report focuses on monthly recap of work done on all untested kits. The Department has agreed to separate the monthly recap by SAEK booked before and after December 8, 2008 in future reports. However, due to time constraints the Department was unable to provide the data for the February report.

CONCLUSION

The reduction of the Historical Backlog from 6,132 to 648, demonstrates the significant progress in the Department's efforts to reduce the SAEKs. The Department will continue to outsource its SAEKs for analysis as funding permits.

Attached are the monthly DNA reports.

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK)
Post 12/8/2008 to 2/28/2010

SAEKs		
Post 12/8/08		
Total Kits Booked	1577	
Rape Kits (LAPD)	1563	
Sex Kits (Coroner)	14	
	Private Laboratory	LAPD Laboratory
Analyzed SAEKs	131	91
DNA profiles found	91	20
Completed Technical Review	20	
Pending Technical Review	71	
Uploaded to CODIS	19	14
Total CODIS Hits **	6	7
- Named offender only	5	5
- Case-to-case only	1	2
- Named offender and case-to-case	0	0
Submitted to laboratory/ pending return to LAPD	64	
Unsuitable for Testing	168	
Remaining Untested Kits	1187	

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Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK)
February 28, 2010

	Month of Feb 2010	Month of Feb 2010	Month of Feb 2010	Year-to- Date 2010
	Pre- Dec 08 2008 ¹	Post Dec 08 2008	Total	
All Untested Kits From Previous Months			1998	-
New Kits Booked			115	242
Rape Kits (LAPD)			109	233
Sex Kits (Coroner)			6	9
Private Laboratory				
Analyzed SAEKs			227	615
DNA profiles found			156	401
Completed Technical Review			48	132
Pending Technical Review			1844	1844
Uploaded to CODIS			56	148
Total CODIS Hits			3	26
- Named offender only			2	22
- Case-to-case only			1	3
- Named offender and case-to-case			0	1
Submitted to laboratory pending return to LAPD			141	149
LAPD Laboratory				
Analyzed SAEKs			7	21
DNA profiles found			3	3
Uploaded to CODIS			3	3
Total CODIS Hits			2	2
- Named offender only			0	20
- Case-to-case only			2	2
- Named offender & case-to-case			0	0
Unsuitable for Testing			44	85
Remaining Untested Kits			1835	-

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¹ Pre and Post Dec 8, 2010 Monthly Breakdown not available at time of this report.