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April 9, 2013

BPC #13-0117

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

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: DNA MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2013

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, April 9, 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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March 29, 2013
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TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

Richard M. Tufank 3/29/13

FROM: Chief of Police

RICHARD M. TUFAK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DATE

SUBJECT: DNA MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 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 February 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 February 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

BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Approved April 9, 2013
Secretary *Maria Silva*

Attachments

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

March 20, 2013
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TO: Chief of Police

FROM: Chief of Detectives

SUBJECT: DNA MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2013

At the request of the Los Angeles City Council and the Public Safety Committee, this is the DNA Monthly Report for February 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, 2nd Follow-Up Audit of the
Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Grant Program Recommendations
February 28, 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 (SAEKs) 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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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 SAEKs.

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) due date of January 31, 2013, the Department received seven proposals. The evaluation team is currently completing its initial review of the proposals. Follow up meetings will then be scheduled with the viable contenders where follow up questions can be answered. The Department will be contacting contender references prior to making a selection. The evaluation team plans to make a final selection by the end of the second quarter of 2013.

Overview of February 2013 Activities
March 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 represents the efforts of the SDU as it relates to the analysis of sexual assault evidence kits (SAEKs).

The February 2013 report indicates 140 SAEKs are either undergoing analysis or pending submission of a request for analysis to Robbery-Homicide Division (RHD). Of these, 125 kits are undergoing analysis using either internal resources (99) or through outsourcing (26) to a contract laboratory. The remaining 15 cases are pending submission of a request; none involve a kit booked into evidence more than 30 days ago.

The Male Screening Detail (MSD) of the SDU continues operations begun in December 2012. There was a temporary increase in outsourcing that was discussed in the January report. However, the overall number of SAEKs undergoing or awaiting testing has continued to drop. In addition, there were only 4 cases where testing was not completed within 90 days. This brings the Department even closer to the goal of completing the testing of all SAEKs within 90 days of the SDU receiving a request.

Los Angeles Police Department

Sexual Assault Evidence Kit (SAEK)

Progress Report: February 28, 2013

Category	2012 YTD	2012 February	2013 YTD	2013 February
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SAEK RECEIVED

Total SAEK, Analysis In-Process or Pending a Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)	*	407	*	140
Total SAEK, Booked by LAPD	212	116	173	82

PENDING ANALYSIS REQUEST

Total SAEK-RSDA Pending	*	29	*	15
Total SAEK-RSDA Pending, ≥ 30 Days from Booking	4	4	0	0

ANALYSIS IN-PROCESS

Total SAEK-Analysis Pending Completion – ALL	*	378	*	125
Analysis Pending Completion – Internal	*	182	*	99
Analysis Pending Completion – Outsource	*	196	*	26

Internal Analysis Initiated – Internal	198	117	150	56
Analysis Contracted Out – Outsource	117	87	28	28

Total No. of Days SAEK in Analysis since Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)

Total Backlog: ≥ 90 Days	*	140	*	4
≥ 120 Days	*	119	*	0
≥ 150 Days	*	96	*	0
≥ 180 Days	*	63	*	0

ANALYSIS COMPLETE

Total SAEK Analysis Completed - ALL	324	190	249	121
SAEK Analysis Complete - Internal	129	90	212	102
SAEK Analysis Complete - Outsource	170	100	37	19
SAEK Unsuitable for Testing (Cat 4, Suspect Kit, Etc.)	47	22	32	15

SAEK TESTING RESULTS

DNA Profiles Uploaded to CODIS	240	76	96	41
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Total CODIS Hits	34	32	76	28
CODIS Hits – Case to Offender	34	32	58	24
CODIS Hits – Case To Case	0	0	18	4

Shaded areas do not apply

Notes: *Includes carryover from 2011.