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March 26, 2013

BPC #13-0103

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

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID (DNA) MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2013

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, March 26, 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 blue ink that reads "Maria Silva".

MARIA SILVA  
Commission Executive Assistant

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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March 22, 2013  
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REVIEWED

TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police

  
RICHARD M. TEFANK  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
3/20/13  
DATE

SUBJECT: DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID (DNA) MONTHLY REPORT FOR  
JANUARY 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 January 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 January 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 *March 26, 2013*  
Secretary *Maria Silva*

Attachments

**INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

February 20, 2013  
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**TO:** Chief of Police

**FROM:** Chief of Detectives

**SUBJECT:** DNA MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2013

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

**Overview of January 2013 Activities**  
**February 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 January 2013 report indicates 200 SAEKs are either undergoing analysis or pending submission of a request for analysis to Robbery-Homicide Division (RHD). Of these, 188 SAEKs are undergoing analysis using either internal resources (170) or through outsourcing (18) to a contract laboratory. The remaining 12 SAEKs are pending submission of a request for analysis; none involve a kit booked into evidence more than 30 days ago.

The Male Screening Detail (MSD) of the SDU continues their operation that began last month. There was a temporary increase in outsourcing due to technical issues which resulted in a delay of testing. However, the program is still projected to result in all SAEKs being examined in-house, within 90 days of the SDU receiving a request for analysis.

The January 2013 DNA progress report begins the second year of reporting in a type of format which allows direct comparisons between SAEK testing progress in January of the current and previous year. The report clearly documents the substantial progress the SDU has made in expeditiously testing all SAEKs.

# Los Angeles Police Department

## Sexual Assault Evidence Kit (SAEK) Progress Report: January 31, 2013

Category	2012 YTD	2012 January	2013 YTD	2013 January
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### SAEK RECEIVED

Total SAEK, Analysis In-Process or Pending a Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)		492*		200
Total SAEK, Booked by LAPD	96	96	91	91

### PENDING ANALYSIS REQUEST

Total SAEK-RSDA Pending	27	27	12	12
Total SAEK-RSDA Pending, $\geq 30$ Days from Booking	0	0	7	0

### ANALYSIS IN-PROCESS

Total SAEK-Analysis Pending Completion – ALL		465*		188
Analysis Pending Completion – Internal		351*		170
Analysis Pending Completion – Outsource		114*		18

Internal Analysis Initiated – Internal	81	81	94	94
Analysis Contracted Out – Outsource	30	30	0	0

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

Total Backlog: $\geq 90$ Days		228		52
$\geq 120$ Days		173		0
$\geq 150$ Days		96		0
$\geq 180$ Days		54		0

### ANALYSIS COMPLETE

Total SAEK Analysis Completed - ALL	134	134	128	128
SAEK Analysis Complete - Internal	39	39	110	110
SAEK Analysis Complete - Outsource	70	70	18	18
SAEK Unsuitable for Testing (Cat 4, Suspect Kit, Etc.)	25	25	17	17

### SAEK TESTING RESULTS

DNA Profiles Uploaded to CODIS	164	164	55	55
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Total CODIS Hits	2	2	48	48
CODIS Hits – Case to Offender	2	2	34	34
CODIS Hits – Case To Case	0	0	14	14

Shaded areas do not apply.

Notes: \*Includes carryover from 2011.

**Report on the Controller's Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Follow-Up Audit of the  
Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Grant Program Recommendations**  
January 31, 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 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.**

**Report on the Controller's Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Follow-Up Audit of the  
Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Grant Program Recommendations**  
January 31, 2013

**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 sexual assault evidence kits.**

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.

The Department extended the original EPIMS proposal due date of January 3, 2013, to a new date of January 31, 2013. The extension information was e-mailed to all potential vendors that attended the pre-proposal conference and it was posted on [www.labavn.org](http://www.labavn.org).

On January 3, 2013, two additional documents were uploaded to the Business Assistance Virtual Network (BAVN) site for the EPIMS Request For Proposal. With a final "Question & Answer" and EPIMS sample form provided, this was the last update to the site before the proposal due date of January 31, 2013. After proposals are received, the Contracts Section will review each proposal to ensure that they are deemed responsive with all necessary forms and requirements completed, prior to the evaluation team review. Depending on the number of proposals received, it is anticipated that the process should take about a week. During this time, the EPIMS Project Manager will confirm the details of the next evaluation team meeting.