

Overview of June 2012 Activities

July 9, 2012

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK) Progress Report provides significant information about the status of the SAEK backlog elimination project. The Serology/DNA unit (SDU) 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 (formatted in the new version, effective January 2012) is a reflection of the productivity associated with the SAEKs.

The June 2012 Progress Report shows a total of 424 SAEKs in progress or pending a request; of these 424 SAEKs, 26 are pending submission of a request to RHD (2 were booked over 30 days ago). The number of kits where testing has not yet been completed is 398, which includes all cases in progress whether done in-house or sent out. It does not include those that have been requested but are not yet assigned. The SDU workflow is such that at any given moment in time, some accumulated cases are not yet assigned, but previous assigned work is continually in progress.

The Department previously completed a review of all cases that were screened but not DNA typed. Although no DNA typing was performed, these cases were deemed “complete” by the procedural standards in place through late 2008. As a result of the review, 209 cases (having a total of 229 SAEKs) were identified. These cases were prioritized based on case circumstances and submitted for testing over the previous three months. All of the identified re-test cases of evidentiary value have now been submitted for testing under current analysis request procedures.

The SDU is continuing to decrease the time required to complete casework (including the mandatory technical and administrative reviews) without sacrificing quality. Of the 424 cases in progress, there are 38 cases not complete over 90 days from the date of request, and only 7 of these are over 120 days. There are no incomplete cases at or beyond 150 days from the date of request. There were an additional 94 new SAEK’s collected in June 2012.

The Department has continued its efforts on the development of a comprehensive master database system to track the number and status of SAEKs booked into LAPD custody. A Request for Proposal (RFP) has been written for the development of a new Evidence and Property Information Management System (EPIMS). The RFP has been submitted to the City Attorney’s Office for review. With over 1400 technical requirements, the City Attorney’s Office is continuing to complete their review. Upon completion of the review and the Police Commission’s approval, the RFP can be released. The Department anticipates that the proposal process, vendor selection and contract negotiations will take up to six months. From this point, a project this complex is estimated to take up to 12 months for implementation.

Los Angeles Police Department

Sexual Assault Evidence Kit (SAEK)

Progress Report: June 30, 2012

Category	2011 YTD	2011 June	2012 YTD	2012 June
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SAEK RECEIVED

Total SAEK, Analysis In-Process or Pending a Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)	N/A	684	N/A	424
Total SAEK, Booked by LAPD	770	123	649	94

PENDING ANALYSIS REQUEST

Total SAEK-RSDA Pending			26	26
Total SAEK-RSDA Pending, ≥ 30 Days from Booking			17	2

ANALYSIS IN-PROCESS

Total SAEK-Analysis Pending Completion – ALL			N/A	398
Analysis Pending Completion – Internal			N/A	118
Analysis Pending Completion – Outsource	N/A	78	N/A	280

Internal Analysis Initiated – Internal			793	92
Analysis Contracted Out – Outsource	687	136	525	183

Total No. of Days SAEK in Analysis since Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)				
Total Backlog: ≥ 90 Days			N/A	38
≥ 120 Days			N/A	7
≥ 150 Days			N/A	0
≥ 180 Days			N/A	0

ANALYSIS COMPLETE


Total SAEK Analysis Completed - ALL	*819	*63	868	113
SAEK Analysis Complete - Internal	26	5	347	30
SAEK Analysis Complete - Outsource	*731	*58	521	83
SAEK Unsuitable for Testing (Cat 4, Suspect Kit, Etc.)	131	18	119	20

SAEK TESTING RESULTS

DNA Profiles Uploaded to CODIS	610	29	496	46
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Total CODIS Hits	411	6	176	0
CODIS Hits – Case to Offender	381	51	176	0
CODIS Hits – Case To Case	12	3	0	0

Notes:

 Shaded areas were not tabulated, as data was not available from previous year.

* SAEK in 2011 were tabulated as complete, based on a sub-contractor analysis report.