

Overview of July 2012 Activities

August 7, 2012

The Los Angeles Police Department Serology/DNA Unit (SDU) is responsible for the processing and analysis of biological evidence. This report represents the efforts of the Serology/DNA Unit as it relates to the analysis of sexual assault evidence kits (SAEKs).

The July 2012 progress report indicates a total of 375 SAEKs are either in the process of being analyzed or pending a request to Robbery-Homicide Division (RHD) for an analysis of the evidence. A review of those numbers determined that 352 kits are currently being analyzed by either in-house resources or have been submitted to a contract laboratory. The remaining 23 cases are pending the submission of a request for analysis to RHD. Of those, only two of the pending requests for analysis are on kits that were booked into evidence more than 30 days prior.

The 1,475 SAEKs previously mentioned in the Controller's Office 2nd Follow-up Audit report were reviewed by the Department, 229 SAEKs were identified that could possibly yield a profile based on current analysis procedures and standards. The 229 SAEKs were prioritized and submitted for testing in April, May and June of this year. All of the identified re-test cases of evidentiary value (228 SAEKs) have now been submitted for testing under current analysis procedures. As indicated the retests have increased the numbers of SAEKs in the late categories. Specifically, these numbers are 113 of the 144, in the over 90 days category and 11 of the 19, in the over 120 days category. The remaining 105 SAEK retests are either in-process or completed.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the new Evidence and Property Information Management System (EPIMS) was submitted to the City Attorney's Office on June 14, 2012 for review and approval.

Sexual Assault Evidence Kit (SAEK)
Progress Report: July 31, 2012

Category	2011 YTD	2011 July	2012 YTD	2012 July
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SAEK RECEIVED

Total SAEK, Analysis In-Process or Pending a Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)	N/A	545	N/A	375
Total SAEK, Booked by LAPD	768	121	761	112

PENDING ANALYSIS REQUEST

Total SAEK-RSDA Pending			23	23
Total SAEK-RSDA Pending, ≥ 30 Days from Booking			19	2

ANALYSIS IN-PROCESS

Total SAEK-Analysis Pending Completion – ALL			N/A	352
Analysis Pending Completion – Internal			N/A	124
Analysis Pending Completion – Outsource	N/A	28	N/A	228

Internal Analysis Initiated – Internal			875	92
Analysis Contracted Out – Outsource	847	160	573	43

Total No. of Days SAEK in Analysis since Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)				
Total Backlog: ≥ 90 Days			N/A	144**
≥ 120 Days			N/A	19
≥ 150 Days			N/A	0
≥ 180 Days			N/A	0

ANALYSIS COMPLETE

Total SAEK Analysis Completed - ALL	*955	*136	994	124
SAEK Analysis Complete - Internal	30	4	370	24
SAEK Analysis Complete - Outsource	*863	*132	624	100
SAEK Unsuitable for Testing (Cat 4, Suspect Kit, Etc.)	158	27	132	13

SAEK TESTING RESULTS

DNA Profiles Uploaded to CODIS	631	21	537	38
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Total CODIS Hits	416	5	220	44
CODIS Hits – Case to Offender	384	3	220	44
CODIS Hits – Case To Case	14	2	0	0

Notes:

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

* SAEKs examined in 2011 were reported as complete when the sub-contractor analysis report was received by the SDU. SAEKs are now reported as complete only after the SDU review of the sub-contractor data and CODIS upload (if applicable) is complete.

** Includes 113 retest sexual assault kits, 11 of which are ≥ 120 days.