

Overview of September 2012 Activities October 5, 2012

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 September 2012 progress report indicates 236 SAEKs are either undergoing analysis or pending a request for analysis to Robbery-Homicide Division (RHD). Of these, 223 kits are being analyzed by either in-house resources or a contract laboratory. The remaining 13 SAEKs are pending the submission of a request for analysis, and only one (1) is for a SAEK that was booked into evidence more than 30 days prior.

The influx of 228 SAEK re-tests in April, May and June of 2012 temporarily increased the number of SAEKs in the late (over 90 days) categories. That increase has now been essentially eliminated, as the number of SAEKs over 90 days has returned to the range that existed prior to processing the re-tests (37 SAEKs). Of the SAEKs over 90 days, 9 (24%) remain from the SAEK re-test casework. Likewise, six of the 12 SAEKs (50%) that are over 120 days are the re-test casework. The remaining 219 SAEK re-tests are completed.

As part of the ongoing effort to better address the Department's goal of testing all SAEKs in-house, the SDU continues to refine the High Throughput Male DNA Screening program, based on information gained from the piloted version (discussed in last month's report). The SDU remains on schedule to implement this program on all SAEKs by the end of 2012.

Sexual Assault Evidence Kit (SAEK)
Progress Report: September 30, 2012

Category	2011 YTD	2011 September	2012 YTD	2012 September
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SAEK RECEIVED

Total SAEK, Analysis In-Process or Pending a Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)	N/A	405	N/A	236
Total SAEK, Booked by LAPD	989	107	986	108

PENDING ANALYSIS REQUEST

Total SAEK-RSDA Pending			13	13
Total SAEK-RSDA Pending, ≥ 30 Days from Booking			30	1

ANALYSIS IN-PROCESS

Total SAEK-Analysis Pending Completion – ALL			N/A	223
Analysis Pending Completion – Internal			N/A	157
Analysis Pending Completion – Outsource	N/A	10	N/A	66

Internal Analysis Initiated – Internal			1,062	102
Analysis Contracted Out – Outsource	887	10	629	2

Total No. of Days SAEK in Analysis since Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)				
Total Backlog: ≥ 90 Days			N/A	**37
≥ 120 Days			N/A	12
≥ 150 Days			N/A	0
≥ 180 Days			N/A	0

ANALYSIS COMPLETE


Total SAEK Analysis Completed - ALL	*1,391	*188	1,297	159
SAEK Analysis Complete - Internal	54	16	471	39
SAEK Analysis Complete - Outsource	*1,155	*172	826	120
SAEK Unsuitable for Testing (Cat 4, Suspect Kit, Etc.)	209	35	178	17

SAEK TESTING RESULTS

DNA Profiles Uploaded to CODIS	683	49	777	***150
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Total CODIS Hits	574	133	242	19
CODIS Hits – Case to Offender	558	133	232	10
CODIS Hits – Case To Case	16	0	10	9

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.

** Includes 9 retest sexual assault kits, 6 of which are ≥ 120 days.

*** Includes 60 profiles to correct for under-reporting in June and July 2012.