

## **Overview of January 2012 Activities**

### **February 29, 2012**

The Los Angeles Police Department Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK) Progress Report provides significant information about the status of the SAEK backlog elimination project. The Serology/DNA unit is also responsible for processing and conducting analysis for biological evidence unrelated to sexual assaults, as well as additional evidence related to sexual assaults. This report is a reflection of the productivity associated with the SAEKs.

The original version of this report was developed to assist interested parties in monitoring SAEK progress. These parties (including other City entities and victim advocacy groups) were consulted to create a transparent reporting system. The Department will continue to monitor and analyze our new incoming SAEK cases in a timely manner.

In furtherance of this process, and in consultation with the aforementioned interested parties, the Department is implementing a new format for the monthly report. The new format presents the same information as the previous format, but organized in a manner that is easier to follow. The new format also provides more detailed information regarding the overall progress in testing SAEKs. January is the first report to use the new format.

The January Progress Report shows a total of 492 SAEKs in progress or pending a request. Of these 492 SAEKs, 27 are pending submission of a request to Robbery-Homicide Division (none are over 30 days old). The number of kits where testing has not yet been completed is 465, 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.

In almost all cases, where the SAEKs were not completed at 150 or 180 days, it is because they are awaiting the mandatory technical and administrative reviews of the analytical work. Due to the complex nature of the analytical process and the lack of experience of many of the SDU's analysts, these reviews are restricted to a limited number of experienced personnel. However, the SDU hopes to implement processes within the next couple of months to decrease the time to complete these reviews without sacrificing quality. None of the remaining untested kits are from the Historical Backlog, which was previously eliminated. There were an additional 96 new SAEK's collected in January.

# Los Angeles Police Department

## Sexual Assault Evidence Kit (SAEK)

Progress Report: January 31, 2012

Category	2011 YTD	2011 January	2012 YTD	2012 January
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### SAEK RECEIVED

Total SAEK, Analysis In-Process or Pending a Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)	N/A	825	N/A	492*
Total SAEK, Booked by LAPD	93	93	96	96

### PENDING ANALYSIS REQUEST

Total SAEK-RSDA Pending			27	27
Total SAEK-RSDA Pending, ≥ 30 Days from Booking			0	0

### ANALYSIS IN-PROCESS

Total SAEK-Analysis Pending Completion – ALL			N/A	465*
Analysis Pending Completion – <b>Internal</b>			N/A	351*
Analysis Pending Completion – <b>Outsource</b>	N/A	599	N/A	114*

Internal Analysis Initiated – <b>Internal</b>			81	81
Analysis Contracted Out – <b>Outsource</b>	171	171	30	30

Total No. of Days SAEK in Analysis since Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)				
Total Backlog: ≥ 90 Days			N/A	228
≥ 120 Days			N/A	173
≥ 150 Days			N/A	96
≥ 180 Days			N/A	54

### ANALYSIS COMPLETE

Total SAEK Analysis Completed - ALL	185**	185**	134	134
SAEK Analysis Complete - <b>Internal</b>	2	2	39	39
SAEK Analysis Complete - <b>Outsource</b>	150**	150**	70	70
SAEK Unsuitable for Testing (Cat 4, Suspect Kit, Etc.)	33	33	25	25

### SAEK TESTING RESULTS

DNA Profiles Uploaded to CODIS	115	115	164	164
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Total CODIS Hits	7	7	2	2
CODIS Hits – Case to Offender	7	7	2	2
CODIS Hits – Case To Case	0	0	0	0

#### Notes:

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

\* Includes SAEK, carried over from 2011.

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