

Overview of March 2012 Activities

April 9, 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 (SDU) 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 (formatted in the new version, effective January 2012) is a reflection of the productivity associated with the SAEKs.

The March Progress Report shows a total of 380 SAEKs in progress or pending a request. Of these 380 SAEKs, 14 are pending submission of a request to RHD (two did not have an RSDA submitted within 30 days). The number of kits where testing has not yet been completed is 366, which includes all cases in progress whether done in-house or outsourced. 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 second follow-up audit by the Controller's Office dated November 11, 2011 referenced the Department's need to evaluate an additional 1,475 kits for re-testing 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. Further data review by laboratory specialists reduced the re-evaluation candidate list from 1,475 to 209 kits, which may benefit from DNA testing. Of the 209 SAEKs reviewed, 38 SAEKs involved a stranger and have been submitted for priority DNA typing (and are included in the 366 number cited above). The Department will review the remaining 171 SAEK related cases for priority and perform DNA typing on all SAEKs of evidentiary value (they will be added to the monthly report as their status is confirmed). Cases determined to be unfounded will not require any additional analysis.

The SDU is continuing to decrease the time required to complete casework (including the mandatory technical and administrative reviews) without sacrificing quality. Total cases over 90 days decreased from 228 in January to 140 in February, and decreased further to 79 in March.

None of the remaining untested kits are from the Historical Backlog, which was previously eliminated. There were an additional 86 new SAEKs collected in March.

Los Angeles Police Department

Sexual Assault Evidence Kit (SAEK)

Progress Report: March 31, 2012

Category	2011 YTD	2011 March	2012 YTD	2012 March
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SAEK RECEIVED

Total SAEK, Analysis In-Process or Pending a Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)	N/A	611	N/A	*380
Total SAEK, Booked by LAPD	306	123	336	86

PENDING ANALYSIS REQUEST

Total SAEK-RSDA Pending			15	14
Total SAEK-RSDA Pending, ≥ 30 Days from Booking			6	2

ANALYSIS IN-PROCESS

Total SAEK-Analysis Pending Completion – ALL			N/A	*366
Analysis Pending Completion – Internal			N/A	*170
Analysis Pending Completion – Outsource	N/A	380	N/A	*196

Internal Analysis Initiated – Internal			332	125
Analysis Contracted Out – Outsource	346	69	172	69

Total No. of Days SAEK in Analysis since Request for Serology/DNA Analysis (RSDA)				
Total Backlog: ≥ 90 Days			N/A	79
≥ 120 Days			N/A	68
≥ 150 Days			N/A	54
≥ 180 Days			N/A	43

ANALYSIS COMPLETE


Total SAEK Analysis Completed - ALL	**612	**130	459	184
SAEK Analysis Complete - Internal	5	2	206	73
SAEK Analysis Complete - Outsource	**545	**128	253	111
SAEK Unsuitable for Testing (Cat 4, Suspect Kit, Etc.)	62	25	60	13

SAEK TESTING RESULTS

DNA Profiles Uploaded to CODIS	433	239	300	60
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Total CODIS Hits	284	43	68	34
CODIS Hits – Case to Offender	260	38	68	34
CODIS Hits – Case To Case	7	5	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.