Overview of July Activities

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 July Progress Report shows a total of 1,664 Remaining Untested Kits. The sum is achieved by adding the historical backlog of 274 and 1,390 post December 8, 2008. Of the 1,664 Remaining Untested Kits, approximately 1,038 are currently in progress, either at a contract laboratory or within the LAPD Crime Laboratory. This sum is achieved by adding the 277 from the historical backlog and 761 from the post December 8, 2008 (Refer to the Category “Submitted to Laboratory/pending return to LAPD”).

The expected turnaround for outsourced cases is 70 days. The number of kits left to be tested is approximately 629 which are the SAEKs received subsequent to December 8, 2008. It is anticipated that the number of untested SAEKs at the end of August should be approximately 350 and anticipated to approach a zero backlog by the end of October.

The Report shows a total of 1,560 Pending Technical Reviews. This sum is achieved by adding the historical backlog of 1,507 and 53 from the post December 8, 2008. In house capacity has increased from 44 in April to 149 in July. This increase is attributed to the influx of new hires that have begun to come online in a production capacity. Additional in-house capacity is being added in August by assigning four analysts, newly approved to perform DNA analysis, to the elimination of the technical review backlog. It is anticipated the backlog of unassigned technical reviews will be approximately 1,420 by the end of August and approaching zero in February.
**Category** | **Historical** | **Subsequent** | **July 2010**
| | **Backlog** | **Post 12/8/08** | **Activity**
| | **Pre 12/8/08** | | **(All cases)**
| Total Kits Booked | 6132* | 2132 | 100
| Rape Kits (LAPD) | 6014 | 2107 | 97
| Sex Kits (Coroner) | 118 | 25 | 3
| Outsourced to private laboratory | 4655 | 960 | 264
| Analyzed SAEK’s | 4381 | 199 | 131
| Submitted to Laboratory / pending return to LAPD | 274 | 761 | 133
| DNA profiles found | 2278 | 131 | 56
| - Completed Technical Review | 771 | 78 | 149
| - Pending Technical Review | 1507 | 53 | N/A
| Uploaded to CODIS | 983 | 69 | 94
| Total CODIS Hits | 276 | 11 | 46
| - Named offender only | 249 | 7 | 46
| - Case-to-case only | 23 | 3 | 0
| - Named offender and case-to-case | 4 | 1 | 0
| LAPD Laboratory Analyzed SAEK’s | 249 | 220 | 28
| DNA profiles found | 47 | 150 | 63
| Uploaded to CODIS | 29 | 113 | 18
| Total CODIS Hits | 10 | 71 | 9
| - Named offender only | 9 | 61 | 8
| - Case-to-case only | 1 | 4 | 0
| - Named offender & case-to-case | 0 | 6 | 1
| Unsuitable for Testing | 1228 | 323 | 58
| Remaining Untested Kits | 274 | 1390 | N/A

* Initially recorded as 7,495 SAEKs by the Controller’s report. After a physical audit by the LAPD in October 2008, the figure was revised to 6,132.

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