

## **Overview of September Activities October 6, 2010**

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 September Progress Report shows a total of 1,261 Remaining Untested Kits. The sum is achieved by adding the historical backlog of 152 Remaining Untested Kits and 1109 Remaining Untested Kits post December 8, 2008. Of the 1,261 Remaining Untested Kits, approximately 1,018 are currently in progress, either at a contract laboratory or within the LAPD Crime Laboratory. This sum is achieved by adding the 152 submitted to laboratory/pending return to LAPD from the historical backlog and 866 submitted to laboratory/pending return to LAPD from the post December 8, 2008. There were an additional 120 new SAEKs collected in September 2010, 34 lower than August 2010, and 9 higher than our monthly average.

The expected turnaround for outsourced cases is 70 days. The number of kits not yet submitted for testing is 243 which are only the SAEKs received subsequent to December 8, 2008. This number is the difference between the Submitted to Laboratory/pending return to LAPD category (866) and the Remaining Untested Kits (1109). It is anticipated that the number of SAEKs not yet submitted for testing at the end of October 2010 should consist solely of SAEKs booked into evidence in that month.

The Report shows a total of 1,357 Pending Technical Reviews. This sum is achieved by adding the historical backlog of 1,110 Pending Technical Reviews and 247 Pending Technical Reviews from the post December 8, 2008. Additional in-house capacity was added September 2010 by assigning analysts, newly approved to perform DNA analysis, to assist on the elimination of the technical review backlog. It is anticipated the backlog of unassigned technical reviews will be approaching zero in February 2011.

So far this calendar year, 10 additional criminalists have been hired. Depending on their background and work experience when hired, they are either training to perform DNA typing, training to recognize and screen evidence for biological fluids, or inventorying and sending sexual assault evidence kits (SAEKs) to contract laboratories for screening and DNA typing. On September 27, 2010, the City offered the latest written examination for the position of Criminalist. The candidates who passed the test (anticipated to be around 35) will be added to the list of potential candidates who are eligible to interview over the next few weeks. Once these candidates are added to the list, the process to hire the next 10 criminalist positions approved for this fiscal year will move forward, with interviews likely in November 2010. An additional four authorized Criminalist positions will be hired approximately six months after the last group of 10.

In addition, interviews have been conducted to fill four authorized Laboratory Technician positions, and Civilian Employment has been notified of the selections. A Clerk Typist selection was made and she will start in the Serology/DNA Unit in Deployment Period 11. It is anticipated that interviews for the four authorized Supervising Criminalist positions will be conducted in the next one to two months. Finally, the two authorized Systems Analyst transfer positions will be advertised towards the end of the current fiscal year.

**LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK)**  
**Progress Report for September 30, 2010**

Category	Historical Backlog Pre 12/8/08	Subsequent Post 12/8/08	September 2010 Activity (All cases)
<b>Total Kits Booked</b>	<b>6132</b>	<b>2406</b>	<b>120</b>
Rape Kits (LAPD)	6013	2378	120
Sex Kits (Coroner)	119	28	0
<b>Outsourced to Private Laboratory</b>	<b>4658</b>	<b>1520</b>	<b>733</b>
Analyzed SAEK's	<b>4506</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>496</b>
Submitted to Laboratory/pending return to LAPD	152	866	237
DNA profiles found	2416	347	230
Completed Technical Review	1306	100	315
Pending Technical Review	1110	247	N/A
Uploaded to CODIS	1424	81	220
Total CODIS Hits	381	43	84
Named offender only	342	31	74
Case-to-case only	31	7	3
Named offender and case-to-case	8	5	7
<b>LAPD Laboratory Analyzed SAEK's</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>15</b>
DNA Profiles Found	47	159	6
Uploaded to CODIS	29	153	7
Total CODIS Hits	19	91	3
Named offender only	16	78	2
Case-to-case only	2	5	-1
Named offender and case-to-case	1	8	2
<b>Unsuitable for Testing</b>	<b>1225</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Remaining Untested Kits</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>1109</b>	<b>N/A</b>

\* 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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