

## **Overview of October Activities November 19, 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 October Progress Report shows a total of 1,079 Remaining Untested Kits. The sum is achieved by adding the historical backlog of 107 Remaining Untested Kits and 972 Remaining Untested Kits post December 8, 2008. Of the 1,079 Remaining Untested Kits, approximately 890 are currently in progress, either at a contract laboratory or within the LAPD Crime Laboratory. This sum is achieved by adding the 107 submitted to laboratory/pending return to LAPD from the historical backlog and 783 submitted to laboratory/pending return to LAPD from the post December 8, 2008. There were an additional 109 new SAEKs collected in October 2010.

The number of kits not yet submitted for testing is 189 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 (783) and the Remaining Untested Kits (972). Work on all new SAEKs is being initiated within 60 days of the date the evidence is booked.

The Report shows a total of 1,263 Pending Technical Reviews. This sum is achieved by adding the historical backlog of 938 Pending Technical Reviews and 325 Pending Technical Reviews from the post December 8, 2008. It is anticipated the backlog of unassigned technical reviews will be approaching zero in February.

In July the Department reported that all of the remaining SAEKs in the historical backlog had been submitted to outside Laboratories for testing. Since the expected turnaround for outsourced cases is 70 days, the Department expected to have all of the SAEKs returned by this report. That is not the case. First, one of smaller laboratories experienced an equipment brake down that has extended their return beyond the 70 days. The equipment has been fixed and they are completing their work. The Department's Lab has recently started using new technology that has enabled the Lab to find DNA material in cases where using older technology no material was found. The lab has been reviewing completed cases, where no DNA material was found, to see if the new technology could find DNA. There have been a number of cases from the historical backlog where the lab was able to find DNA material and those cases have been sent out for testing and are included in the 107 cases submitted to laboratory/pending return to LAPD from the historical backlog. The Department expects to have all of the testing and retesting of the Historical Backlog done by the end of November 2010.

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

Category	Historical Backlog Pre 12/8/08	Subseque nt Post 12/8/08	October 2010 Activity (All cases)
<b>Total Kits Booked</b>	<b>6132</b>	<b>2515</b>	<b>109</b>
Rape Kits (LAPD)	6012	2487	108
Sex Kits (Coroner)	120	28	1
<b>Outsourced to Private Laboratory</b>	<b>4658</b>	<b>1651</b>	<b>131</b>
Analyzed SAEK's	<b>4551</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>259</b>
Submitted to Laboratory/pending return to LAPD	107	783	111
DNA profiles found	2437	428	102
Completed Technical Review	1499	103	196
Pending Technical Review	938	325	N/A
Uploaded to CODIS	1550	84	129
Total CODIS Hits	446	55	77
Named offender only	394	42	63
Case-to-case only	35	8	5
Named offender and case-to-case	17	5	9
<b>LAPD Laboratory Analyzed SAEK's</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>18</b>
DNA Profiles Found	47	160	1
Uploaded to CODIS	29	190	37
Total CODIS Hits	21	132	43
Named offender only	17	115	38
Case-to-case only	3	6	2
Named offender and case-to-case	1	11	3
<b>Unsuitable for Testing</b>	<b>1225</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Remaining Untested Kits</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>972</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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