

Overview of February 2011 Activities

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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 February Progress Report shows a total of 643 Remaining Untested Kits. Of the 643 Remaining Untested Kits, 438 are currently in progress, either at a contract laboratory or within the LAPD Crime Laboratory. There were an additional 90 new SAEKs collected in January 2011. None of the remaining untested kits are from the Historical Backlog, which is now zero.

The February Progress report shows that only one SAEK was completed by the LAPD Laboratory. During the month of February, the Serology/DNA Unit (SDU) of the LAPD Laboratory completed a total of 32 DNA profiling requests, including the one SAEK listed in the February SAEK Monthly Progress Report. In addition, the SDU completed 16 DNA profiling proficiency reports. Every DNA analyst must complete two proficiency tests per year. Each proficiency test mimics an actual case request and takes a similar amount of time as a DNA profiling request. Therefore SDU completed a total of 48 profiling requests in the month of February.

The number of kits not yet submitted for testing is 205. Of the 205 kits which have not been submitted for testing, approximately 80 have been assigned to SID criminalists and are in the process of being prepared for analysis. The remaining SAEK's are in their initial investigative stages and requests have not yet been submitted to SID.

All new requests for analysis of a sexual assault kit are immediately assigned to an SID criminalist for processing and analysis (in-house or outsourced). There is no backlog of unassigned SAEK requests for analysis of an SAEK at SID.

The Report shows a total of 489 Pending Technical Reviews. It is anticipated the backlog of Pending Technical Reviews will be reduced to only those in progress by mid April.

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEK)
Progress Report for February 28, 2011.

Category	Historical Backlog Pre 12/8/08	Subsequent Post 12/8/08	February 2011 Activity (All cases)
Total Kits Booked	6132*	2951	90
Rape Kits (LAPD)	6012	2916	90
Sex Kits (Coroner)	120	35	0
Outsourced to Private Laboratory	4658	1980	106
Analyzed SAEK's	4658	1542	267
Submitted to Laboratory/pending return to LAPD	0	438	106
DNA profiles found	2496	788	190
Completed Technical Review	2278	517	297
Pending Technical Review	218	271	N/A
Uploaded to CODIS	2006	203	79
Total CODIS Hits	713	156	231
Named offender only	644	135	215
Case-to-case only	34	7	-4**
Named offender and case-to-case	35	14	20
LAPD Laboratory Analyzed SAEK's	249	298	1
DNA Profiles Found	47	167	0
Uploaded to CODIS	29	213	0
Total CODIS Hits	23	137	3
Named offender only	19	115	0
Case-to-case only	3	8	2
Named offender and case-to-case	1	14	1
Unsuitable for Testing	1225	468	4
Remaining Untested Kits	0	643	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.

** Four cases in the Historic Backlog have resulted in a CODIS hit to a named offender, resulting on a drop in the "case-to-case only" and an increase in the "Named offender and case-to-case" categories.

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