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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
 County of Los Angeles  
 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Dear Supervisors:

**SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT STATUS REPORT**

This correspondence is in response to your Board's May 19 and September 1, 2009, requests for monthly status reports on the Sexual Assault Kit (SAK) audit.

Below is the current data associated with the SAK Backlog Elimination Project for incidents occurring prior to November 1, 2008:

	<u>Initial</u>		<u>Current</u>	
Unanalyzed SAKs	4,070	67%	1,485	22%
Analyzed SAKs	1,960	33%	5,238	78%
<b>Total SAKs</b>	<b>6,030</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6,723</b>	<b>100%</b>

Since beginning this project, an additional 693 Pre-11/01/2008 SAKs have been received from outside agencies and have been added to the backlog for an initial total of 4,763 unanalyzed SAKs. As of August 25, 2010, a total of 4,580 untested SAKs (96 percent of the initial untested kits) have been outsourced for analysis. For the month of August, a total of 70 SAKs were outsourced. The results received from the outsourced SAKs thus far are as follows:

Sexual Assault Kit (Pre-11/01/2008) Test Results

Positive Biological Material Screen	2,031	62%
Negative Biological Material Screen	1,247	38%
<b>Total Results Received</b>	<b>3,278</b>	<b>100%</b>

*A Tradition of Service*

Positive Biological Material Screen SAK (Pre-11/01/2008) Status

Pending Completion of Technical Review:

<i>Unknown Suspect</i>	179	9%
<i>Known Suspect</i>	673	33%
Failed to Meet CODIS Upload Eligibility Requirements	542	27%
Uploaded to CODIS	637	31%
<b>Total Positive Biological Material Screen</b>	<b>2,031</b>	<b>100%</b>

Based upon laboratory invoices received, the outsourcing expenditures for the 12 current months, broken down by funding source, are as follows:

Outsourcing Expenditures - September 2009 through August 2010

Month	\$2.3 Million Allocation	DNA Backlog Reduction Grants	Prop. 69	Unit Budget	Monthly Totals
<b>September</b>	\$0	\$302,172	\$16,599	\$18,923	<b>\$337,694</b>
<b>October</b>	\$150	\$201,770	\$9,964	\$22,610	<b>\$234,494</b>
<b>November</b>	\$65,201	\$73,880	\$0	\$50,592	<b>\$189,673</b>
<b>December</b>	\$10,900	\$159,305	\$0	\$0	<b>\$170,205</b>
<b>January</b>	\$6,900	\$148,469	\$0	\$5,159	<b>\$160,528</b>
<b>February</b>	\$2,616	\$47,852	\$0	\$9,811	<b>\$60,279</b>
<b>March</b>	\$57,241	\$199,003	\$0	\$32,837	<b>\$289,081</b>
<b>April</b>	\$0	\$260,172	\$0	\$0	<b>\$260,172</b>
<b>May</b>	\$0	\$304,989	\$0	\$0	<b>\$304,989</b>
<b>June</b>	\$0	\$135,274	\$619	\$0	<b>\$135,893</b>
<b>July*</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>August</b>	\$0	\$718,458	\$0	\$0	<b>\$718,458</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$143,008</b>	<b>\$2,551,344</b>	<b>\$27,182</b>	<b>\$139,932</b>	<b>\$2,861,466</b>

\* No invoices submitted due to close out of FY 2010.

Personnel Hiring Update

Regarding the six positions (one supervising criminalist and five senior criminalists) authorized by your Board on September 22, 2009, five individuals were selected from the current certification list. Four individuals have begun employment as criminalists and the other selection is undergoing background investigation. An individual has been selected for the supervising criminalist position and is scheduled to be transferred to the Forensic Biology Section in September 2010.

Status of Post November 1, 2008, Sexual Assault Kits

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) continues in-house testing and outsourcing of SAKs submitted subsequent to November 1, 2008. The Department's Scientific Services Bureau currently has 598 SAKs either undergoing, or in queue, for testing and are broken down into the following categories:

Sexual Assault Kit (Post-11/01/2008) Status

	Unknown Suspect	Known Suspect	Total
Assigned	107	47	154
Pending Assignment	22	422	444
<b>Total</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>598</b>

Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) Matches

A total of 265 confirmed CODIS matches involving Department cases have been made from the uploaded profiles. Of these 265 cases, 187 are currently under investigation. Seventy-eight cases are closed: 19 resulted in criminal filings (2 of these were related to the processing of the SAK backlog elimination project), 1 case was deferred by the District Attorney's Office to parole authorities in lieu of filing charges, 3 Non-Detained petitions (minor subject) were filed, 38 were rejected for filing by the District Attorney's Office, and 16 were closed due to all workable information being exhausted. One case was referred to another law enforcement agency.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact Technical Services Division Chief David R. Betkey at (562) 345-4301.

Sincerely,



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