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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%	1,222	18%
Analyzed SAKs	1,960	33%	5,501	82%
<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 September 27, 2010, a total of 4,763 untested SAKs (100 percent of the initial untested kits) have been outsourced for analysis. For the month of September, a total of 183 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	2,251	64%
Negative Biological Material Screen	1,290	36%
<b>Total Results Received</b>	<b>3,541</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

Pending Completion of Technical Review:

<i>Unknown Suspect</i>	200	9%
<i>Known Suspect</i>	708	31%
Failed to Meet CODIS Upload Eligibility Requirements	670	30%
Uploaded to CODIS	673	30%
<b>Total Positive Biological Material Screen</b>	<b>2,251</b>	<b>100%</b>

Based upon laboratory invoices received, the outsourcing expenditures for the 13 current months, broken down by funding source, are as follows:

Outsourcing Expenditures - September 2009 through September 2010

Month	\$2.3 Million Allocation	DNA Backlog Reduction Grants	Prop. 69	Unit Budget	Totals
<b>September 2009- August 2010</b>	\$143,008	\$2,551,344	\$27,182	\$139,932	<b>\$2,861,466</b>
<b>September 2010</b>	\$0	\$253,068	\$0	\$0	<b>\$253,068</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$143,008</b>	<b>\$2,804,412</b>	<b>\$27,182</b>	<b>\$139,932</b>	<b>\$3,114,534</b>

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. All five individuals have begun employment as criminalists in the Forensic Biology Section. An individual has been selected for the supervising criminalist position and has been transferred to the Forensic Biology Section.

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 717 SAKs either undergoing, or in queue for, testing and are broken down into the following categories:

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

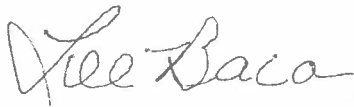
	Unknown Suspect	Known Suspect	Total
Assigned	71	30	101
Pending Assignment	31	585	616
<b>Total</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>717</b>

Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) Matches

A total of 305 confirmed CODIS matches involving Department cases have been made from the uploaded profiles. Of these 305 cases, 227 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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