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### **OPERATIONS BULLETIN 2015-05 December 1, 2015 Sexual Assault Kit Initiative**

Over the last several years increased attention has been directed toward the goal of conducting DNA analysis on all sexual assault evidence kits, including those that for various reasons were not previously submitted to a forensic laboratory for analysis. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation encourages law enforcement agencies in Georgia to submit all sexual assault kits, regardless of the case circumstances.

The GBI Crime Laboratory plans to use grant funding to outsource the DNA analysis of these sexual assault kits to private, accredited laboratories. The kits which will be outsourced are those with incident dates prior to January 1, 2015. By outsourcing these older cases, analysis of current cases can remain the primary focus of GBI analysts.

The data and reports produced by the vendor from each outsourced kit will be reviewed by a GBI Crime Laboratory analyst prior to release to criminal justice agencies. In all cases, any eligible DNA profiles developed from the analysis of these kits will be uploaded to CODIS and searched on a regular basis to identify potential case-case linkages or linkages to convicted offenders.

If you have any questions regarding this Operations Bulletin, please contact the laboratory via email at [kathy.lee@gbi.ga.gov](mailto:kathy.lee@gbi.ga.gov) or [george.herrin@gbi.ga.gov](mailto:george.herrin@gbi.ga.gov).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Herrin, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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