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Sexual Assault Kits Report December 1, 2016

This report is submitted by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation - Division of Forensic Sciences (GBI Crime Laboratory) in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 35-1-2. This law was signed into effect by Governor Nathan Deal on April 26, 2016 and has two major elements: 1) Paragraphs (a)-(f) provide requirements to health care providers and law enforcement regarding collection and delivery of sexual assault kits to the Division of Forensic Sciences; 2) Paragraph (g) requires the GBI Crime Laboratory to provide an annual report on the number of kits tested and the number of kits to be tested.

The GBI Crime Laboratory receives approximately 550 new cases for DNA analysis each month. Of those, 150-170 are sexual assault kits collected as part of current investigations. The GBI Crime Laboratory prioritizes the analysis of sexual assault kits while also performing DNA analysis on homicides and other cases needed for investigative and prosecution purposes.

To assist the GBI Crime Laboratory facilitate the analysis of sexual assault kits, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) applied for and received a grant from the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. The grant provides funding for outsourcing of sexual assault kits to a private laboratory. Since May 2016, 50 sexual assault kits each month have been outsourced. Attempts to outsource additional cases have been hindered because the private laboratories capable of performing this type of analysis have also reached their capacity to accept and complete additional cases.

Sexual Assault Kits Received 04/26/2016 to 11/30/2016	3,006
Total Sexual Assault Kits Completed 04/26/2016 to 11/30/2016, including kits received prior to 4/26/2016	1,572
Sexual Assault Kits To be Tested	4,209

In addition to the new incoming cases and the cases submitted in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 35-1-2, the GBI Crime Laboratory has sexual assault evidence submitted prior to 1999 in storage on 5,411 cases. At the time of submission of these cases, required samples were not included to permit testing of these cases. These cases will be researched to determine if DNA analysis is needed using modern technology.

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