

### **Sexual Assault Kit Task Force**

Monthly Report

July 2016

# SAKTF Press Conference

#### **Mayor Jim Strickland**

#### **Executive Order**

• No. 02-2016

• June 30, 2016



### Status of Mayor Strickland's Executive Order

	Executive Order Action	Status
	Test every kit in our inventory that is need of additional forensic testing	Progress: Shipping and testing continues
_	Investigate leads and examine all cases coming from testing of those kits	Progress: New investigations initiated every month. New indictments requested every month. MPD has a full time unit devoted to this project.
		Progress: SOP is reviewed and input is sought from Rape Crisis Center, Joyful Heart Foundation, and our national partners to make sure our efforts are victim centered.
	Prosecute to the fullest extent of the law individuals who are identified as suspects resulting from this additional forensic testing	Progress: Complete thorough investigations and present requests for indictments to the Shelby County District Attorney General on all cases that can be prosecuted. All cases that cannot be prosecuted are reviewed by SAK Working Group team members to make sure everyone is in agreement on prosecution of the case.
<b>✓</b>	Collaborate with, and participate in the national and state dialogue about best practices in in all areas related to matters of sexual assault;	Progress: SAK TF participates in national discussions and training through Summit for Cities Series, Joyful Heart Foundation, SAKI training, and the SAFER (Sexual Assault Facts, Education, and Response)
_	Continue the community dialogue in Memphis about sexual assault and domestic violence, including a deliberate effort to get information in the hands of victims and survivors who need it most;	Ongoing. First Community Meeting was Wednesday, January 22, 2014 2PM-3:30 PM at Airways station. Memphis Says No More (MSNM) Campaign was launched May 1, 2015. MSNM is meeting with small community groups at their location. MSNM is distributing awareness material to groups and coordinating a media campaign that includes radio and billboard advertisements.

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# **New Laboratory**

Sorenson Forensics
Salt Lake City, UT

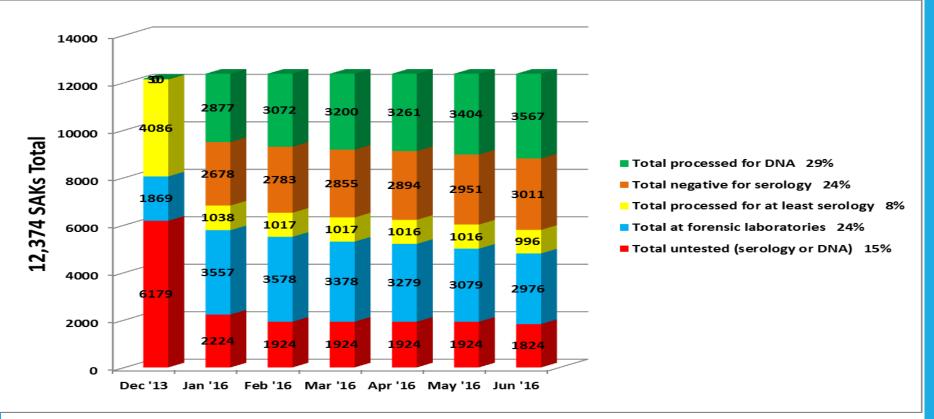
**Contract signed** 

First 100 SAKs shipped

Sorenson previous backlog reduction work with:

Los Angles County SO, Houston PD, Detroit PD, Colorado Bureau of Investigation, and Tennessee Bureau of Investigation

# Status of Shipping and Testing Kits



6578 (53%) - completed analysis

2976 (24%) - at laboratory awaiting analysis

2820 (23%) - need additional analysis

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To support this work: http://www.cfgm.org/sexual-assault-resource-fund/

# Investigation Results

1012/1058 Investigations have been initiated:

180/199 Investigations remain active: 19%

832/859 Investigations are closed: 81%

118/120 Individuals were identified that had been previously convicted of the crime: 14%

163/167 Requests for indictments have been completed against persons or DNA profiles: 19%

- 110/114 named suspects (40 multi case suspects) 68% of indictments
- 53/53 John Does (2 suspects on one case) 33% of indictments
  - 25/26 John Does are now named (7 multi case suspects) 49% of John Does
  - 1 Named John Doe is deceased

81/81 victims/suspects are deceased: 9%

- 18/18 suspects (does not include the deceased John Doe) 2%
- 63/63 victims: 7%

126/134 victims declined to participate: 16%

30/32 unable to locate victim: 4%

192/198 cases past the statute of limitations: 23%

27/32 prosecution declined: 4%

26/26 insufficient/degraded DNA: 3%

28/28 cases no crime occurred: 3%

42/42 consensual partner: 5%

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- 1600 Grizzlies posters and 1600 wristbands were delivered to Detric Stigall with the city parks department for 25 community center summer camps for kids as well as sets for posting at city pools and other recreational facilities
- 3000 Grizzlies posters and 2000 wristbands to the Back 2 School Bash hosted by Hickory Hill Collaborative and Shelby County Office of Multicultural and Hispanic Affairs on July 16 at New Direction Christian Church
- 50 posters, wristbands and cards for a three day Comprehensive Sexual and Reproductive Health, Healthy Relationships and Self-Management learning community for rising 7th-12th graders hosted by Freedom's Chapel Christian Church July 20-22

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- Join the MSNM Volunteer Corps to support MSNM:
- \* Build packets of materials during work sessions in our office
- \* Distribute MSNM packets across the city to businesses, stores, schools, churches, etc. in organized routes
- \* Work in booths at festivals and public events
- \* Join the speakers' bureau for survivors
- \* Recruit friends and colleagues to participate

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