



# Sexual Assault Kit Task Force

Monthly Report

April 2017

# Status of Mayor Strickland's Executive Order

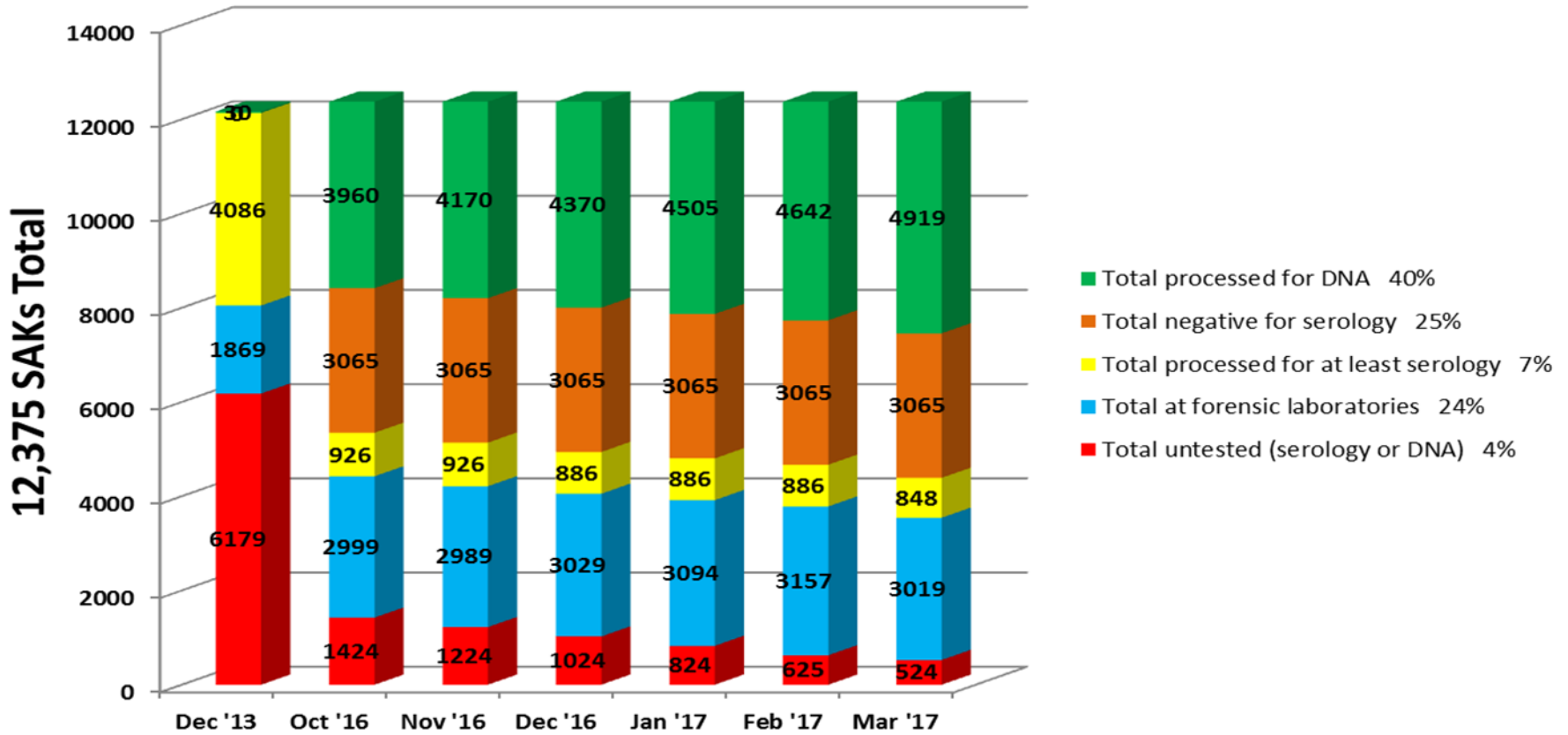
	Executive Order Action	Status
✓	Test every kit in our inventory that is need of additional forensic testing	<u>Progress:</u> Shipping and testing continues
✓	Investigate leads and examine all cases coming from testing of those kits	<u>Progress:</u> New investigations initiated every month. New indictments requested every month. MPD has a full time unit devoted to this project.
✓	Continue to refine our approach and capacity for victim notification and trauma informed care and support to survivors	<u>Progress:</u> 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	<u>Progress:</u> 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.
✓	Collaborate with, and participate in the national and state dialogue about best practices in in all areas related to matters of sexual assault;	<u>Progress:</u> 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;	<u>Ongoing.</u> 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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# Status of Shipping and Testing Kits Monthly update



(65%) completed analysis  
 (24%) at laboratory awaiting analysis  
 (11%) need additional analysis

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# Investigation Results MTD

**2006/2077** Investigations have been initiated:

**539/555** Investigations remain active: 27%

**1467/1522** Investigations are closed: 73%

**217/235** Individuals were identified that had been previously convicted of the crime: 15%

**220/228** Requests for indictments have been completed against persons or DNA profiles: 15%

- **139/146** named suspects (45 multi case suspects) 64% of indictments
- **81/82** John Does (2 suspects on one case) 36% of indictments
  - **26/26** John Does are now named (7 multi case suspects) 32% of John Does
  - 1 Named John Doe is deceased

**147/156** victims/suspects are deceased: 10%

- **41/45** suspects (does not include the deceased John Doe) 3%
- **106/111** victims: 7%

**155/155** victims declined to participate: 10%

**49/52** unable to locate victim: 3%

**306/309** cases past the statute of limitations: 20%

**91/95** prosecution declined: 6%

**145/157** insufficient/degraded DNA: 10%

**36/36** cases no crime occurred: 2%

**48/48** consensual partner: 3%

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# Prosecution Results

## John Eskridge, 52

2 Guilty Pleas March 2017

30 years at 100% for Aggravated Rape, 15 for each rape

Victims both agreed to plea deals



### Rape 1: February, 2001

- Unknown male came up behind victim while walking, pulled a knife on her and pushed her over the railing onto the riverbank below
- Suspect raped and beat the victim and left after victim pretended to be unconscious
- CODIS Hit to John Eskridge

### Rape 2: September, 2001

- Unknown male approached victim while she was at a gas station where victim declined needing any assistance
- Suspect jumped into the vehicle as she left the gas station, got control of the wheel, and forced the victim to drive to a deserted area
- Suspect raped her, beat victim, and stole her car
- CODIS DNA case to case association was found to John Eskridge

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# GPS Program 04/19/17

- Sex Crimes Project Started May 16, 2016
- 45 Sex Crimes Defendants with devices
- 13 Sex Crimes Victims with devices
  
- DV Project started July 6, 2016
- Expanded September 6, 2016
- 172 DV Defendants with devices
- 31 DV Victims with devices



262 Devices in Use

99 Total Arrests

44 Arrests in 2017

# GPS Program

Absconders that cut their GPS device off and fled.

**Active Warrants on both.**

Deandre Cobb 25  
Cut off GPS Device in March  
2 warrants



Sentrovous Huey 24  
Cut off GPS Device in March  
5 warrants



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[www.MemphisSaysNOMORE.com](http://www.MemphisSaysNOMORE.com)

- Volunteers representing Memphis Says NO MORE shared materials and messages at:
  - \*Abyssinian Church women's day
  - \* LeMoyne Owen empowerment event for women hosted by Powerful Ladies of Color
  - \* Confidential Care mobile unit for women with unplanned pregnancies
  - \* Multiple Grizzlies games and MSNM Game Night on April 9
  - \* Riverview Community Center for Methodist Hospital Wellness Without Walls event for 300 participants
  - \* Wellness Fair at University of Memphis where booth by a student team and MSNM won first place
  - \* Sexual assault panel at University of Memphis for April Sexual Assault Awareness Month
  - \* Candlelight Vigil organized by the Shelby County Rape Crisis Center
  - \* 5K Run organized by the local Domestic Violence Council
  - \* Nonprofit agency internship fair at the University of Memphis



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- *Wellness Fair booth created by University of Memphis Students*



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- *Memphis Says NO MORE* Grizzlies Game Night April 9, 2017



Shelby County Rape Crisis Center's

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

HONORING VICTIMS  
OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

*Please Join Us!*

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017

6pm-7pm

Peabody Park

712 Tanglewood St.

Memphis, TN.

Contact Information:

Rape Crisis Center | 901.222.4350



# 5K

## 2nd ANNUAL RACE AGAINST SEXUAL VIOLENCE

April 15, 2017

9 AM

Shelby Farms



Register @  
[racesonline.com](http://racesonline.com)

Join the Memphis & Shelby  
County Domestic & Sexual  
Violence Council in support of  
Sexual Violence Awareness Month.

[Joinmpd.com](http://Joinmpd.com)



*Do you have*

**THE STRENGTH  
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<< Officer Jessica Rayborn