



# Sexual Assault Kit Task Force

Monthly Report

February 2017

# Status of Mayor Strickland's Executive Order

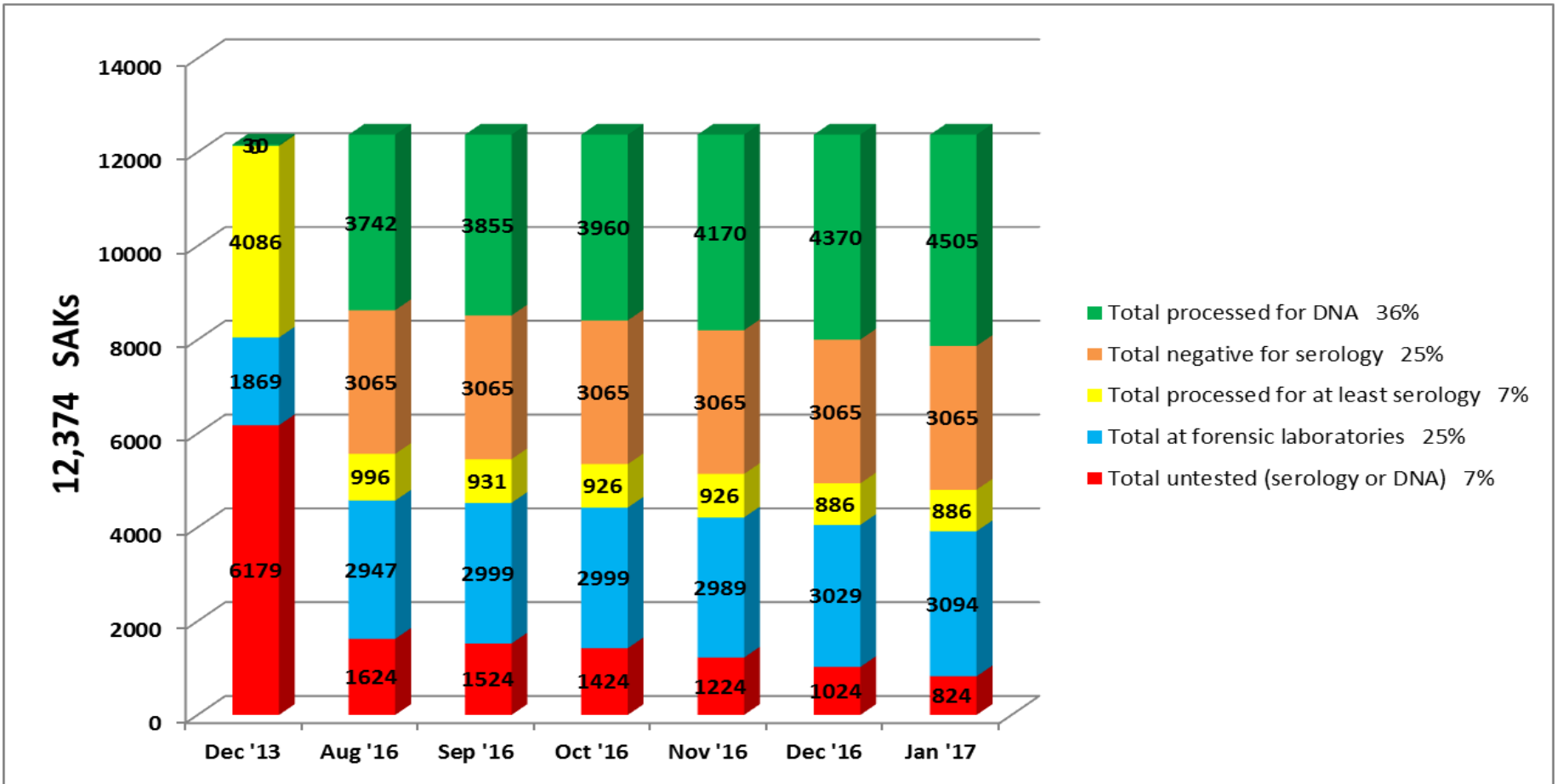
	Executive Order Action	Status
✓	Test every kit in our inventory that is need of additional forensic testing	<u>Progress:</u> Shipping and testing continues
✓	Investigate leads and examine all cases coming from testing of those kits	<u>Progress:</u> New investigations initiated every month. New indictments 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



(61%) completed analysis  
 (25%) at laboratory awaiting analysis  
 (14%) need additional analysis

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# Investigation Results MTD

**1728/1918** Investigations have been initiated:

**385/484** Investigations remain active: 25%

**1343/1434** Investigations are closed: 75%

**193/208** Individuals were identified that had been previously convicted of the crime: 15%

**214/219** Requests for indictments have been completed against persons or DNA profiles: 15%

- **138/139** named suspects (45 multi case suspects) 63% of indictments
- **76/80** John Does (2 suspects on one case) 37% of indictments
  - **27/27** John Does are now named (7 multi case suspects) 34% of John Does
  - 1 Named John Doe is deceased

**135/142** victims/suspects are deceased: 10%

- **38/40** suspects (does not include the deceased John Doe) 3%
- **97/102** victims: 7%

**161/158** victims declined to participate: 11%

**43/46** unable to locate victim: 3%

**287/300** cases past the statute of limitations: 21%

**73/84** prosecution declined: 6%

**133/140** insufficient/degraded DNA: 10%

**36/36** cases no crime occurred: 3%

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

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# Quantez Person



- **Acquittal**

- July 2002 Rape
- Victim got into vehicle with unknown man
- Suspect drove to a secluded spot behind a closed business
- Suspect took out a box cutter, threatened victim, and raped her
- Suspect arrested immediately after the rape but was not charged.
- CODIS Match to Quantez Person
- New investigation began, including reengagement with victim
- Person indicted
  
- Jury Trial began in January 2017
- Found **NOT GUILTY** by jury
  
- Victim felt satisfaction after given the chance to confront her assailant
  
- 6 pending trials; next one scheduled for October, 2017

# GPS Program 02/08/2017

- Sex Crimes Project Started May 16, 2016
- 34 Sex Crimes Defendants with devices
- 13 Sex Crimes Victims with devices
  
- DV Project started July 6, 2016
- Expanded September 6, 2016
- 157 DV Defendants with devices
- 26 DV Victims with devices
  
- 230 Devices in Use
- 72 Total Arrests
- 17 Arrests in 2017



# GPS Program

Absconders that cut their GPS device off and fled.

**Active Warrants on both.**

## Wendolyn Lee 58

- Cut his device off and threw in a ditch in Mississippi in December
- Original Charge: Aggravated Statutory Rape



## Kelada Kackson 23

- Cut her device off same day she was released on bond in January
- Original Charge: Aggravated Assault DV



# Lester Prep Middle School Mr. McFerren's Service Learning Class

- This year, a group of sixth graders in Mr. McFerren's class chose to learn more about the backlog of untested rape kits in Shelby County. In order to bring awareness to the issue, these students raised money among their peers at school, which they, in turn, decided to donate to the Shelby County Rape Crisis Center.
- But they didn't stop there. The scholars requested a visit with Mayor Strickland about their project and their response by collecting donations.
- Mayor Strickland was moved to respond by paying a visit to the group on Monday, January 30, 2017 where he met Mr. McFerren's class in the library for a Question and Answer session





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TOGETHER WE CAN END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT

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

National No More Week:     March 5-11, 2017

Special effort underway to get Memphis Says No More posters and resource materials to middle and high school students. Volunteers have taken displays and materials to weekly youth rallies organized by the Memphis Office of Youth Services and to a teen domestic violence rally hosted by Shelby County Schools at Craigmont High.

Materials also were requested by First Baptist Church -Broad and the General Sessions Courts.

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