



# Sexual Assault Kit Task Force

Monthly Report

October 2016

# Status of Mayor Strickland's Executive Order

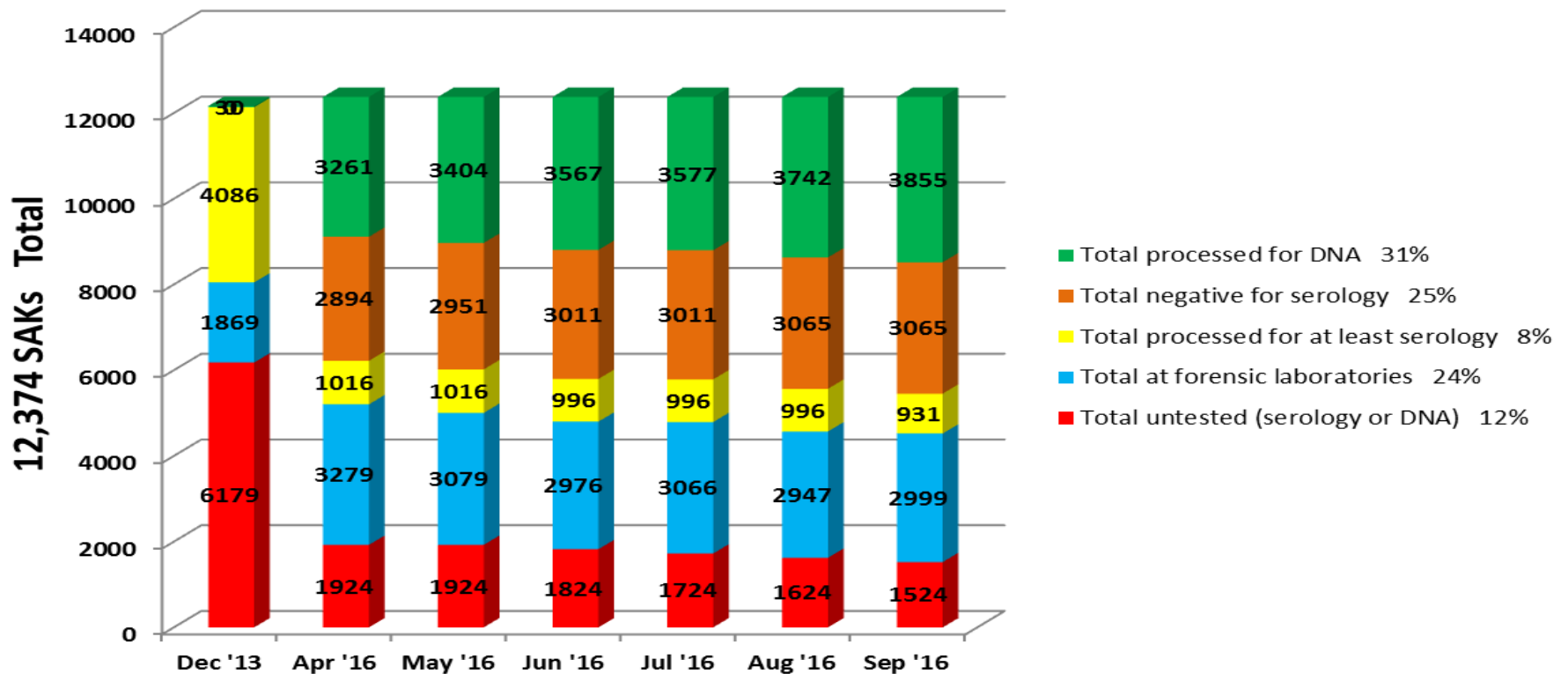
	Executive Order Action	Status
✓	Test every kit in our inventory that is need of additional forensic testing	<u>Progress:</u> Shipping and testing continues
✓	Investigate leads and examine all cases coming from testing of those kits	<u>Progress:</u> New investigations initiated every month. New indictments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



(56%) 6920 completed analysis  
 (24%) 2999 at laboratory awaiting analysis  
 (20%) 2455 need additional analysis

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# Investigation Results

**1209/1417** Investigations have been initiated:

**198/298** Investigations remain active: 21%

**1009/1119** Investigations are closed: 79%

**132/144** Individuals were identified that had been previously convicted of the crime: 13%

**188/200** Requests for indictments have been completed against persons or DNA profiles: 18%

- **127/133** named suspects (45 multi case suspects) 67% of indictments
- **61/67** John Does (2 suspects on one case) 33% of indictments
  - **24/27** John Does are now named (7 multi case suspects) 40% of John Does
  - 1 Named John Doe is deceased

**99/113** victims/suspects are deceased: 10%

- **21/24** suspects (does not include the deceased John Doe) 2%
- **78/89** victims: 8%

**143/151** victims declined to participate: 13%

**33/33** unable to locate victim: 3%

**242/269** cases past the statute of limitations: 24%

**44/48** prosecution declined: 4%

**52/77** insufficient/degraded DNA: 7%

**32/35** cases no crime occurred: 3%

**43/46** consensual partner: 4%

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# GPS Program 10/12/16

- Sex Crimes Project Started May 16, 2016
- 27 Sex Crimes Defendants with devices
- 14 Sex Crimes Victims with devices
  
- DV Project started July 6, 2016
- Expanded September 6, 2016
- 75 DV Defendants with devices
- 8 DV Victims with devices
  
- 5 Exclusion zone violations this week
  
- 4 Suspects arrested this week
  - Stephanie Sherrod; Exclusion Zone
  - Destiney Steward: dead battery
  - Willis Kneelan: Exclusion Zone
  - Kory Belqon: Exclusion Zone



**124 Total Devices in use**  
**23 Total Arrests**

# Cleveland.com news article

## 10/13/2016

- Memphis SAF TF mentioned by our collaboration partner Cuyahoga County (Cleveland), OH. Article reads in part:

Through a collaboration with other large cities also with large rape kit projects, they learned Memphis detectives were reviewing what they called non-DNA cases.

Cuyahoga County's task force, decided to do the same, in keeping with Prosecutor Tim McGinty's leave-no-stone-unturned philosophy.

- Full article can be found at: [http://www.cleveland.com/rape-kits/index.ssf/2016/10/palm\\_print\\_helps\\_solve\\_cleveland\\_rape\\_and\\_attempted\\_murder\\_case\\_from\\_2006\\_prosecutors\\_say.html](http://www.cleveland.com/rape-kits/index.ssf/2016/10/palm_print_helps_solve_cleveland_rape_and_attempted_murder_case_from_2006_prosecutors_say.html)

# **SAVE THE DATE**

## **The 2016 Detroit SAK Summit**

Hosted by: Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy

**September 25th—28th**

**Renaissance Center—Marriott**

**400 Renaissance Dr. W, Detroit, MI 48243**

**For communities addressing previously un-submitted sexual assault kits using a victim centered, trauma informed, and offender focused response.**





6TH ANNUAL



# WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES™

5:30 p.m.  
Thurs, Oct. 27, 2016

RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**W.C. HANDY PARK ON BEALE ST.**

The Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault and Gender Violence

Registration \$10; students \$5 — t-shirt and wristband included

Shoes provided — or bring your own  #MenInHerShoes

Information: [dclubb@memphiswomen.org](mailto:dclubb@memphiswomen.org)

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

- Oct. 20 – “Violence at Home. Victims at Work. Employers Confront Domestic Violence,” 8 a.m. to noon, Baptist Memphis Education and Conference Center, 6027 Walnut Grove Road
- Oct. 21 – Domestic Violence Rally, 5 p.m., Tiger Lane
- Oct. 27 - “Sixth annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes,” 5:30 p.m., Handy Park on Beale Street
- Oct. 29- Divine Faith Church Women's Symposium, Sat., members of the Task Force will participate in panel discussions on DV, sexual assault and resources available, and updating public on kit testing.

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