

PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU

2015 Sexual Assault Kit Audit



HISTORY

In 2014 our Sex Crimes Unit became aware of the nationwide focus on untested sexual assault kits. Like many police agencies, we thought we didn't have a problem because we always tested kits that needed (stranger rapes) to be tested.

By spring we decided we needed an audit.

And so the process began.....





PROCESS OVERVIEW

First, we ordered an Excel spreadsheet of all SA kits from the Property Evidence Division.

An intern researched cases that had been sent to the lab and the “Jane Doe” kits.

We worked with our Records Division to add a new report type and tracking codes.

Then cases were reviewed and classified.

PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU **SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EVIDENCE DISPOSITION**

CASE NUMBER	REFER CASE NUMBER	CLASSIFICATION SAFE ELIGIBLE FOR SUBMISSION 492
ORIGINAL REPORT DATE / TIME	THIS REPORT DATE / TIME	PRECINCT OF OCCURRENCE

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE SAME AS INCIDENT LOCATION

CODE VI	NAME (Last, First Middle)	CRN	SEX	RACE	DOB
HOME ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	HOME PHONE	
BUSINESS/SCHOOL ADDRESS		<input type="checkbox"/> WORK PHONE	<input type="checkbox"/> MSG. PHONE	MOBILE PHONE	

EMAIL ADDRESS

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2014 SEX CRIMES UNIT GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT KITS TO THE OREGON STATE POLICE CRIME LAB.

*THE SUSPECT IS UNKNOWN
THE SUSPECT IS KNOWN BUT THERE IS AN ALLEGATION OF VIOLENCE IN THE INITIAL REPORT
THE KNOWN SUSPECT HAS HISTORY OF VIOLENCE*

THE FOLLOWING DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE:

UNSUBMITTED

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> SUBMITTED DATE: <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> BEYOND STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ELIGIBLE FOR SUBMISSION | <input type="checkbox"/> DOES NOT MEET CURRENT GUIDELINES |
| PROPERTY RCPT# <input type="text"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> AJUDICATED |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> SUSPECT DECEASED |

NARRATIVE

COMPUTER ENTRY

Desk

DPSST

Person

DPSST

Entry / Vehicle

DPSST

Distribution

DPSST

REPORTING OFFICER(S)	DPSST	PREC / DIV	RLF / SHIFT	ASSN / DIST	SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE
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DETECTIVES

High case load: 30 or more cases open at any given time.

Overtime only project.

Only allowed to receive one spreadsheet page at a time.

Detective reviewed each case and made a determination on the status of the kit and completed a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Disposition report with the new tracking codes.

Once they had completed a report for each case number on their page, they returned the reports and spreadsheet page to the Program Coordinator.

Notes were made on the spreadsheet pages so additional information could be followed-up.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	M	N	O
523	9644752	578102		RAPE KIT <i>ADJUDICATED</i>	X	Unsubmitted				
524	9655126	578153		ONE RAPE KIT	X	Unsubmitted				
525	9652624	578351		RAPE KIT	X	Unsubmitted				
526	9653189	578354	6/9/1996	1) ONE RAPE KIT <i>ADJUDICATED</i>	X	Unsubmitted				
527	9668491	578355		ONE RAPE KIT	X	Unsubmitted				
528	9690374	578361	9/23/1996	1) 1 KIT	X	Unsubmitted				
529	9694340	578363		1) ONE RAPE KIT	X	Unsubmitted				
530	9782072	578508		1) SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT	X	Unsubmitted				
531	9785045	578512		1) SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT <i>ADJUDICATED</i>	X	Unsubmitted				
532	9820773	578516		1) SA KIT	X	Unsubmitted				
533	9691368	581068		ONE SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT	X	Unsubmitted				
534	9798145	582897		1) SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT	X	Unsubmitted				
535	9710433	583397		1) SA KIT <i>EX-CLF</i>	X	Unsubmitted				
536	9723206	586723		1) SA KIT	X	Unsubmitted				
537	0095108	586767	9/29/2000	2) SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT	X	Unsubmitted				
538	9737152	586788		1) SA KIT	X	Unsubmitted				
539	979563	587016		1) SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT	X	Unsubmitted				
540	9726695	587136		3) SA KIT <i>SUBMITTED</i>	X	Unsubmitted				

*SUBMITTED under wrong
case #
97-26698*



ADMIN STAFF

Overtime only project.

Only allowed to receive one spreadsheet page at a time.

Admin staff reviewed the cases that had been sent to the lab. They wrote a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence report with a tracking code (491) “SA kit submitted” and made sure all Oregon State Crime Lab reports were in the case file.

Once they had completed a report for each case number on their page, they returned the reports and spreadsheet page to the Program Coordinator.

Notes were made on the spreadsheet pages so additional information could be followed-up.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Double checked the first round of sheets that personnel completed, to insure quality control.

Followed up on notes made by Detective and Admin staff.

Added reports into Records Management System.

Compiled numbers for audit.



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SAFE KIT REVIEW

	TOTAL # OF SEX CRIMES CASES <small>excluding papers, exposures & obscene phone calls</small>	TOTAL # OF KITS	SUBMITTED	JANE DOE	OUTSIDE AGENCIES	ADULT RECORDS SEALED / EXPUNGED	TOTAL UNSUBMITTED
2014	830	312	129	67	15	0	101
2013	875	271	96	48	7	1	119
2012	914	263	58	45	7	0	153
2011	959	249	75	39	3	0	132
2010	971	265	69	40	6	1	149
2009	1057	289	102	27	10	0	150
2008	1074	226	73	25	10	1	117
2007	1024	227	89	13	3	0	122
2006	1060	196	63	0	1	0	132
2005	1064	226	91	0	5	0	130
2004	1101	221	84	0	1	1	135
2003	1234	195	109	0	3	0	83
2002	1311	180	102	0	3	0	75
2001	1262	146	86	0	2	1	57
2000	1415	134	90	0	1	0	43
1999	1433	106	77	0	1	1	27
1998	1506	113	66	0	0	2	45
1997	1499	72	18	0	1	0	53
1996	1608	69	22	0	3	0	44
1995	1782	19	3	0	1	0	15
1994	1046	7	1	0	1	1	4
1993	1046	7	1	0	1	0	5
1992	990	7	0	0	0	0	7
1991	935	3	0	0	0	0	3
1990	916	11	0	0	0	0	11
1989	858	7	0	0	0	0	7
1988	875	9	0	0	0	0	9
1987	835	3	0	0	0	0	3
1985	414	2	2	0	0	0	0
Totals	31894	3835	1506	304	85	9	1931

* Includes: Rape, Contributing to the Sexual Delinquency, Molest, Incest, Sodomy, Unspecified Sex Offense and Info Possible Sex Abuse

** Margin of error 1-2%

The logo for the Rose Project. The word "ROSE" is in a large, black, serif font. The letter "O" is replaced by a stylized rose with red and orange petals and a green stem. To the right of "ROSE" are the words "PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font, stacked vertically. Below "ROSE" is the word "PROJECT" in a large, red, serif font.

ROSE PROJECT

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We named this effort the Rose Project.

Our email address and phone number carry this name in hopes to provide some level of confidentiality for victims to contact us regarding the status of their SA kit.

The Sex Crimes web site has been updated with resources and kit testing information.

Victim Advocates meet with victims in person to let them know the status of their case and release any and all information/documents to victims whenever possible.

LESSONS LEARNED

It will take longer and cost more than you anticipate.

Do a physical hands-on accounting at the property room if you have the time and money.

Expect change! Although an audit should be a static number, there are things out of your control that you just won't know until the kits hit the lab. For example, property mislabeled by medical staff and officers.





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