

ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
SEXUAL ASSAULT KITS



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INTRODUCTION

Arizona Revised Statutes §13-1426 and 13-1427 establish the procedure, time limits, and reporting requirements for the submission and analysis of sexual assault kits (SAKs) in Arizona. ARS §13-1427.A requires law enforcement agencies to report to the Department of Public Safety the following:

1. The number of sexual assault kits that the agency received.
2. The number of sexual assault kits that were submitted to a public accredited crime laboratory for analysis.
3. The number of sexual assault kits that were not submitted to a public accredited crime laboratory for analysis.
4. The reason or reasons for not submitting evidence from each sexual assault kit to a public accredited crime laboratory for analysis.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

The Department of Public Safety surveyed Arizona law enforcement agencies regarding their SAKs received during FY2018. The survey requested the information necessary to meet the requirements of ARS §13-1427.A. The Department compiled their responses which are summarized in the “Survey Results” section below.

LABORATORIES

Arizona has seven public accredited crime laboratories that perform forensic DNA analysis:

- The DPS Northern Regional Crime Laboratory in Flagstaff
- The DPS Central Regional Crime Laboratory in Phoenix
- The DPS Southern Regional Crime Laboratory in Tucson
- The Phoenix Police Department Crime Laboratory
- The Tucson Police Department Crime Laboratory
- The Mesa Police Department Crime Laboratory
- The Scottsdale Police Department Crime Laboratory

The municipal laboratories provide forensic DNA analysis of SAKs to their respective agencies (and other agencies through intergovernmental agreement), and the DPS laboratories provide SAK analysis to all other Arizona agencies. All of the public accredited crime laboratories analyze every SAK submitted for analysis and do not decline analysis of any SAK.

SURVEY RESULTS

The Department surveyed 103 Arizona law enforcement agencies regarding the number of SAKs received by each agency in FY2018 as the result of a sexual assault investigation. The survey also collected information regarding the number of SAKs submitted to a laboratory for forensic DNA analysis and the reasons SAKs were not submitted to a laboratory. The responses from the individual agencies are included in Appendix A.

A total of 1,976 SAKs were received by these agencies in FY2018, and 1,716 (86.8%) of these kits were subsequently submitted to a laboratory for analysis. All of the forensic DNA laboratories in Arizona analyze every SAK that is submitted for analysis. Agencies also provided reasons for not submitting SAKs. Reasons for not submitting kits included the following:

- The allegations were determined to be unfounded through investigation.
- The victim elected to not move forward with the analysis of the SAK.
- Other
 - The agency was assisting another agency (the crime occurred in another jurisdiction).
 - The suspect confessed.
 - The prosecuting attorney declined prosecution.
 - The SAK was collected in the course of a death investigation.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

In FY2019, the Department will implement a system for tracking all SAKs beginning with the collection of the kit by a forensic nurse examiner, continuing through the transfer to the law enforcement agency and concluding with the laboratory forensic DNA analysis. This system will provide real-time tracking of the location of each SAK and provide the status of each kit to victims, prosecutors, and law enforcement. A pilot program for the tracking system will be conducted in the second quarter of FY2019 with participation from all agencies expected by the last quarter of FY2019.

APPENDIX A

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**AGENCY REPORT
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FISCAL YEAR 2018

SAKs Received – The number of Sexual Assault Kits received by an agency in FY2018
 SAKs Submitted – The number of SAKs received that were subsequently submitted to a forensic laboratory for DNA analysis
 SAKs Not Submitted – The number of SAKs received that were not submitted to a forensic laboratory for analysis

Reasons for SAKs Not Submitted – Reasons provided by the agency for SAKs that were not submitted for analysis. Reason options were:

- Unfounded – The allegations were unfounded as determined by the investigating agency
- VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) – The victim elected to not move forward with the analysis of the SAK as a provision of VAWA
- Other – Reasons other than Unfounded or VAWA

Law Enforcement Agency	SAKs Received	SAKs Submitted	SAKs Not Submitted	Reason for SAKs Not Submitted		
				Unfounded	VAWA	Other
Apache County Sheriff's Office	0					
Apache Junction PD	12	10	2	1	0	1
Arizona Department of Public Safety	2	2				
Arizona State University PD	5	4	1	1	0	0
Arizona Western College PD	0					
Avondale PD	23	23	0			
Benson PD	0					
Bisbee PD	0					
Buckeye PD	11	9	2	1	1	0
Bullhead City PD	4	2	2	2	0	0
Camp Verde Marshal's Office	2	2	0			
Casa Grande PD	14	13	1	0	0	1
Central Arizona College PD	0					
Chandler PD	42	31	11	5	0	6
Chino Valley PD	2	1	1	1	0	0

City of Havasu PD	10	6	4	2	0	2
City of Maricopa PD	6	2	4	1	0	3
Clarkdale PD	0					
Clifton PD	0					
Cochise County Sheriff's Office	12	3	9	2	1	6
Coconino County Sheriff's Office	6	4	2	1	0	1
Coolidge PD	3	3	0			
Cottonwood PD	1	1	0			
Douglas PD	2	1	1	1	0	0
Eagar PD	1	1	0			
El Mirage PD	14	5	9	2	0	7
Eloy PD	4	3	1	0	0	1
Flagstaff PD	50	12	38	10	5	23
Florence PD	5	0	5	3	0	2
Fredonia Marshal's Office	0					
Gila County Sheriff's Office	2	1	1	0	0	1
Gilbert PD	40	33	7	2	1	4
Glendale PD	114	112	2	1	1	0
Globe PD	1	1	0			
Goodyear Police Department	16	8	8	1	2	5
Graham County Sheriff's Office	6	6	0			
Grand Canyon University PD	0					
Greenlee County Sheriff's Office	0					
Hayden PD	0					
Holbrook PD	0					
Huachuca City PD	0					
Jerome PD	0					
Kearny PD	1	1	0			
Kingman PD	6	5	1	1	0	0
La Paz County Sheriff's Office	3	1	2	0	0	2
Mammoth PD	0					
Maricopa County Sheriff's Office	82	64	18	5	7	6
Mesa PD	144	141	3	0	0	3
Miami PD	0					
Mohave County Sheriff's Office	7	6	1	1	0	0
Navajo County Sheriff's Office	8	8	0			
Nogales PD	4	4	0			
Northern Arizona University PD	5	3	2	1	1	0
Oro Valley PD	0					
Page PD	2	2	0			
Paradise Valley PD	5	5	0			
Parker PD	0					
Patagonia Marshal's Office	0					
Payson PD	5	3	2	2	0	0
Peoria PD	58	58	0			

Phoenix PD	658	658	0			
Pima College PD	0					
Pima County Sheriff's Department	36	22	14	7	4	3
Pima PD	0					
Pinal County Sheriff's Office	23	8	15	4	3	8
Pinetop-Lakeside PD	1	0	1	0	0	1
Prescott PD	9	6	3	0	1	2
Prescott Valley PD	3	1	2	2	0	0
Quartzsite PD	0					
Safford PD	4	1	3	3	0	0
Sahuarita PD	5	2	3	0	1	2
Saint Johns PD	3	2	1	1	0	0
Salt River PD	10	10	0			
San Luis PD	3	0	3	2	0	1
Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office	3	0	3	0	2	1
Scottsdale PD	75	75	0	0	0	1
Sedona PD	2	1	1	1	0	0
Show Low PD	10	2	8	0	0	8
Sierra Vista Police	17	12	5	0	0	5
Snowflake-Taylor PD	2	0	2	1	1	0
Somerton PD	0					
South Tucson PD	6	4	2	1	0	1
Springerville PD	0					
Superior PD	2	1	1	0	0	1
Surprise PD	7	6	1	0	1	0
Tempe PD	102	93	9	1	7	1
Thatcher PD	1	1	0			
Tolleson PD	5	5	0			
Tombstone Marshal's Office	1	1	0			
Town of Marana PD	3	2	1	0	0	1
Tucson PD	201	174	27	2	13	12
University of Arizona PD	4	3	1	0	0	1
Wellton PD	0					
Wickenburg PD	2	1	1	0	0	1
Willcox PD	2	2	0			
Williams PD	2	2	0			
Winslow PD	4	4	0			
Yavapai Co College PD	1	0	1	0	1	0
Yavapai College PD	0					
Yavapai County Sheriff's Office	11	8	3	1	0	2
Yuma County Sheriff's Office	7	6	1	1	0	0
Yuma PD	16	7	9	1	2	6