

From: Melinda G. Craddock
Sent: Mon, 23 Jan 2023 16:53:32 +0000
To: Betsy Kim
Subject: RE: FOIA Request

Betsy,

This is the only data available and in this format. We are not required to create a public record pursuant to a Freedom of Information Act request.

Sincerely,

Mendi Craddock

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From: Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2023 7:10 PM
To: Melinda G. Craddock <melinda.g.craddock@wvsp.gov>
Subject: Re: FOIA Request

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Hi Mendi,

Thank you for your response to my request.

Would it be possible for you to send me an Excel sheet with all years that rape kit data was received, rather than just 2018-2022?

While the data you provided me with is extensive, it is incomplete because it only includes information for rape kits received, rather than total rape kits possessed by the lab. I'd like to know the total number of kits possessed/backlogged for each year, and data from prior years would help me determine that.

Thank you for your consideration,
Betsy



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From: Melinda G. Craddock <melinda.g.craddock@wvsp.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 7:23 AM

To: Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org>

Subject: FOIA Request

Ms. Kim,

In response to your Freedom of Information Act request for “rape kit backlog”, the West Virginia State Police does not keep a public record specific to your requests and we are not required to create a public record.

However, the West Virginia State Police has a spreadsheet of sexual assault data collected broken down by submitting agency, offense date, date the lab received the evidence, and date the lab completed and reviewed the evidence. I have attached the spreadsheet, which includes data from 2018 to present.

Pursuant to West Virginia Code § 29B-1-3 et seq., the responsibility of the custodian of any public records or public body to produce the requested records for documents is at an end.

Sincerely,

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