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Betsy Kim

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GovQA request: P018419-120922

Dear Betsy Kim:

The New Mexico Department of Public Safety (DPS) recently received your written inspection of Public Records request, pursuant to NMSA 14-2-1 et seq., regarding:

“Here is exactly what I’m looking for from the crime lab, as a follow-up on my records request P018419-120922 :

Please see responses in **Below**.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Rape kits unsubmitted by law enforcement to the crime lab by the end of the year	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Rape kits untested by the crime lab by the end of the year	0	41 (10 currently being processed)	95	7	30

In addition, Forensics states:

““SAKI” kits, which are sexual assault kits collected in 2016 or older, some going back decades, that had never been submitted before for DNA testing (I.e. “rape kit backlog”). These are not the numbers for current sexual assault kit investigations that fall under HB135 that requires sexual assault kits submitted to the NM-DPS lab to be tested within 180 days of submission. The NM-DPS forensic lab continues to meet that requirement of 180-day TAT for current kits for 100% of all cases.”

If we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact the Records Bureau at (505) 827-9296

Sincerely,

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