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Subject: Response from Rhode Island Department of Health about rape kits

Hi Betsy—I work with Joseph at the Rhode Island Department of Health and am helping out with your recent inquiry.

Your questions from Monday:

1. For the two kits that were still in the process of being tested by the end of 2022, how many had been in the lab for more than 30 days?
2. For 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021 -- how many kits remained **untested** by the lab by the end of each year? (Would be great if I could get the # of kits that had been in the lab for 30+ days, but an aggregate of all untested kits is also fine). This was in my original inquiry and I'm still seeking this information.
3. Beyond the 100 kits that were not eligible to be tested, were there any rape kits that should have been submitted by law enforcement to crime labs in 2022 that were not? If so, how many?
4. Do you have law enforcement unsubmitted kits numbers for years prior to 2022, and if so, what are they?

For the two kits that were still being processed as of December 31, 2022, the turnaround time (TAT) from the date of receipt of the kit to the date of the final report was 62 days for one kit and 71 days for the second kit. RIDOH's State Health Laboratories receives kits on a continuous and rolling basis. Giving a count of how many kits were not completed at any given point in time is not incredibly meaningful. We would expect that at any given point in time there would be kits that are "in process" and are not yet completed.

I also want to make sure we are both using the word untested to mean the same thing. When RIDOH uses the word untested, we mean that kit won't be tested because of our established exclusion criteria (no charges are being pursued). For RIDOH, the word untested does not mean that we have not processed, evaluated, and reported on the kit.

The Statewide Inventory that was conducted at the end of 2022 was a cumulative inventory of more than 20 years. That inventory showed that all kits that were eligible for testing were submitted to the lab for testing.

Because the 2022 inventory was cumulative, we do not have numbers broken down by calendar year.

Thanks.

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