

From: Driver, Sherrie
Sent: Tue, 11 Apr 2023 18:50:14 +0000
To: Betsy Kim
Cc: Garcia, Carlos
Subject: RE: [RECORDS REQUEST] Olive Branch Rape Kit Backlog

The suspect was arrested for sexual battery in this incident. If he does not take a plea the rape kit will be forwarded to the crime lab.

From: Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 1:35 PM
To: Driver, Sherrie <sdriver@obms.us>
Cc: Garcia, Carlos <CGarcia@obms.us>
Subject: Re: [RECORDS REQUEST] Olive Branch Rape Kit Backlog

Hi Sherrie,

Thank you for your response! Just to clarify: by "held", you mean held by law enforcement and not sent to the crime lab, correct? And was the suspect arrested on felony charges related to the sexual assault or something other than the assault?

Thank you once again,
Betsy



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From: Driver, Sherrie <sdriver@obms.us>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 11:25 AM
To: Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org>
Cc: Garcia, Carlos <CGarcia@obms.us>
Subject: RE: [RECORDS REQUEST] Olive Branch Rape Kit Backlog

The suspect was arrested on felony charges and has agreed to take a plea in court therefore the rape kit was retained as evidence. The District Attorney asked the kit be held for evidence. The kit will be held according to the state law on retention.

From: Garcia, Carlos <CGarcia@obms.us>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 1:18 PM

To: Driver, Sherrie <sdriver@obms.us>

Subject: Fwd: [RECORDS REQUEST] Olive Branch Rape Kit Backlog

See email below .

C.E.Garcia

Deputy Chief
10470 Hwy 178
Olive Branch MS 38654
Office: 662-892-9402
Fax: 662-892-9404

Begin forwarded message:

From: Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org>

Date: April 11, 2023 at 12:51:06 PM CDT

To: "Stout, Pamela" <pamela.stout@obms.us>

Cc: "Stewart, Tena" <tena.stewart@obms.us>, "Garcia, Carlos" <CGarcia@obms.us>

Subject: Re: [RECORDS REQUEST] Olive Branch Rape Kit Backlog

Thank you Pamela!

Deputy Garcia -- I'm pasting the clarifying question that I had about the rape kits in the City of Olive Branch's possession below. Would love to get a response from you ASAP!

I have a follow-up question about Report # 2021003881 in the pdf. How/why was it marked as having arrested in a "felony arrest" when it's also marked as not having been submitted to or tested by the lab? Was the rape kit actually tested by the lab?

Thank you for your consideration,
Betsy



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From: Stout, Pamela <pamela.stout@obms.us>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 10:46 AM
To: Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org>
Cc: Stewart, Tena <tena.stewart@obms.us>; Garcia, Carlos <CGarcia@obms.us>
Subject: RE: [RECORDS REQUEST] Olive Branch Rape Kit Backlog

Garcia, Carlos CGarcia@obms.us

Thank you,

Pamela Stout
Assistant City Clerk
City of Olive Branch
662-892-9242



From: Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 12:45 PM
To: Stout, Pamela <pamela.stout@obms.us>
Cc: Stewart, Tena <tena.stewart@obms.us>
Subject: Re: [RECORDS REQUEST] Olive Branch Rape Kit Backlog

Hi Pamela,

Thank you for letting me know. Do you happen to have an email address for Deputy Chief C.E. Garcia? I called the number you gave me and no one answered.

Sincerely,
Betsy



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From: Stout, Pamela <pamela.stout@obms.us>
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 2:25 PM
To: Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org>
Cc: Stewart, Tena <tena.stewart@obms.us>
Subject: RE: [RECORDS REQUEST] Olive Branch Rape Kit Backlog

Ms. Betsy,

Please contact the Police Department for any further questions. Note: Conetta Nelson is no longer with the City.

C.E.Garcia

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Thank you,

Pamela Stout
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From: Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org>
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 4:21 PM
To: Stout, Pamela <pamela.stout@obms.us>
Cc: Stewart, Tena <tena.stewart@obms.us>
Subject: Re: [RECORDS REQUEST] Olive Branch Rape Kit Backlog

Hi Pamela,

Thank you very much for these clarifications.

I have a follow-up question about Report # 2021003881 in the pdf. How/why was it marked as having arrested in a "felony arrest" when it's also marked as not having been submitted to or tested by the lab? Was it actually tested by the lab?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Betsy

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From: Stout, Pamela <pamela.stout@obms.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 1:50 PM
To: Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org>
Cc: Stewart, Tena <tena.stewart@obms.us>
Subject: FW: [RECORDS REQUEST] Olive Branch Rape Kit Backlog

Regarding your follow-up questions: please see the document attached above and the comments below.

Thank you,

Pamela Stout
Assistant City Clerk
City of Olive Branch
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From: Driver, Sherrie <sdriver@obms.us>

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 1:27 PM

To: Stewart, Tena <tena.stewart@obms.us>; Stout, Pamela <pamela.stout@obms.us>

Subject: FW: [RECORDS REQUEST] Olive Branch Rape Kit Backlog

1. Which crime lab does the City of Olive Branch send rape kits to? The Mississippi Forensics Laboratory?

State of Mississippi Crime Lab

2. What do the x's in the spreadsheet mean?

For the "sent crime lab results" column, does the "x" mean that the kit hasn't yet been sent to the crime lab or that it can't be/won't be?

For "crime lab completed" column, does the "x" mean the kit hasn't yet been tested or that it can't be/won't be?

The "X" means either no rape kit was completed or the case was unfounded and the kit was not send.

3. Would you happen to have offense date for each of these cases? What I have now gives me a sense of the crime lab turnaround time, but not how long it takes for city/law enforcement to send the rape kit to the crime lab.

Please see the new attached chart (the above chart for full chart)

Date	Report #	Offense Code	Offense Status	Summary
6/16/18	2018019451	Rape	Inactive	Rape Kit / Crime Lab
10/8/18	2018033023	SEXUAL BATTERY	Closed-Juv Arrest	Rape Kit / Crime Lab/ Completed
3/1/19	2019006662	SEXUAL BATTERY	Unfounded	Rape Kit / crime lab
3/18/19	2019008463	SEXUAL BATTERY	Closed	Rape Kit / no crime lab
6/12/19	2019018088	SEXUAL BATTERY	Victim Refused	Rape Kit / crime lab
3/8/20	2020007100	SEXUAL BATTERY	Victim Refused	rape kit / no crime lab
8/1/20	2020019517	SEXUAL BATTERY	Unfounded	rape kit / no crime lab
6/19/21	2021002762	RAPE	Victim Refused	Rape Kit / Crime Lab results
8/20/21	2021003881	RAPE-STAT 14	Cleared by Arrest	Rape kit / Crime Lab / suspect GJ
9/23/21	2021004365	SEXUAL BATTERY	Open/Pending	rape kit / no crime lab
3/21/22	2022001274	SEXUAL BATTERY	Grand Jury	Rape Kit / Crime Lab/ Completed
8/26/22	2022004022	Rape-Stat	Cleared by Arrest	Rape Kit / Crime Lab - Buccal Swa
9/30/22	2022004598	SEXUAL BATTERY	Open/Pending	Rape Kit / At Crime Lab

Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 12:58 PM

To: Driver, Sherrie <sdriver@obms.us>

Subject: Fwd: [RECORDS REQUEST] Olive Branch Rape Kit Backlog

C.E.Garcia

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Stout, Pamela" <pamela.stout@obms.us>

Date: March 16, 2023 at 12:33:12 PM CDT

Cc: "Stewart, Tena" <tena.stewart@obms.us>

Subject: FW: [RECORDS REQUEST] Olive Branch Rape Kit Backlog

Please see the follow-up questions below concerning a previous Public Records Request. This 2nd email was directed to Conetta but has not received a response as of yet.

The original request and response (chart) is attached above.

Thank you,

Pamela Stout
Assistant City Clerk
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From: Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 12:19 PM
To: Nelson, Conetta <conetta.nelson@obms.us>; Stewart, Tena <tena.stewart@obms.us>
Cc: Stout, Pamela <pamela.stout@obms.us>
Subject: Re: [RECORDS REQUEST] Olive Branch Rape Kit Backlog

Hi Conetta,

I hope this email finds you safe and well!

I'm wondering if you happen to have an update on the questions I sent you back in January! The time to my deadline is winding down pretty quickly, as Sexual Assault Awareness Month is approaching in April, so I would appreciate a response ASAP. Please let me know if you did send me a message that I missed.

Respectfully,
Betsy

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From: Nelson, Conetta <conetta.nelson@obms.us>
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 1:49 PM
To: Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org>; Stewart, Tena <tena.stewart@obms.us>
Cc: Stout, Pamela <pamela.stout@obms.us>
Subject: RE: [RECORDS REQUEST] Olive Branch Rape Kit Backlog

Received.

From: Betsy Kim [<mailto:betsyk@usafacts.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2023 3:48 PM
To: Stewart, Tena; Nelson, Conetta
Cc: Stout, Pamela
Subject: Re: [RECORDS REQUEST] Olive Branch Rape Kit Backlog

Hi Tena, Pamela, and Conetta,

Thank you for your response to my request!

@Conetta, I'm following up on our call today with a few clarifying questions about the data that was provided.

1. Which crime lab does the City of Olive Branch send rape kits to? The Mississippi Forensics Laboratory?
2. What do the x's in the spreadsheet mean? For the "sent crime lab results" column, does the "x" mean that the kit hasn't yet been sent to the crime lab or that it can't be/won't be? For "crime lab completed" column, does the "x" mean the kit hasn't yet been tested or that it can't be/won't be?
3. Would you happen to have offense date for each of these cases? What I have now gives me a sense of the crime lab turnaround time, but not how long it takes for city/law enforcement to send the rape kit to the crime lab.

Thank you for your consideration,
Betsy

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From: Stewart, Tena <tena.stewart@obms.us>
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2023 2:25 PM
To: Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org>
Cc: Stout, Pamela <pamela.stout@obms.us>; Nelson, Conetta <conetta.nelson@obms.us>
Subject: RE: [RECORDS REQUEST] Olive Branch Rape Kit Backlog

Good afternoon Ms. Kim,

Please find attached the record provided for your Public Records Request.
Your request is now complete.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Conetta Nelson at 662-892-9405.

Thank you,
Tena Stewart
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From: Stewart, Tena
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2023 4:00 PM
To: 'Betsy Kim' <betsyk@usafacts.org>
Cc: Stout, Pamela <pamela.stout@obms.us>
Subject: RE: [RECORDS REQUEST] Olive Branch Rape Kit Backlog

Ms. Kim,

I'm in receipt of your request and will be in touch.

Thank you,

Tena Stewart

City Clerk

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From: Betsy Kim [<mailto:betsyk@usafacts.org>]

Sent: Monday, January 9, 2023 3:47 PM

To: Stewart, Tena <tena.stewart@obms.us>

Cc: Stout, Pamela <pamela.stout@obms.us>

Subject: Re: [RECORDS REQUEST] Olive Branch Rape Kit Backlog

Hi Tena,

I apologize for the error! I've attached an updated public records request below, this time addressing Olive Branch.

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Betsy

Betsy Kim

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From: Stewart, Tena <tena.stewart@obms.us>

Sent: Monday, December 12, 2022 10:34 AM

To: Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org>

Cc: Stout, Pamela <pamela.stout@obms.us>

Subject: RE: [RECORDS REQUEST] Olive Branch Rape Kit Backlog

Ms. Kim,

I'm in receipt of your request. Your request is for Biloxi, MS.

Thank you,

Tena Stewart

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From: Betsy Kim [<mailto:betsyk@usafacts.org>]
Sent: Friday, December 9, 2022 6:33 PM
To: Stewart, Tena <tena.stewart@obms.us>
Subject: [RECORDS REQUEST] Olive Branch Rape Kit Backlog

Hello,

My name is Betsy Kim, and my records request is attached below. Please let me know if there's any other information I can provide.

Sincerely,
Betsy

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