

From: Hillary Koellner
Sent: Wed, 10 May 2023 08:33:02 -0600
To: Betsy Kim
Subject: Re: Rape kits data follow-up questions

Hi Betsy, I'm sorry I didn't get back to you on this, and I'm sorry to hear about your employment circumstances.

After I talked to Director Lightfoot over the crime lab, she mentioned we couldn't pull that data because we didn't have specific data for previous years.

So the thing closest to what you're looking for would be how you described the remaining kits. Again that doesn't mean all those kits were from that year, but after 2018, whatever was categorized as still with law enforcement because the victim didn't authorize for it to go to the lab, would have been the kits remaining.

On Tue, May 9, 2023 at 10:09 PM Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org> wrote:
Hi Hillary,

Do you happen to have an update on this? For full transparency I'm asking because I was laid off from my job last week. My last day is fast approaching, so my time to write and publish this rape kits investigation I've been working on for six months is extremely limited.

Is there any chance you could get me the data by this Friday? Please let me know.

Respectfully,
Betsy



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From: Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 11:11 AM
To: Hillary Koellner <hmkoeellner@utah.gov>
Subject: Re: Rape kits data follow-up questions

# of kits in the crime lab's possession that remained untested by the end of 2018	
# of kits in the crime lab's possession that remained untested by the	

end of 2019	
# of kits in the crime lab's possession that remained untested by the end of 2020	
# of kits in the crime lab's possession that remained untested by the end of 2021	
# of kits in the crime lab's possession that remained untested by the end of 2022	

Hi Hillary,

Copied and pasted above is a table detailing the five figures I'm looking for. For each figure, if any kits received in the last month of each year could be excluded, that would be great (ex: so for the 2018 number, excluding any rape kits received in June). However, if that's not possible an aggregate number of untested kits for each year is fine.

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Betsy



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From: Hillary Koellner <hmkoeellner@utah.gov>
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Subject: Re: Rape kits data follow-up questions

Also, as I'm reading your email, no attachments are in the email, as referred to in point #2.

The way GRAMA requests work is by providing the information of records the agency has. In that matter, Michele responded appropriately because she cannot create a record as part of a request, which would have been the numbers you were asking about for her to add or subtract. Let me see what clarification I can provide.

On Tue, Apr 25, 2023 at 8:59 AM Hillary Koellner <hmkoeellner@utah.gov> wrote:

Hi Betsy, thank you so much for following up! For some reason, your email with your questions didn't come through. I kept looking for it to come through, and nothing. I figured you didn't need the info anymore. I apologize! Let me get these forwarded over to our crime lab director right now to get the fastest response.

Thank you,

Hillary

On Mon, Apr 24, 2023 at 11:26 PM Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org> wrote:
Hi Hillary,

Any updates on my questions?

Thanks,
Betsy



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From: Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 11:30 AM
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Subject: Rape kits data follow-up questions

Hi Hillary,

It was great to speak with you on the phone earlier!

I was unable to find a confirmation code for my records request, but I've attached the file I received in the confirmation email back in December. (The form shows that I did check "journalism/reporting" as the reason for my request!)

Here are some details to get you up to speed:

1. My point of contact throughout this process has been Michele Marfori. Here's the info from her email signature:
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2. In response to my request, Michele sent me five Sexual Assault Kit Processing Annual reports from 2018-2022, which I've attached below. These documents include some but not all of the data that I asked for, so I sent Michele a follow-up email with the following questions:
 - a. With the exception of the report for 2018, the reports are still missing the number of sexual assault kits that remained untested by the state crime lab at the end of each financial year, which is the information that I am looking for. However, I'm wondering if this number could be calculated by subtracting the number of kits received from the number of kits tested, especially given that for the years of 2022, 2021, and 2020, the number of kits tested was larger than kits received for a given year.
 - i. ex) For the annual report for FY 2020, kits tested – kits received = $2,564 - 1,271 = 1,293$. **Would it then be safe to assume that 1,293 was the number of kits that remained untested at the end of FY 2019?** Please let me know if my methodology here is correct.
 - b. **For the report from every year you sent me, are restricted rape kits the only kinds of rape kits that are held by law enforcement agencies and not submitted to the Utah Bureau of Forensic Services Laboratory System?** Does this mean that the total number of rape kits unsubmitted to the crime lab by LEAs = the total number of restricted rape kits?
3. In response to my follow-up email, Michele said:
 - a. Ms. Kim,

I am unable to assist you in interpreting a record as I am only the person providing records in response to your GRAMA request.

Please refer to the Utah State Legislature website for more information on H.B.200 which should have information about "restricted kits".

Should you have additional questions, you may contact the Department of Public Safety Public Information Officer.

Thank you - Michele

Please let me know if there's anything I can do to clarify my questions or speed up the process of getting them answered! I appreciate your engagement.

Thank you for your consideration,
Betsy



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