

**From:** Betsy Kim  
**Sent:** Wed, 25 Jan 2023 23:59:39 +0000  
**To:** Jensen, LaDona R (ATG)  
**Subject:** Re: [BULK] [RECORDS REQUEST] Washington Rape Kit Backlog - PRR-2022-0972

Thank you La Dona, I appreciate it.

Sincerely,  
Betsy



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**From:** Jensen, LaDona R (ATG) <ladona.jensen@atg.wa.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 19, 2023 8:20 AM  
**To:** Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org>  
**Subject:** RE: [BULK] [RECORDS REQUEST] Washington Rape Kit Backlog - PRR-2022-0972

Ms. Kim –

My apologies for not responding sooner. I was awaiting information and your email got buried. What I have found out from our folks is that only 1 inventory was done. That inventory was conducted in 2018 for any rape kits submitted prior to 4/1/2017 (that was the cutoff date for 2018 inventory).

Therefore, we have not further information or data. I hope this information proves helpful. Thank you again for your patience.

La Dona Jensen  
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**From:** Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2023 12:27 PM  
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**Subject:** Re: [BULK] [RECORDS REQUEST] Washington Rape Kit Backlog - PRR-2022-0972

[EXTERNAL]

Hi La Dona,

Thank you for your response to my records request PRR-2022-0972!

I understand that the Washington State Patrol may have more detailed information on the rape kit backlog at the state crime lab, so I'll be reaching out to them for more information.

However, I'm wondering if you could provide me with more clarity when it comes to the rape kit backlog that exists at law enforcement agencies.

I understand that the Attorney General conducted an inventory of the law enforcement agency rape kit backlog in 2018. What records does the Attorney General possess in regards to the same data for following years: 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022?

Thank you for your consideration,  
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**From:** Jensen, LaDona R (ATG) <[ladona.jensen@atg.wa.gov](mailto:ladona.jensen@atg.wa.gov)>

**Sent:** Friday, December 16, 2022 8:12 AM

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**Subject:** RE: [BULK] [RECORDS REQUEST] Washington Rape Kit Backlog - PRR-2022-0972

Betsy Kim –

Thank you for your below public records request; it has been assigned the above file number and we ask that you please reference that number on any future correspondence regarding this request.

We have searched our records utilizing the information contained within your request. Unfortunately, we have been unable to locate any documents responsive to your request. If you have additional information to provide that would assist us in a new search, we would be happy to open a new request and perform a new search. However, you may find valuable information at the following web link: [Welcome to SAKI | SAKI \(wa.gov\)](https://www.wa.gov/saki) In addition, you may need to reach out to the Washington State Patrol (WSP) and or local law enforcement offices that may have submitted kits to be tested. All Washington State agencies and local government have a public records office. You will find contact information for the WSP at the following: [WASHINGTON](https://www.wa.gov/wsp)

[STATE PATROL PUBLIC RECORDS CENTER \(govqa.us\)](https://govqa.us) The following link will take you to a list of all law enforcement agencies in Washington State: [List of law enforcement agencies in Washington - Wikipedia](#)

I do hope this information proves helpful. Please contact me at the below email address or at Office of the Attorney General, Public Records & Constituent Services, P.O. Box 40100, Olympia, WA 98504-0100, if you have any questions. We will now consider this request closed. Thank you.

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**From:** Betsy Kim <[betsyk@usafacts.org](mailto:betsyk@usafacts.org)>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 9, 2022 5:14 PM  
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**Subject:** [BULK] [RECORDS REQUEST] Washington Rape Kit Backlog

[EXTERNAL]

Dec 9, 2022

To whom it may concern:

Under the Washington Public Records Act, I'd like to request the following records:

- **(a)** The Washington rape kit backlog in 2022, broken down by:
  - (1) rape kits that were not tested within 30 days of being submitted to the Washington State Crime Lab, the Washington State Patrol Crime Lab, and any other crime or forensic lab in the state of Washington that tests rape kits.
  - (2) rape kits that were not submitted to aforementioned crime labs and held by entities that collect rape kits, including, but not limited to, police stations and hospitals.
- **(b)** The month/date that the 2022 rape kit backlog numbers from (a) were collected.
- **(c)** Whether the numbers from (a) are reflective of the rape kit backlog for the entire state. If not, please list the municipalities, police stations, or crime labs that have been excluded from the counts provided in (a).

Please prioritize (a), (b), and (c) in your response. In addition, I would like:

- **(d)** The information from (a), (b), and (c) for 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021.
- **(e)** Of the rape kits that were tested in 2022, the count tested within 30 days of being submitted to a lab.

Please include me on any external or internal correspondence related to this request.

Let me know if clarifying my request might speed the release of these records or reduce any programming or staff time.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

I seek this information in the public interest as a journalist, and not for a commercial purpose.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$100.

The Washington Public Records Act requires a response to this request be made within 5 days. If access to the records I am requesting will take longer than this amount of time, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

Please provide me with the information in a continuous manner. I am more than happy to get partial responses to this request until it's completed in full.

Thank you again for your time. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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