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Subject: [RECORDS REQUEST] Vermont Rape Kit Backlog

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To whom it may concern:

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

- **(a)** The Vermont rape kit backlog in 2022, broken down by:
 - (1) rape kits that were not tested within 30 days of being submitted to the Vermont Forensic Laboratory, in addition to any other accredited forensic or crime lab in the state of Vermont that tests rape kits.
 - (2) rape kits that were not submitted to the 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 Vermont Public Records Act requires a response to this request be made within 3 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.

Sincerely,

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