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Subject: Georgia Rape Kit Backlog
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Betsy,

I have the following information already collected and available. The rest of the information would require a special query to be written. There are kit reports containing some data available online at [DOFS Sexual Assault Kits Report | Georgia Bureau of Investigation Division of Forensic Sciences](#)

(a1) The number of kits pending analysis as of December 31, 2022 was **597** . Of those, **420** were considered backlogged (in the lab over 30 days).

(a2) We do not have information on what is not submitted to the crime lab.

(b) The backlog number above is from December 31, 2022

(c) The numbers pertain to the entire state.

(d) The number of kits pending analysis as of December 31, 2021 was **745** . Of those, **544** were considered backlogged (in the lab over 30 days).

The number of kits pending analysis as of December 31, 2020 was **1618**. Of those, **1533** were considered backlogged (in the lab over 30 days).

The above stats were not kept in 2018 and 2019.

(e) We would have to write a special query to determine how many of the kits submitted during the calendar year of 2022 were then worked within 30 days of submission. This data is not currently available.

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From: Betsy Kim <betsyk@usafacts.org>
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Subject: [RECORDS REQUEST] Georgia Rape Kit Backlog

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Dec 9, 2022

Your full name: Elizabeth "Betsy " Kim.
Your mailing address: PO Box 1558, Bellevue, WA, 98009
Your contact telephone number (and fax number if available): 781-835-6464
The names of the subjects or victims of the investigation or report: N/A

The Georgia county or city where the incident occurred: State of Georgia

The date of the investigation or incident associated with your request: records from 2018-2022

To whom it may concern:

Under the Georgia Open Records Act, I'd like to request the following records:

- **(a)** The Georgia rape kit backlog in 2022, broken down by:
 - (1) rape kits that were not tested within 30 days of being submitted to the GBI Crime Laboratory, in addition to any other accredited forensic or crime lab in the state of Georgia 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 Georgia Open 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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