Dear Ms. Kim:

You requested the following information in your open records request:

 \* \*(a)\* The North Dakota rape kit backlog in 2022, broken down by:   
  
 \* (1) rape kits that were not tested within 30 days of being submitted to the North Dakota state crime lab, in addition to any other accredited forensic or crime lab in the state of North Dakota that tests rape kits.

Response: See chart below.  
 \* (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.   
Response: The Crime Laboratory Division does not have access to the number of rape kits not submitted to the laboratory and held by other entities.  
  
 \* \*(b)\* The month/date that the 2022 rape kit backlog numbers from (a) were collected.

Response: December 28, 2022.  
 \* \*(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).

Response: The North Dakota Office of Attorney General Crime Laboratory Division is the only crime laboratory in the state of North Dakota and therefore the only crime laboratory in the state conducting testing on sexual assault kits. The Crime Laboratory Division does not have access to the number of rape kits not submitted to the laboratory and held by other entities within the state.  
  
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.

Response: See chart below.  
 \* \*(e)\* Of the rape kits that were tested in 2022, the count tested within 30 days of being submitted to a lab.

Response: See chart below.

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|  | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** |
| **Rape kits not tested within 30 days of lab submission** | 33 | 3 | 22 | 222 | 169 |
| **Total rape kits submitted to the crime lab** | 234 | 234 | 256 | 469 | 245 |