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Media Advisory

WPD Commits to Testing 100% of Sexual Assault Kits

The Wichita Police Department (WPD) has been working in collaboration with the Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office and the Sedgwick County Regional Forensic Science Center regarding the testing of Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits (SAECK). Through these collaborative efforts, the WPD recognized the importance of and are committed to 100% testing of all SAECK.

To achieve this goal, the WPD has implemented operational plans to achieve 100% testing of all SAECK. In 2017, the department worked in partnership with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), participating in the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) project. As part of this project, the WPD sent approximately 1,069 untested kits to the KBI in early 2017. Those kits are still in the process of being tested by KBI labs, and the results are in varying stages of completion. The WPD and the District Attorney's Office are reviewing the test results on an ongoing basis.

Additionally, an agreement has been reached with the KBI to deliver the backlog of approximately 600 kits accumulated since 2015. The entire backlog is expected to be delivered for testing before the end of 2018. Moving forward, all SAECKs will be delivered to a laboratory for testing on a continuing basis.

The WPD will continue to work diligently every day with our law enforcement partners to investigate sexual assault cases to the fullest and bring justice to those responsible.

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