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RE: State Crime Laboratory STIMS Report for FY 2024-2025

Dear Chairs:

Pursuant to G.S. § 114-65(f), please find the attached report from the North Carolina Department of Justice for the State Crime Laboratory's FY 2024-2025 Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit Tracking and Inventory Management System (STIMS).

Please let our team know if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Eric Wilson
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Enclosure

cc: NCGA Fiscal Research Division



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Re: State Crime Lab STIMS Report

Dear Members:

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 114-65 (f), please find the attached report from the North Carolina Department of Justice (DOJ) on the State Crime Laboratory's FY 24-25 Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit Tracking and Inventory Management System (STIMS).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information. We would be happy to respond to any questions you may have regarding this report.

Sincerely,

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Creation of the NC Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit Tracking and Inventory Management System (STIMS):

The timely testing of sexual assault evidence collection kits (SAECKs or kits) is vital to solving cases, punishing offenders, bringing justice to survivors, and preventing future crimes.

In 2017, the General Assembly passed SL 2017-57, which required all law enforcement agencies to report to the State Crime Laboratory the number of untested kits in their possession. The 2017 Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit Law Enforcement Inventory Report, released March 1, 2018, concluded that 15,160 untested kits were in local law enforcement custody and made recommendations on how to handle these untested kits as well as all future kits.

One of the report's recommendations was to establish a statewide tracking system. As a result, the General Assembly passed SL 2018-70 (now NCGS § 114-65), which created the Statewide Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit Tracking and Inventory Management System (STIMS) which went live on October 1, 2018. With this tracking system, all new kits are trackable throughout the testing process. Previously untested kits have been barcoded and uploaded into the tracking system as well.

The certified inventory in all agencies across the State of North Carolina totals 16,311 previously untested SAECKs, which includes 1,434 Anonymous or Unreported Kits that are housed at the Department of Public Safety Law Enforcement Support Services for storage and will not be tested at this time per the Survivor Act. This inventory was accomplished by temporary employees who served in the capacity of inventory technicians and were hired using grant funding from USDOJ's Bureau of Justice Assistance. They travelled to each law enforcement agency housing kits to explain STIMS, how to upload the kits they have in their possession into the system, and how to submit the case information to the State Crime Laboratory for review and approval for outsourcing.

STIMS Capability and Use:

STIMS is a web-based application. No specialized software is needed by a user of the system. The system can be used on any computer or mobile device with Internet access.

The information maintained in STIMS is confidential and not a public record. It is also not intended to be a chain of custody. All medical facilities, law enforcement agencies, forensic labs, or others having custody or use of any sexual assault kit shall participate and comply with STIMS. This means they will enter data in the tracking system every time they take action with a kit (i.e., use it for an exam; transfer to law enforcement; receive it into evidence, transfer it to the crime lab; and test the kit).

A District Attorney's user group was added so that District Attorneys and their staff have visibility of all sexual assault kits within their jurisdiction, both newly submitted and previously untested, and can view them by county or agency of origin. They can monitor the flow of kits through the legislatively mandated workflow as set out in the Survivor Act. This increases the transparency and accountability of the system.

The STIMS system is accessible to survivors, law enforcement, District Attorneys, medical facilities and forensic laboratories at the following website:

<https://www.sexualassaultkittracking.ncdoj.gov/SexualAssaultKitTracking/>

Screenshot of STIMS Web Portal:

Sexual Assault Kit Tracking

serial number

Login

Web Portal

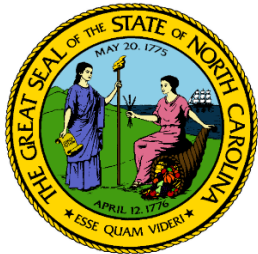
North Carolina Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit Tracking and Information Management System (STIMS)



This website enables tracking of sexual assault evidence collection kits in the State of North Carolina in compliance with [N.C. Gen. Stat. § 114-65](#), which was enacted into law through Session Law 2018-70 (HB 945).

"Sexual assault evidence collection kit" means a set of materials, such as swabs and tools for collecting blood samples, used to gather forensic evidence from a victim of reported sexual assault and the evidence obtained with such materials.

[Resources for Survivors and System Users](#)



Instructions

Victims of sexual assault can view the history and current status of their sexual assault evidence collection kit by entering the sexual assault evidence kit tracking # in the "serial number" box above and clicking the adjacent search button with the magnifying glass icon (Q)

Authorized medical providers, law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and lab personnel should select "Login" and enter their unique Username and Password to manage the status of sexual assault evidence kits under the jurisdiction of their agency.

A survivor's kit serial number is provided to them at a medical facility, which can then be tracked as shown in the example below at www.sexualassaultkittracking.ncdoj.gov.

Example Kit Tracked through STIMS:

Sexual Assault Kit Tracking

L000282

Login

Sexual Assault Kit #L000282

Status: **Analyzed by lab**

Created
10/15/2018
Sirchie

Sent
11/20/18

Received
11/29/2018
Cone Health

Sent
01/15/19

Received
01/16/2019
Greensboro Police Department

Sent
02/21/19

Received
02/21/2019
NC State Crime Laboratory

Sent
07/11/19

Received
07/11/2019
Greensboro Police Department

Created 10/15/2018
Sirchie created the kit.
Sent 11/20/2018
Sirchie sent the kit to Cone Health.
Received 11/29/2018
Cone Health received the kit from Sirchie.
Sent 01/15/2019
Cone Health sent the kit to Greensboro Police Department.
Received 01/16/2019
Greensboro Police Department received the kit from Cone Health.
Sent 02/21/2019
Greensboro Police Department sent the kit to NC State Crime Laboratory.
Received 02/21/2019
NC State Crime Laboratory received the kit from Greensboro Police Department.
Sent 07/11/2019
NC State Crime Laboratory sent the kit to Greensboro Police Department.
Received 07/11/2019
Greensboro Police Department received the kit from NC State Crime Laboratory.

Number of SAECKS in STIMS:

N.C.G.S § 114-65 requires the State Crime Lab to report on an annual basis the following information:

- (1) The number of tracking-enabled kits shipped to medical facilities or medical providers.
- (2) The number of tracking-enabled kits used by medical facilities or medical providers to conduct forensic medical examinations of sexual assault or attempted sexual assault victims.
- (3) Of the tracking-enabled kits used by medical facilities or medical providers to conduct forensic medical examinations, the number of kits for which a sexual assault has been reported to law enforcement sorted by law enforcement agency.
- (4) Of the tracking-enabled kits generated for reported cases, the number of kits submitted to a laboratory for forensic testing.
- (5) Of the tracking-enabled kits submitted for forensic testing, the number of kits for which forensic testing has been completed.
- (6) The number of tracking-enabled kits for which a sexual assault has not been reported, including the total submitted to local law enforcement and the total submitted to Department of Public Safety Law Enforcement Support Services.
- (7) Information regarding efforts to track and test previously untested kits described in subsection (e) of this section. (2018-70, s. 1.)

During FY 24-25, the below requested information was captured via the North Carolina State Crime Laboratory Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit Inventory and Tracking System (STIMS):

	NC State Crime Laboratory STIMS Data	FY 24-25
1	The number of tracking-enabled kits shipped to medical facilities or medical providers.	2,629
2	The number of tracking-enabled kits used by medical facilities or medical providers to conduct forensic medical examinations of sexual assault or attempted sexual assault victims.	2,389
3	Of the tracking-enabled kits used by medical facilities or medical providers to conduct forensic medical examinations, the number of kits for which a sexual assault has been reported to law enforcement, sorted by law enforcement agency.	2,030
4	Of the tracking-enabled kits generated for reported cases, the number of kits submitted to a laboratory for forensic testing. ¹	2,021
5	Of the tracking-enabled kits submitted for forensic testing, the number of kits for which forensic testing has been completed.	1,694
6	The number of tracking-enabled kits for which a sexual assault has not been reported, including the total submitted to local law enforcement and the total submitted to Department of Public Safety Law Enforcement Support Services.	354
7	Information regarding efforts to track and test previously untested kits described in subsection (e) of this section.	90

As requested in N.C.G.S § 114-65 (3), the kits reported to law enforcement are sorted by law enforcement agency below. **(Attachment 1)**

As requested in N.C.G.S § 114-65 (7), 90 untested kits have been inventoried and entered into STIMS in FY 2024-2025. 16,311 untested kits have been inventoried to date.

¹ The number of kits submitted to the lab in 4 above may be higher due to fiscal year crossover.

Attachment 1

FY 24-25 tracking-enabled kits used by medical facilities for which a sexual assault has been reported to law enforcement – sorted by agency:

AGENCY	NUMBER OF KITS
Out of State/Military	41
Aberdeen Police Department	1
Ahoskie Police Department	1
Alamance County Sheriff's Office	12
Albemarle Police Department	5
Alexander County Sheriff's Office	4
Anson County Sheriff's Office	3
Apex Police Department	5
Appalachian State University Police	4
Archdale Police Department	3
Ashe County Sheriff's Office	2
Asheboro Police Department	6
Asheville Police Department	24
Avery County Sheriff's Office	1
Banner Elk Police Department	1
Beaufort County Sheriff's Office	2
Beaufort Police Department	2
Belmont Police Department	2
Bertie County Sheriff's Office	3
Bladen County Sheriff's Office	2
Blowing Rock Police Department	1
Boone Police Department	5
Brevard Police Department	1
Brunswick County Sheriff's Office	24
Buncombe County Sheriff's Department	22
Burgaw Police Department	1
Burke County Sheriff's Office	4
Burlington Police Department	22
Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office	12
Caldwell County Sheriff's Office	9
Canton Police Department	1
Carolina Beach Police Department	2
Carrboro Police Department	4
Carteret County Sheriff's Office	4

AGENCY	NUMBER OF KITS
Cary Police Department	15
Caswell County Sheriff's Office	3
Catawba County Sheriff's Office	10
Chapel Hill Police Department	10
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department	262
Chatham County Sheriff's Office	6
Cherokee County Sheriff's Office	7
Cherokee Police Department	4
Cherryville Police Department	3
Chowan County Sheriff's Office	1
Clay County Sheriff's Office	2
Clayton Police Department	4
Cleveland County Sheriff's Office	6
Clinton Police Department	3
Columbus County Sheriff's Office	3
Concord Police Department	25
Cornelius Police Department	3
Craven County Sheriff's Office	5
Cumberland County Sheriff's Department	19
Currituck County Sheriff's Office	5
Dallas Police Department	1
Dare County Sheriff's Office	3
Davidson County Sheriff's Office	17
Davidson Police Department	1
Davie County Sheriff's Office	14
Dobson Police Department	1
Drexel Police Department	1
Duke University Police Department	10
Dunn Police Department	3
Duplin County Sheriff's Office	2
Durham County Sheriff's Office	4
Durham Police Department	72
East Carolina University Police Department	4
Eden Police Department	2
Edgecombe County Sheriff's Office	3
Elizabeth City Police Department	1
Elkin Police Department	1
Elon Police Department	1
Erwin Police Department	1
Fayetteville Police Department	67
Federal Bureau of Prisons	1
Forest City Police Department	2
Forsyth County Sheriff's Office	12

AGENCY	NUMBER OF KITS
Franklin County Sheriff's Office	10
Fuquay-Varina Police Department	4
Garner Police Department	4
Gaston County Police Department	27
Gaston Police Department	2
Gastonia Police Department	32
Gates County Sheriff's Office	1
Gibsonville Police Department	1
Glen Alpine Police Department	1
Goldsboro Police Department	9
Graham Police Department	4
Granville County Sheriff's Office	5
Greene County Sheriff's Office	4
Greensboro Police Department	65
Greenville Police Department	34
Guilford County Sheriff's Office	9
Halifax County Sheriff's Office	1
Hamlet Police Department	3
Harnett County Sheriff's Department	14
Havelock Police Department	4
Haw River Police Department	1
Haywood County Sheriff's Office	4
Henderson County Sheriff's Office	4
Henderson Police Department	3
Hendersonville Police Department	1
Hertford County Sheriff's Office	1
Hickory Police Department	12
High Point Police Department	21
High Point University Police Department	1
Hillsborough Police Department	1
Hoke County Sheriff's Office	9
Holly Springs Police Department	3
Hope Mills Police Department	1
Huntersville Police Department	12
Iredell County Sheriff's Office	5
Jackson County Sheriff's Office	5
Jacksonville Police Department	16
Jefferson Police Department	1
Johnston County Sheriff's Office	23
Kannapolis Police Department	9
Kenly Police Department	2
Kernersville Police Department	4

AGENCY	NUMBER OF KITS
Kill Devil Hills Police Department	3
Kings Mountain Police Department	3
Kinston Police Department	6
Knightdale Police Department	4
L.E.S.S.	6
Laurinburg Police Department	8
Lee County Sheriff's Office	4
Leland Police Department	4
Lenoir County Sheriff's Office	2
Lenoir Police Department	4
Lexington Police Department	6
Liberty Police Department	1
Lillington Police Department	1
Lincoln County Sheriff's Office	15
Lincolnton Police Department	7
Littleton Police Department	1
Longview Police Department	2
Louisburg Police Department	1
Lowell Police Department	1
Lumberton Police Department	6
Macon County Sheriff's Office	1
Madison County Sheriff's Office	2
Martin County Sheriff's Office	2
Matthews Police Department	6
Mayodan Police Department	1
McDowell County Sheriff's Office	5
Mebane Police Department	2
Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office	2
Monroe Police Department	17
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office	4
Montreat Police Department	1
Moore County Sheriff's Office	11
Mooresville Police Department	9
Morehead City Police Department	1
Morganton Department of Public Safety	2
Morrisville Police Department	1
Mount Airy Police Department	3
Mount Gilead Police Department	1
Mount Holly Police Department	2
N.C. A & T University Police Department	2
N.C. Central University	1
N.C. State University Police	1

AGENCY	NUMBER OF KITS
Nags Head Police Department	1
Nash County Sheriff's Office	4
NC State Bureau of Investigation	4
New Bern Police Department	12
New Hanover County Sheriff's Office	16
New Hanover Regional Special Police	1
Newport Police Department	2
Newton Police Department	4
North Wilkesboro Police Department	3
Northampton County Sheriff's Office	4
Onslow County Sheriff's Office	13
Orange County Sheriff's Office	2
Pamlico County Sheriff's Office	1
Pasquotank County Sheriff's Office	2
Pembroke Police Department	1
Pender County Sheriff's Office	6
Perquimans County Sheriff's Office	1
Person County Sheriff's Office	2
Pine Level Police Department	1
Pinebluff Police Department	1
Pinehurst Police Department	2
Pineville Police Department	3
Pitt County Sheriff's Office	8
Pittsboro Police Department	1
Plymouth Police Department	1
Polkton Police Department	2
Raleigh Police Department	120
Randolph County Sheriff's Office	10
Red Springs Police Department	2
Reidsville Police Department	6
Richmond County Sheriff's Office	8
Roanoke Rapids Police Department	2
Robbins Police Department	1
Robersonville Police Department	1
Robeson County Sheriff's Office	26
Rockingham County Sheriff's Office	4
Rockingham Police Department	3
Rockwell Police Department	1
Rocky Mount Police Department	15
Rowan County Sheriff's Office	5
Roxboro Police Department	1
Rutherford County Sheriff's Office	5

AGENCY	NUMBER OF KITS
Salisbury Police Department	13
Sampson County Sheriff's Office	9
Sanford Police Department	5
Scotland County Sheriff's Office	6
Selma Police Department	1
Shelby Police Department	7
Siler City Police Department	3
Smithfield Police Department	3
Southern Pines Police Department	2
Southern Shores Police Department	1
Southport Police Department	1
Spring Lake Police Department	3
Spruce Pine Police Department	1
Stallings Police Department	1
Stanley Police Department	4
Stanly County Sheriff's Office	3
State Capitol Police	1
Statesville Police Department	13
Stokes County Sheriff's Office	1
Stoneville Police Department	1
Surf City Police Department	1
Surry County Sheriff's Office	9
Swain County Sheriff's Office	2
Sylva Police Department	2
Tabor City Police Department	1
Taylorsville Police Department	1
Thomasville Police Department	3
Transylvania County Sheriff's Office	1
Troutman Police Department	1
Troy Police Department	1
Tryon Police Department	1
UNC Charlotte Police & Public Safety	2
UNC Greensboro Police Department	2
UNC Hospitals Police	2
UNC Police Department at Chapel Hill	1
UNC Wilmington Police Department	1
Union County Sheriff's Office	10
Valdese Police Department	1
Vance County Sheriff's Office	3
Vidant Medical Center Company Police	8
Wake County Sheriff's Office	16
Wake Forest Police Department	4

AGENCY	NUMBER OF KITS
Warren County Sheriff's Office	1
Washington County Sheriff's Office	1
Washington Police Department	1
Watauga County Sheriff's Office	2
Waxhaw Police Department	3
Wayne County Sheriff's Office	10
Waynesville Police Department	2
Wendell Police Department	1
Western Carolina University	2
Wilkes County Sheriff's Office	9
Wilmington Police Department	36
Wilson County Sheriff's Office	3
Wilson Police Department	19
Winston-Salem Police Department	83
Winterville Police Department	1
Wrightsville Beach Police Department	1
Yadkin County Sheriff's Office	1
Yancey County Sheriff's Department	1
Zebulon Police Department	2