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Hi Orin,

Dean just passed along to me the attached file you compiled titled "SA Kits Submitted 2014 (Victim & Suspect)," to which I have a few questions.

Is this data outlining SA kits that have been sent from local law enforcement agencies to the crime lab?

Yes, for calendar year 2014

The data includes 19 agencies that submitted SA kits- what about the remaining 131 local law enforcement agencies?

I have no sexual assault cases submitted in calendar year 2014 other than those listed---If an agency is not listed, then it did not submit a sexual assault case to the lab for analysis. It may be the case that some agencies utilize DPS to investigate sexual assaults, and as such, the submission would be recorded as a DPS case.

558 kits were distributed from the crime lab (I'm assuming), where are the remaining 163 kits?

"Kits" are an inventory item in the field. Many agencies order one years worth of kits at a time. As an example, Juneau PD ordered 40 kits, yet only 3 were submitted during 2014. A check with Juneau PD today yielded that they still have an inventory of unused kits, although we did not get an exact number. It is also likely there are kits that have been collected, but not submitted to the lab, either because analysis was not required, or , that may need to be submitted.

The kits were actually distributed by DPS supply. The laboratory as of February 2015 distributes the kits. Again, they are a general supply item. It is important that kits be available statewide when an individual presents for an exam. From past experience I estimate there are 500 to 700 kits as a general supply item (unused, ready to be used) in various agencies around the State.

Why were these kits distributed to these particular agencies? Were they requested specifically?

Kits are distributed to an agency upon request from that agency. Requests are received by email. The lab does look at submission of kits from a requesting agency and inquiry if there is a discrepancy, but ultimately, if an agency states they are need of a kit, we supply kits--again, we can not have a situation where a collection kit is unavailable when needed. Again, as an example, Juneau PD called today to order kits. When the lab inquired as to why since 40 had been ordered, but only 3 submitted, the lab discovered that Juneau PD thought they needed to replace their kits since a "new" kit had been released. This misinformation was corrected and no additional kits were distributed.

How can there be 171 cases yet 211 kits?

Now we get to the core of our communication problem--The lab works with cases--an event occurs, and law enforcement investigates and submits a "case" for analysis. A case will contain evidence for analysis. A "Kit" is utilized for victims and suspects, in addition to other evidence that may be collected for analysis. In the case of a multiple victim/multiple suspect assault, we receive a kit collected from each individual--Two victims, two kits. One victim, one suspect, 2 Kits. At times, all that is collected from a suspect is a penile swab--this is not counted as a kit.

How many rapes were reported for 2014?

The crime lab does not know this number. This data is captured by UCR code--Dean may know who can access that data.

How many untested rape kits are there at the crime lab- 25 or 36?

There are 25 cases that consist of 36 kits. Please remember that the 36 kits will be victim and suspect kits.

As to the next question this generates---how many victim kits--I do not know. When evidence is received, the description of the evidence (given by the submitting officer) will vary from Kit, Kit from XXX. There is no standard format, and a unique data field is provided for the lab to data mine this.

Thank you for your time,  
Ray

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