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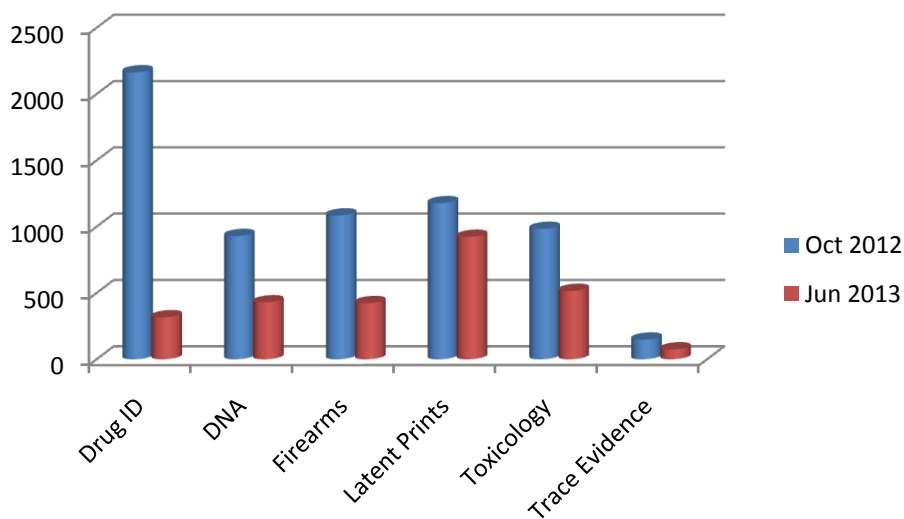
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GBI Crime Lab Backlog Reduced by Fifty-five Percent

Decatur, GA - In just eight months the backlog at the GBI Crime Lab of reports incomplete after 30 days has been reduced by more than 55%. At the end of June 2013 only 3041 reports were older than 30 days compared to 6931 at the end of October 2012. This progress is the culmination of several years of planning and hard work on the part of Crime Lab management and staff.

Law enforcement and other criminal justice agencies in Georgia are beginning to see faster turnaround on reports because of the backlog reduction. Employing and retaining forensic scientists in the laboratory is an essential component in meeting the expectations of the state's criminal justice system. Funding from the Governor's Office and General Assembly in 2012 and 2013 allowed the retention of several scientists originally hired and trained using federal grant funds. Those scientists, in addition to existing personnel at the laboratory, have been critical in this backlog reduction effort.

GBI Crime Lab Backlog Report



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