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Sexual Assault Kits Report December 1, 2017

O.C.G.A. § 35-1-2 (g) requires the Division of Forensic Sciences to provide an annual report of the number of sexual assault cases for which it has tested evidence pursuant to this Code section and the number of sexual assault cases remaining to be tested. The table below provides this information.

These cases were received in response to Senate Bill 304 (SB304). Sexual assault kits with incident dates prior to 2015 as well as submissions of sexual assault kits previously being stored at hospitals are included.

Number of SB304 Sexual Assault Kits Tested FY17 (7/1/2016 – 6/30/2017)	829
Number of SB304 Sexual Assault Kits Tested/Reported Through 11/30/2017	1,900
Number of SB304 Sexual Assault Kits Remaining To Be Tested (11/30/2017)	1,018

To facilitate the analysis of sexual assault kits, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) uses grant funding from the Manhattan District Attorney's Office to pay for outsourcing of SB304 sexual assault kits to a private laboratory. This funding is also used to pay for overtime to review the outsource reports and to perform in-house analysis of SB304 sexual assault kits.

Additionally, as stated on the December 1, 2016 Sexual Assault Kits Report, the GBI Crime Laboratory was storing evidence related to 5,411 sexual assault cases submitted prior to 1999. This count included both worked and unworked sexual assault evidence. Approximately 1,370 of these cases have so far been identified by law enforcement agencies or prosecuting agencies as needing DNA analysis. Evidence from these cases will either be outsourced once analysis of the SB304 sexual assault kits is completed, or this evidence will be tested in-house.

Finally, the GBI Crime Laboratory receives approximately 250 new sexual assault kits each month from ongoing investigations.

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