



Florida Department of  
Law Enforcement

# SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT Progress Report

MARCH 2017

## Previously Unsubmitted SAKs (Backlog) October 2015 - December 2016

Completed - 2,323

CODIS hits - 506

Previously unsubmitted SAKs have an offense date prior to 10/1/14 but were not previously submitted to the laboratory. These SAKs were received by the laboratory on or after 1/1/15. Effective 7/1/16, the department began using legislative appropriations to process SAKs.

## SAKs Submitted per Section 943.326, FS July - December 2016

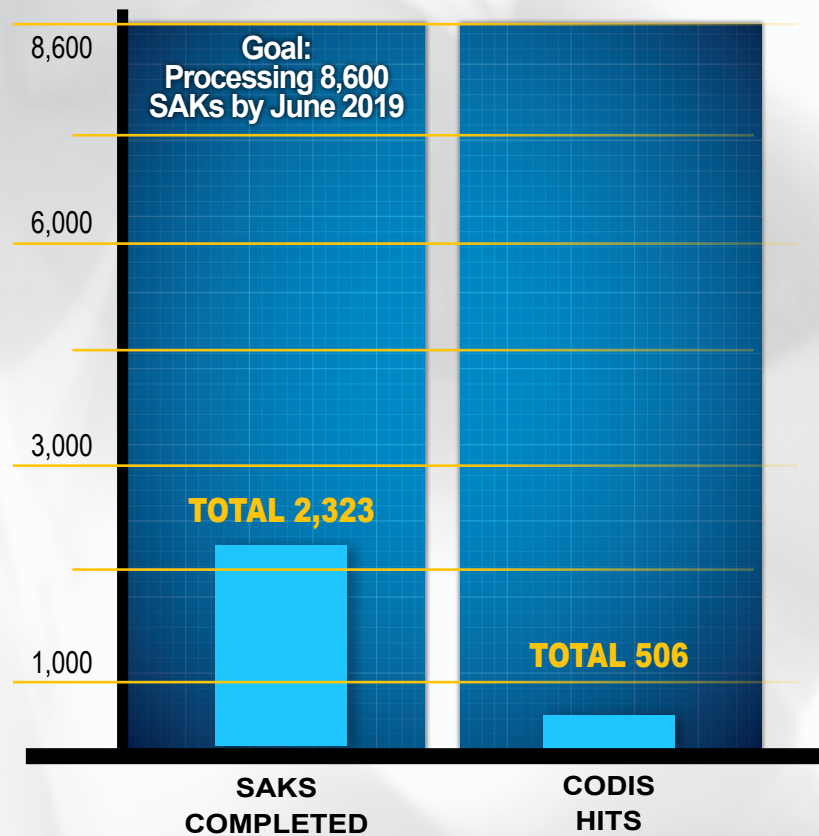
Received- 1,147

Completed- 559

120 day TAT compliance – 99.6%

Average TAT - 77 days

Effective 7/1/16, Florida law requires all newly collected SAKs to be processed by the laboratory within 120 days of receipt.



## Terms and Definitions

SAKs – Sexual Assault Kits

CODIS is the Combined DNA Index System. CODIS blends forensic science and computer technology into a tool for linking crimes. It enables federal, state, and local forensic laboratories to exchange and compare DNA profiles electronically, thereby linking crimes to each other and to known offenders.

A CODIS hit occurs when DNA evidence is matched to a sample in the DNA system. Not all CODIS hits are actionable. An “actionable hit” is a match that provides new information to the investigation. For example, a hit to an offender who was already convicted in the associated case is not an “actionable hit.”

TAT or Turnaround Time is the length of time from when the kit was submitted to the laboratory, the analysis completed and a laboratory report released to the submitting agency.