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Mr. Michael Callagy  
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County of San Mateo  
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## **RE: 2021 "Rape Kit Processing in San Mateo County"**

Dear Mr. Callagy:

As part of the report "Rape Kit Processing in San Mateo County," the 2015-2016 San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury requested the Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory submit an annual report detailing the year's activities in the analysis and testing of sexual assault kits for San Mateo County. Furthermore, as part of the report "Sexual Assault Kit Testing Reports in San Mateo County: What are we Missing?" the 2020-2021 San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury requested the Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory adjust the timing of the release of the report to reflect complete data from the previous calendar year, to report the number of sexual assaults in the County and in each city thereof as reported to the FBI, the reason any sexual assault kits were not tested, and announce the availability of this report in a manner designed to maximize public awareness.

In calendar year 2021, the Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory received one hundred twenty-one (121) new sexual assault kits. One hundred ten (110) of these kits were received from the Keller Center or from agencies within San Mateo County and eleven (11) were from an agency outside of San Mateo County. All the kits were entered into the California Department of Justice's SAFE-T database, as required by law.

Of the one hundred twenty-one (121) sexual assault kits, three (3) were cancelled by the submitting law enforcement agency. However, two (2) of those kits were subsequently resubmitted for testing in 2022. The remaining untested kit was cancelled by the law enforcement agency; they stated the reason as the District Attorney's Office declined prosecution.

Of the one hundred twenty (120) completed kits, forty-one (41) sexual assault kits yielded DNA profiles that qualified for and were entered into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS).

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The average number of days between the submission (or resubmission) of the sexual assault kits to the Forensic Laboratory and the release of the report was one hundred three (103) days. The average number of days between the submission of the sexual assault kits to the Forensic Laboratory and the release of the report for the forty-one (41) kits that yielded DNA profiles was one hundred seven (107) days. The statute requirement is one hundred twenty (120) days.

As of today, neither the State of California Department of Justice nor the Federal Bureau of Investigation have released the needed crime data from 2021 in order to report the number of sexual assaults in San Mateo County, and in each city thereof. An addendum to this report will be issued once this data becomes available.

To maximize public awareness of this report, the report will be published on the Sheriff's Office website and the availability of this report will be announced on social media.

Sincerely,



Carlos G. Bolanos  
Sheriff

cc: San Mateo County Board of Supervisors