

Sex Assault Kit Tracking In Arizona

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A Brief History

- On March 21, 2017 the State of Arizona passed House Bill 2268 to test all collected Sex Assault Kits (SAK's)
- SAK's collected un the Violence Against Women's Act (VAWA) are exempt until consent is provided
- Before August 30th of each year all law enforcement agencies must report the following to the AZ DPS Crime Lab:
 - The number of SAK's the agency received
 - The number of SAK's the agency submitted to the lab for testing
 - The number of SAK's not submitted to lab
 - The reason or reasons why the SAK's were not submitted for testing

<https://www.azdps.gov/organization/TSD/scientific-analysis/reports>



Why Implement Track-Kit ?

- It's a software program designed specifically for SAK tracking
- A completely web-based application, which means no software installation
- The software can generate a variety of reports which can be used to easily report annual SAK numbers
- Every medical facility, law enforcement agency, crime lab and survivor has their own portal in the system that shows them controlled information
- Email notifications are sent throughout the process (mostly to law enforcement agencies)
- The annual cost of the program is funded by AZ DPS and there is no fee for any stakeholders who participate
 - Now part of AZ DPS Crime Lab's annual budget (formerly on the Youth, Faith and Family Grant)



Current Track-Kit Users

- 44 Medical Facilities (200 Users)
- 108 Law enforcement Agencies (807 Users)
- 4 Crime Laboratories (82 Users)
 - AZ DPS (54 Users)
 - Mesa PD (10 Users)
 - Scottsdale PD (2 Users)
 - Tucson PD (16 Users)
- 6 County Attorney's Offices
 - In progress, no users yet

Survivor Portal

- All SAK's with a Track-Kit barcode include a card for the survivor which provides a unique login for that specific SAK
- Three main sections
 - SAK timeline
 - Support/Advocacy contacts
 - Medical Facility and LEA Contact informationNo Crime Lab or Prosecutor Information is visible


Survivor Portal

CONSENT FOR TESTING ?

Consent Given ? Yes
Your consent for forensic testing

KIT STATUS TIMELINE ?

TIMELINE LEGEND

A blue circle with an unchecked "checkbox" indicates that this is the current location of the kit. 

A green circle with a checked "checkbox" indicates that this is a previous location of the kit. 

IN LEA POSSESSION

7/29/2019

The laboratory has retained relevant samples from your kit and is in working on the analysis. The remainder of the kit has been received by the law enforcement agency for storage.

IN LABORATORY

From 7/8/2019 to 7/28/2019

Your kit shows that it is currently being processed at the laboratory.

IN MEDICAL FACILITY

From 7/1/2019 to 7/3/2019

LABORATORY PROCESSING COMPLETE

From 7/28/2019 to 7/29/2019

Your kit's laboratory processing is complete.

IN LEA POSSESSION (PRE-LAB)

From 7/3/2019 to 7/8/2019

Your kit shows that it is currently in the law enforcement agency's possession.

MY KIT

RESOURCES & HELP

Find resources and assistance in your area

State
County
City

ADABI (AMA DOO ALCHINI BIGHAN)

The domestic violence center serving Apache county provides supportive services, referrals, and safety planning for victims of intimate partner violence. MAIN LINE: 928-674-8314 TOLL FREE: 877-698-0899

FURTHER INFORMATION

<https://azdhs.gov/documents/prevention/womens-childrens-health/womens-health/domestic-violence/ADABI.pdf>

TEST RESOURCE

Description of the Resources provided. Ex Flyer/Brochure/Publication that the organization might hand out with. The resource can also be a link to a webpage as well.

[Download Test File .ht](#)

NAVAJO TREATMENT CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES (NTCCF)

The mission of NTCCF is to help children heal from trauma and move forward on a path of wellness and well-being. We provide voluntary outpatient counseling and other mental health services to children from ages 4 to 17 years of age, unless other wise specified from a referring agency. Main Phone: 928-874-7679

NTCCF WEBSITE

<http://www.nndss.navajo-nsn.gov/DSSPrograms/NavajoTreatmentCenterforChildrenandTheirFamilies.aspx>


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NAVAJO NATION STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM

Strengthening Families Program (SFP) will provide all victims within the Navajo Nation culturally holistic advocacy, supportive services, prevention education, and a safe shelter for immediate safety that will promote healing. All services will be provided in a supportive, safe and healing environment that will foster the ability to self-advocate with confidence. www.navajonation.gov

CONTACTS

 Need more information?

HONOR HEALTH MARINA HEIGHTS

If you have questions about your exam, or any medical questions at all, please use the Medical Facility contact information listed below.

450 E Rio Salado Pkwy Bldg. C, Suites 110-113
Tempe, AZ 85281

BOBBY MCGEE

me.bobbymcgee@stacs.com
555-555-1234

PD GENERAL TEST SITE

If you have questions about your case, or any legal questions at all, please use the Law Enforcement Agency contact information listed below.

8401 E Indian School Rd
Scottsdale, AZ 85251



Medical Facility Details

Medical Facility ?	Generic Medical Facility
Collector ?	Ariana Malekous
Collection Date ?	3/21/2019
Juvenile (not emancipated) * ?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Consent for Forensic Testing * ?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
(Recommended) MR #	
(Recommended) Case #	

Investigating Law Enforcement Agency Details

LEA Kit Status ?	In LEA Possession (Pre-Lab)
Investigating Law Enforcement Agency ?	PD General Test Site
MF Pickup Due Date ?	3/28/2019
MF Pickup Date * ?	3/26/2019
Pickup Officer ?	Select...
LEA Case Number * ?	215964
Assigned Officer ?	Select...
LEA Investigation Review and Result ?	Refer To Prosecutor
LEA Investigation Review and Result Reason ?	Select...
Arrest Made ?	
LEA Case Closed Date ?	
LEA Investigation Result Date * ?	1/10/2022

Prosecutor Details

Case Received By Prosecution From LEA Date ?	1/10/2022
Prosecution Investigation Review ?	Case Moves Forward For Prosecution
Case Moves Forward for Prosecution Status ?	Select...
Trial Date ?	3/17/2022
Prosecution Investigation Result ?	Select...
Prosecution Complete Date ?	
Prosecutor Contact ?	Select...
Prosecutor Contact Phone ?	
Prosecutor Contact Email ?	

Why Create a Prosecutor's Portal ?

- To complete the loop between all stakeholders involved with sex assault cases
- Allow information to be passed more easily between the LEA's, Crime Labs and Prosecutors
 - Often cases are submitted to the Prosecutor's Office before DNA testing has been completed or even started
 - Prosecutors can be alerted when a case has completed testing
 - Cases scheduled for trial can be prioritized over other cases
 - Some cases may not be submitted for charging and may not need additional testing beyond the SAK

Plans for the Future

- Introduce and implement this system with Prosecutor's Offices across the state
 - Determine the best way to incorporate the system and identify the most appropriate users (paralegals ?)
- Continue to educate and implement the system with smaller law enforcement agencies and possibly Phoenix Crime Lab
- Spread awareness about VAWA, the MCAO Sex Assault Protocol and SAKI Grant opportunities
- Integration with Crime Lab Information Management System (LIMS) at AZ DPS
 - This will automate all the updates currently done by lab personnel

Questions ?

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