HISTORY AND CURRENT STATUS

*12/2016 – Special Audit of Untested Sexual Assault Evidence Kits (SAEKs) in New Mexico

*2017 – 4281 Cases opened/reopened by the 2nd DAs Office for review and screening.

* 3751 Closed/Declined Cases

■ Defendant Deceased

Insufficient Evidence

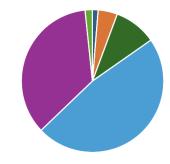
· Victim Deceased

Unable to Locate Victim

· Victim Declined to Proceed

· Statute of Limitation Issues

Reason for Closure/Declination



- *149 Cases left to be screened
- *82 Cases Charged: 52 Convictions, 5 Acquittals, 1 Dismissal, 24 cases still pending
- *Since January 2023, 23 individuals, which includes 4 serial rapists, have been convicted of 33 separate rapes cases identified in the rape kit backlog

PROGRESS AND SUCCESS



- *1994 rape of jogger in the Bosque
- *CODIS Hit



- *1992 rape of 10-year-old girl
- *CODIS Hit



- *2018 rape of 17-year-old girl
- *DPS YSTR testing 1 in 80
- *PG Re-analysis 1 in 140 million



- *2006 rape of 54-year-old woman
- *PG testing 5 cells, 3 contributors 1 in 30.4 billion



- *1988-1992: 4 home invasion rapes
- *no criminal history
- *FIGG Testing Identification



- *1992-1997: 8 home invasion rapes
- *FIGG Testing Identification

WHAT NOW?

- * 2nd Judicial District Attorney's Office: Review viable previously closed cases (estimated to be at least 1000) for:
 - Potential new investigative leads
 - Potential qualification for newer DNA testing advangements
- * 10th Anniversary Audit (2016-2026)
 - Have all SAEKs been tested?
 - What were the testing results, ie. number CODIS hits, number of cases forwarded for prosecution, outcomes?
 - If SAEKs not tested, why?
- * Advance Local/State Lab Testing
 - Assess current resources and capabilities
 - Invest in current available
 Technologies and Technics
 Probabilistic Genotyping
 (PG)
 - Forensic Investigative
 Genetic Genealogy (FIGG)
 - Validation
 - Training
 - Implementation