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 2^{nd} DAs Office for review and screening.

* 3751 Closed/Declined Cases

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





ENTENAEN

EDWARD DURAN



*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 advancements

* 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
 - O Probabilistic Genotyping
 - Forensic Investigative
 Genetic Genealogy (FIGG)
- Validation
- Training
- Implementation
- (PG) Forensic Investi