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Hopefully, this will help you out.

1. Who prepared the chart – is the “office of forensic science – criminalistics unit” an internal unit within the Philadelphia police department, or is it an external office? What is the relation of this office to the crime laboratory?

a. The chart was prepared by the Criminalistics Unit - Trace Laboratory Supervisor, the laboratory that handles biological screening including the initial analysis of the sexual assault kits. The Office of Forensic Science is part of the Philadelphia Police Department. The Office of Forensic Science is comprised of the Units within the Philadelphia Police Department that provide forensic services or analysis, including the Criminalistics Unit which is comprised of the Trace Laboratory and the DNA Laboratory.

2. Under “Number of Kits Received” – is this the number of kits received by the police department, or by the crime laboratory? We need to know how many total kits got booked into police evidence, not just how many kits were sent to/received by the lab.

b. All sexual assault kits collected and taken into the custody of the Philadelphia Police Department are submitted to the Office of Forensic Science for processing and analysis. That number represents both the number taken in to custody by the Philadelphia Police Department and submitted to the Office of Forensic Science.

3. Under “Number of Kits Outsourced” – outsourced by whom and to whom? (i.e., does this figure represent the # of kits outsourced to the crime lab, or outsourced by the crime lab? If by the crime lab, where were they sent?) What is the explanation for kits being outsourced only in 2006-2008?

c. This is the number of kits that were out sourced by the Criminalistics Unit of the Office of Forensic Science for that given year. The kits were sent to Bode Technology. The kits were set out in those years to manage the back log in an attempt to reduce the turnaround for the processing of kits.

4. Untested kits from 2013 and 2014 YTD – why were these kits not tested? Plans to test them?

d. These kits are awaiting testing due to staff attrition which occurred in 2012. Currently two courses of action are be pursued: The Office of Forensic Science just recently entered into contracts for the outsourcing of biological evidence with Bode Technology and Strand Analytical laboratories. Over the last 10 months the Criminalistics Unit has filled 9 vacancies/new positions to increase the number of analyst available to process case work.

Take Care !!!!

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**Office of Forensic Science - Criminalistics Unit
Sexual Assault Kit Statistics (2004 to present)**

	Year	Number of Kits Received	Number of Kits Outsourced	Number of Untested Kits
1	2004	432	0	0
2	2005	582	0	0
3	2006	666	1	0
4	2007	628	88	0
5	2008	674	112	0
6	2009	609	0	0
7	2010	576	0	0
8	2011	580	0	0
9	2012	588	0	0
10	2013	593	0	57
	2014 (YTD)	127	0	66

10-year Total: 5928 201 57
Including 2014 (YTD): 6055 201 123