

Sexual Assault Kit Task Force

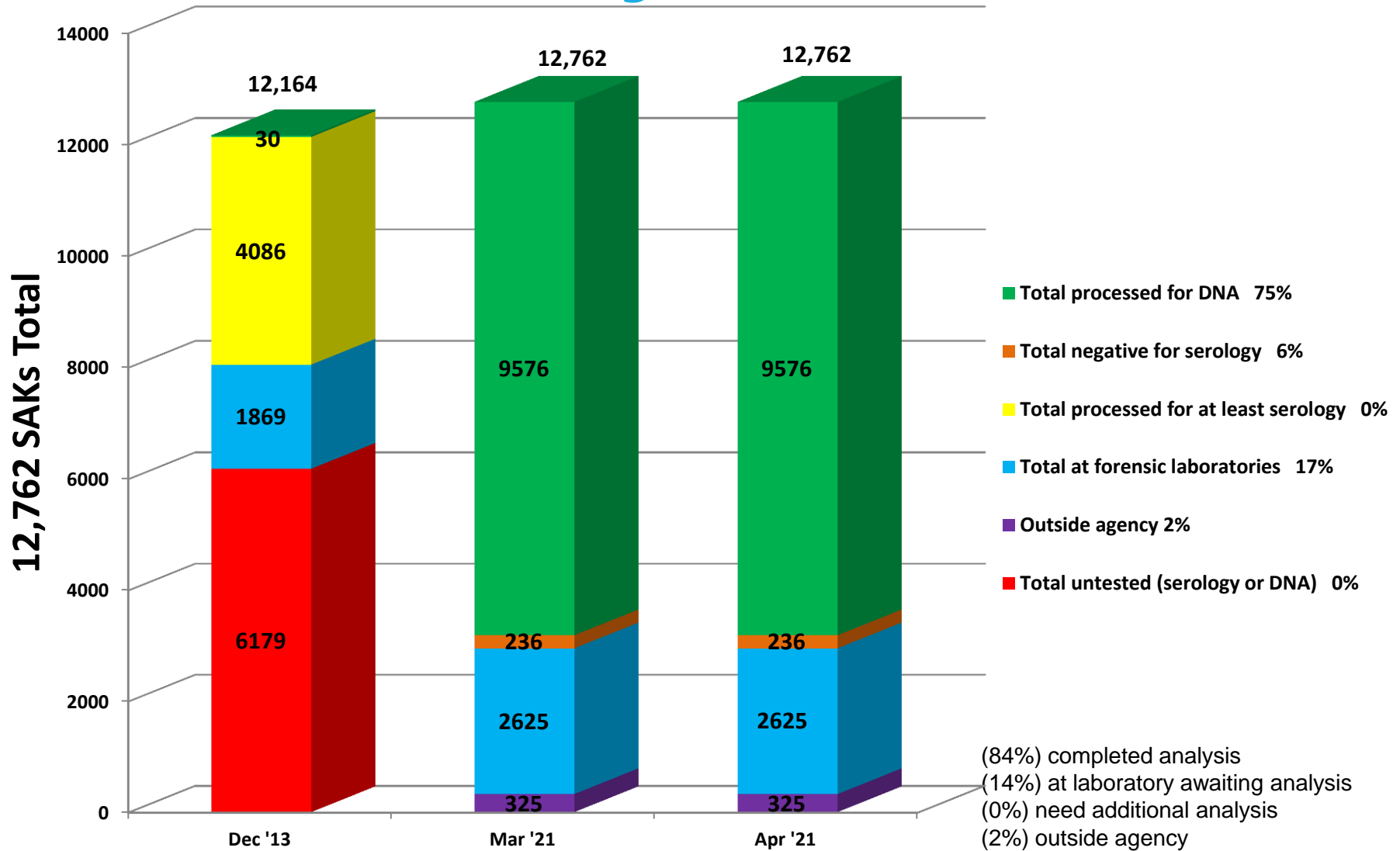
Monthly Report
May 2021

Status of Mayor Strickland's Executive Order

	Executive Order Action	Status
✓	Test every kit in our inventory that is need of additional forensic testing	<u>Progress:</u> Shipping and testing continues
✓	Investigate leads and examine all cases coming from testing of those kits	<u>Progress:</u> New investigations initiated every month. New indictments requested every month. MPD has a full time unit devoted to this project.
✓	Continue to refine our approach and capacity for victim notification and trauma informed care and support to survivors	<u>Progress:</u> SOP is reviewed and input is sought from Rape Crisis Center, Joyful Heart Foundation, and our national partners to make sure our efforts are victim centered.
✓	Prosecute to the fullest extent of the law individuals who are identified as suspects resulting from this additional forensic testing	<u>Progress:</u> Complete thorough investigations and present requests for indictments to the Shelby County District Attorney General on all cases that can be prosecuted. All cases that cannot be prosecuted are reviewed by SAK Working Group team members to make sure everyone is in agreement on prosecution of the case.
✓	Collaborate with, and participate in the national and state dialogue about best practices in in all areas related to matters of sexual assault;	<u>Progress:</u> SAK TF participates in national discussions and training through Summit for Cities Series, Joyful Heart Foundation, SAKI training, and the SAFER (Sexual Assault Facts, Education, and Response)
✓	Continue the community dialogue in Memphis about sexual assault and domestic violence, including a deliberate effort to get information in the hands of victims and survivors who need it most;	<u>Ongoing.</u> First Community Meeting was Wednesday, January 22, 2014 2PM-3:30 PM at Airways station. Memphis Says No More (MSNM) Campaign was launched May 1, 2015. MSNM is meeting with small community groups at their location . MSNM is distributing awareness material to groups and coordinating a media campaign that includes radio and billboard advertisements.

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SAK Testing Final Overview



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Negative Serology Project

DNA technology has advanced in recent years, and evidence that screened negative for serology (biological fluids) under the traditional methods in the past deserves re-examination for DNA using these latest techniques.

- **2,625** Kits sent to BODE Labs for DNA examination
- **1,773** Examinations complete
- **121** Reports sent to TBI for potential CODIS upload because of DNA found
- **1** CODIS Match reported

Lawfully Owed DNA Project

- Lawfully Owed DNA is the project of identifying and collecting DNA from the convicted felons whose DNA was required by law to be on file in CODIS, but was never collected.
- Many crimes, in particular crimes with sexual assault kit evidence, are solved when DNA evidence matches to DNA from known offenders in CODIS. By increasing the number of known offender samples, the expected benefit is to solve more of these crimes.
- Tennessee Bureau of Investigation was awarded a SAKI FY2020 \$1 million dollar grant to assist with sexual assault investigations and prosecutions through the collection of Lawfully Owed DNA.
- The Memphis Police Department, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Shelby County District Attorney's Office, Tennessee Department of Corrections, Shelby County Sheriff's Office, and Shelby County Criminal Court Clerk's Office have been meeting regularly to improve DNA collection procedures in Shelby County.

Monthly Investigation Results

7224/7312 Investigations have been initiated:

408/335 Investigations remain active: **5%**

6816/6977 Investigations are closed: **95%**

1193/1227 Individuals were identified that had been previously convicted of the crime: **18%**

698/707 Requests for indictments have been completed against persons or DNA profiles: **10%**

- **303/304** named suspects (51 multi case suspects) **43%** of indictments
- **395/403** John Does (2 suspects on one case) **57%** of indictments

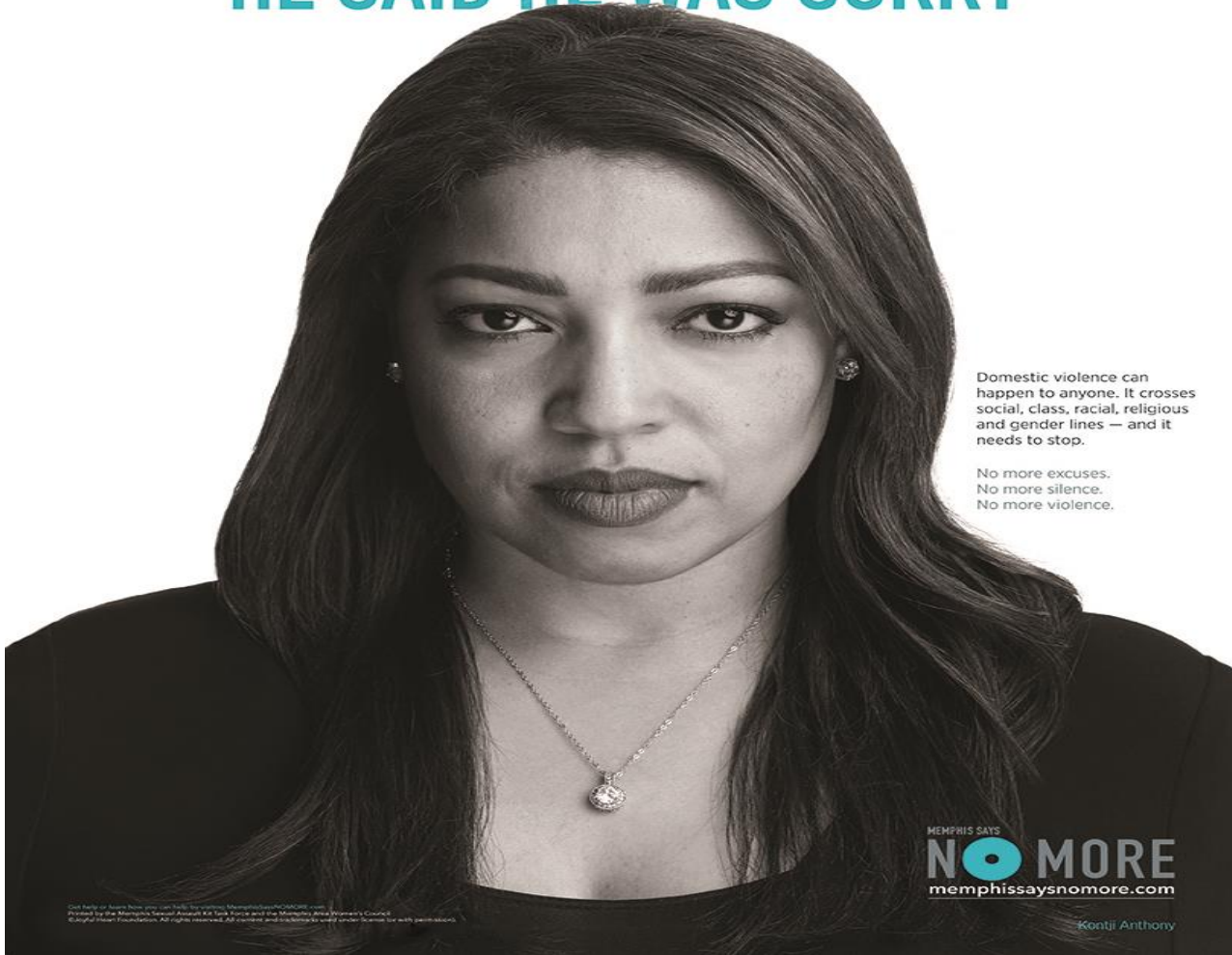
Prosecution Results

- Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic no prosecution results are available

MEMPHIS SAYS

NO MORE

“HE SAID HE WAS SORRY”



Domestic violence can happen to anyone. It crosses social, class, racial, religious and gender lines — and it needs to stop.

No more excuses.
No more silence.
No more violence.

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