

Minutes of meeting of December 11, 2024 meeting

The meeting convened at 9:37 a.m.

Participating in the meeting were Cheryl Carreiro, DESPP-Forensic Lab; Daniel Renstrom, DESPP-Forensic Lab; Mandy Young, DESPP-Forensic Lab; Robert Meredith, OCPD; Detective Joseph Sanford, DESPP; Lisamaria Proscino, Attorney General's Office; and Michael Gailor, Division of Criminal Justice.

The minutes of the meeting on September 11, 2024 were unanimously approved.

The lab reported that as of December 1, 2024, a total of 137,916 convicted offender samples have been submitted to the lab; 691 between September 1, 2024 and November 30, 2024. Of these samples, approximately 7641 were determined to be duplicate submissions. One hundred thirty thousand eight hundred ninety are searching in CODIS. Approximately 85 convicted offender samples are waiting to be processed/entered into CODIS. There are approximately 25,825 profiles in the Forensic Index. The lab reported that 11,975 investigations have been aided so far by 12,724 confirmed hits. Approximately 142 candidate matches are under evaluation. The average time it takes to send out notification of the hit once it has been obtained is 11 days.

The Sex Offender Registry Unit reported that added 54 new offenders to the sex offender registry and 169 new offenders to the deadly weapon registry between July 2024 and September 2024. The unit obtained 32 biological samples from sex offenders for the purpose of developing a DNA profile and 6 samples from persons on the deadly weapon registry.

The Department of Correction did not have a representative present at the meeting but sent in a report indicating it has collected 1211 samples in the year to date, 374 since the last Oversight Committee Meeting on September 11, 2024. DOC also reported that 78 collections are pending and that 56 inmates have refused to provide a sample.

The representative from the Judicial Department also was unable to attend but reported that from July through September 2024, it sent out 252 initial and 126 warning letters in probation cases. It noted it sent out 53 initial and 18 warning letters in non-probation cases. Judicial sent 18 memos to DOC asking them to collect a sample. In total, Judicial collected 278 samples. Finally, Judicial reported that it will need to order kits sometime in April and wanted to coordinate with the other agencies.

With respect to other business, there was discussion about legislation relating to inappropriately obtained samples.

The meeting dates for next year were set as: March 12, June 11, September 10, and December 10.

The meeting was concluded at 9:57 a.m.