



Colorado Department of Public Safety Colorado Bureau of Investigation

Pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-113

An Act

Concerning Evidence Collected in Connection
With a Sexual Assault, and, in Connection
Therewith, Making an Appropriation

Presents a:

Final Report for
Analyzing Forensic Medical Evidence

Recap of Expectations Associated with House Bill 13-1020:

In 2013, the Colorado General Assembly enacted HB 13-1020, *Concerning Evidence Collected in Connection with a Sexual Assault, and, in Connection Therewith, Making an Appropriation*. HB 13-1020 was signed into law on June 5, 2013.

The Colorado Department of Public Safety was required to implement three facets of this law:

- 1) Promulgate rules to clarify the requirements for law enforcement to submit all forensic medical evidence to either the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Forensic Services laboratory or another accredited laboratory for analysis within 21 days of receipt from medical personnel.

Promulgation of rules was completed on October 2, 2013.

- 2) Request all law enforcement agencies to submit an inventory to the CBI of all forensic medical evidence in their possession previously not submitted.

Inventory was completed with an 86% return rate on September 30, 2013.

- 3) Require the CBI to present a plan to analyze:
 - a. The backlog of forensic medical evidence previously not submitted;
 - b. All future submissions of forensic medical evidence mandated by this law.

The following summarizes the results of the outsourcing program used to address the backlog of previously unsubmitted forensic medical evidence as required in 3) a. above:

The 2013 General Assembly appropriated \$6,351,002 to address the unworked forensic medical evidence previously not submitted.

The CBI surveyed local law enforcement and found that 3,542 cases were eligible for submission to one of four outsourcing laboratories across the country.

These four outsourcing laboratories completed the analysis of the 3,542 cases by June 30, 2015. CBI analysts completed reviews of all outsourcing reports by December 31, 2015. Over the course of this 22-month period, all the evidence was tested and reports were sent to the corresponding law enforcement agencies. The cost to the state of Colorado was only \$3,594,179 and the CBI returned the unused appropriations through the budget process.

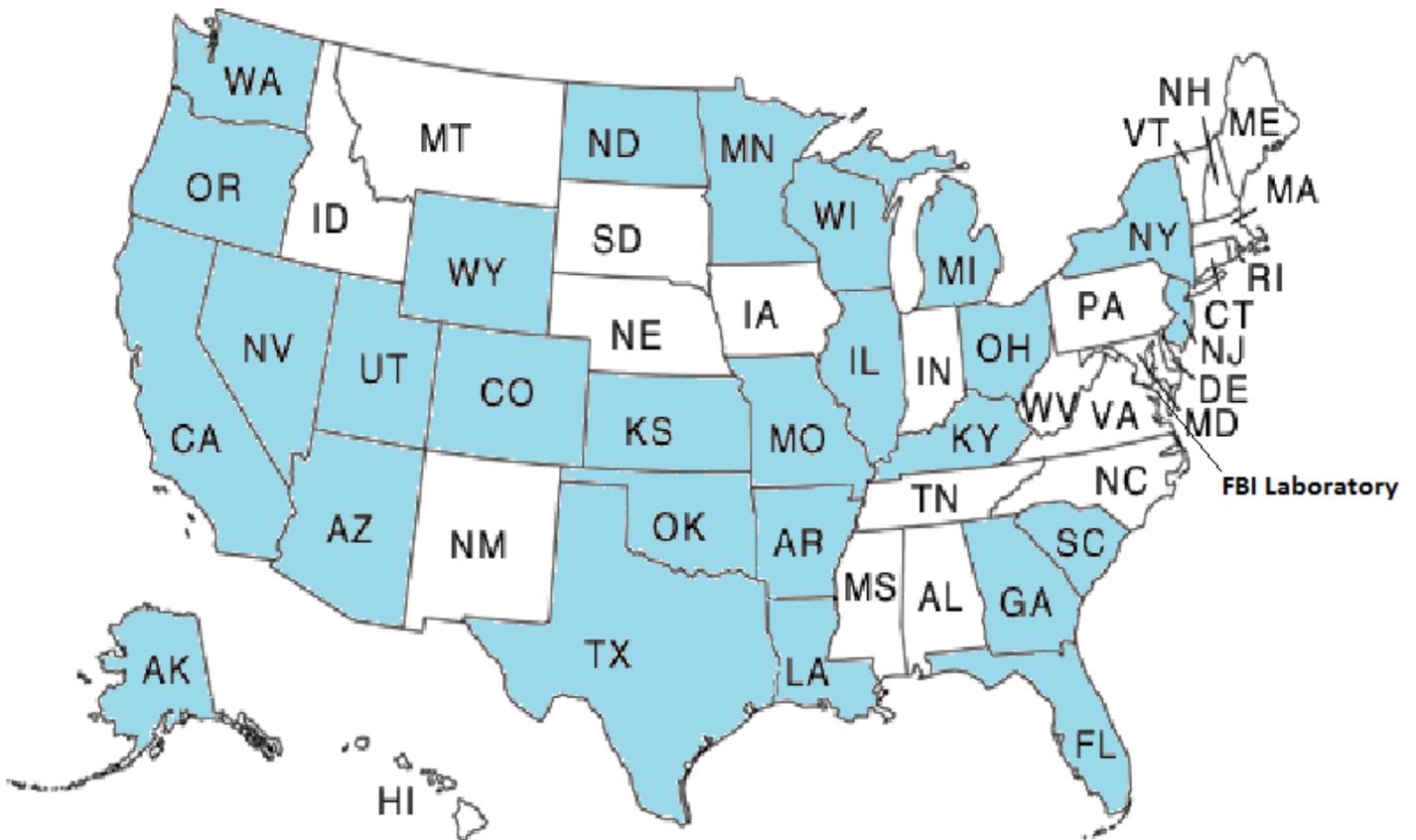
The following tables describe the data produced by this program:

House Bill 13-1020 Project Totals Outsourced Cases

Total # of Profiles and Matches				
Total # of cases sent for outsourcing	# of agencies that submitted cases for outsourcing	# of agencies (%) that had a match from outsourcing cases	# of profiles (%) entered into CODIS from outsourced cases	# of matches (%) from all outsourced cases
3,542	102	51 (50%)	1,556 (43.9%)	691 (19.5%)

- The Colorado Bureau of Investigation sent 3,542 sexual assault cases to four different outsourcing laboratories for the HB 13-1020 project.
- The percentage of matches (691) of the profiles entered into CODIS (1,556) was 43.9%.
- The percentage of matches (691) of the total # of cases sent for outsourcing (3,542) was 19.5%.

The CBI had CODIS matches in 27 states plus the FBI laboratory under House Bill 13-1020.



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