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Sexual Assault Kits from Juvenile Victims by Montana Regions and Counties

Introduction

This is report 2 of a 3-part series that analyzes and assesses the sexual assault kits (SAKs) collected from juvenile victims by the Montana Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) program. Report 1¹ is an overview of the 2016 inventory. In addition to the 2016 overview, Report 1 provides a broad examination by delving into age and gender demographics, the different types of victim-suspect relationships, and concludes detailing how Montana is addressing child sexual abuse. Report 2 continues exploring this data with a focus on regions and counties. Report 3 will identify prosecution outcomes from the 30 SAKs that resulted in Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) hits.²

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Montana is 145,509.2 square miles and is made up of 56 counties. With a total population of 1,084,225, some community partners are in densely populated areas, while most are in very rural areas. To successfully implement goals and objectives with community partners, Montana SAKI divided the state into 6 regions.³ Regions allow Montana SAKI to incrementally focus on criminal justice partners for an identified area rather than the entire state. From Montana SAKI's 2016 inventory, 21 counties contained juvenile victim SAKs. 446 of the juvenile victim SAKs were collected from 4 out of the 6 regions. Each of these 4 regions have more than 50 juvenile victim SAKs: region 1(138), region 2(59), region 5(64) and region 6(185). Region 3 and 4 have less than 10 SAKs. Regions 1, 2, 5, and 6 had the largest quantities of SAKs collected and are the most populated areas in the state⁴. Data for these regions with the most SAKS are listed below from region with highest SAK numbers to lowest.

Region 6 inventory included 185 juvenile victims SAKs.

- 180 SAKs are from Yellowstone County, 3 SAKs from Custer County, and 2 SAKs are from Fallon County.
- 25 SAKs are from male juveniles, with the majority identified as 5-year-olds.
- 160 SAKs are from female juveniles primarily from 14 to 17-year-olds.
- 31 juvenile victims SAKs contained eligible DNA for CODIS entry.
 - 9 resulted in a CODIS hit, all offender hits⁵, each connected to a female victim.

¹ Insert Link to Report 1 HERE

² Combined DNA Index System or CODIS is the United States national DNA database program used as a tool to link violent crimes.

³ [SAKI Info\Montana Regions.docx](#)

⁴ [Workbook: CEIC_PEP_POPULATION_AGE_RACE_COUNTY_SFE \(mt.gov\)](#)

⁵ Offender hits are when a DNA profile from a SAK or crime scene matches with DNA from a known offender or arrestee, possibly identifying a suspect.

- 4 out of the 9 offender hits matched the identity of the original suspect.
- All CODIS hits in region 6 were from Yellowstone County.

Region 1 inventory included 138 juvenile victim SAKs.

- 58 SAKs are from Flathead County, 53 SAKs are from Missoula County, 16 SAKs are from Lake County, 7 SAKs are from Ravalli County, 3 SAKs are from Sanders County, and 1 SAK is from Mineral County.
- 11 SAKs are from male juveniles, 7 are from males ages 7 and under, 4 are males ages 11 and up.
- 126 SAKs are from female juveniles, with majority identified as 13 to 17-year-olds.
- 1 SAK is a suspect kit⁶.
- 34 juvenile victim SAKs contained eligible DNA for CODIS entry.
 - 10 resulted in a CODIS hit, 2 were forensic hits⁷ and 8 were offender hits.
 - 8 out of the 10 offender hits matched the identity of the original suspect.
 - 9 CODIS hits were connected to a female victim.
- Flathead County consisted of 2 CODIS hits, 1 forensic and 1 offender hits.
- Missoula County and Lake County consisted of the other 8 CODIS hits.
 - Missoula County SAKs resulted in 5 offender hits.
 - Lake County SAKs resulted in 1 forensic hit and 2 offender hits.

Region 5 inventory included 64 juvenile victim SAKs.

- 32 SAKs are from Gallatin County, 22 SAKs are from Silver Bow County, 5 SAKs are from Beaverhead County, 4 SAKs are from Park County, and 1 SAK is from Jefferson County.
- 62 SAKs are from female juveniles, with majority identified as 13 to 17-year-olds.
- 2 SAKs are suspect kits.
- 15 juvenile victim SAKs contained eligible DNA for CODIS entry.
 - 5 resulted in a CODIS hit, all offender hits, each matched the identity of the original suspect.
- Gallatin County SAKs resulted in 3 offender hits and Silver Bow County SAKs resulted in 2 offender hits.

Region 2 inventory included 59 juvenile victim SAKs.

- 32 SAKs are from Cascade County, 18 SAKs are from Lewis & Clark County, and 9 SAKs are from Glacier County.
- 6 SAKs are from male juveniles, the majority identified as 4 to 8-year-olds.
- 52 SAKs are from female juveniles, with majority identified as 14 to 17-year-olds.
- 1 SAK is a suspect kit.
- 17 juvenile victim SAKs contained eligible DNA for CODIS entry.
 - 6 resulted in a CODIS hit, all offender hits, each connected to a female victim.
 - 5 out of the 6 offender hits matched the identity of the original suspect.

⁶ Suspect kit is evidence taken from the suspect of the crime.

⁷ Forensic hits are when two crimes become linked due to a DNA profile from one SAK or crime scenes matching another.

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- Lewis & Clark County SAKs resulted in 3 offender hits, Cascade County SAKs resulted in 2 offender hits, and Glacier County SAKs resulted in 1 offender hit.

From the juvenile victim SAKs inventoried, 37 incident location⁸ types were identified.

- 10 were identified as unknown.
- 18 were identified as a type of residence.
 - 8 incidents occurred at victim's residence, 6 at a suspect's residence, and 4 at a third-party residence.
- 2 were identified at recreational areas.
- 2 were identified at hotels/motels.
- 2 were identified at schools
- The other types of locations where the incident occurred include parking lots, public spaces, and religious buildings. These locations were each identified once.

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⁸ Incident Location is where the crime occurred.