

**Georgia Bureau of Investigation
June Monthly Report
FY2023**



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Noteworthy Cases & Operational Support

- Region 10 – Update for the APD Public Safety Training Center/DTAF – during the DTAF/Stop Cop City week of action scheduled for June 24, 2023 through July 1, 2023, GBI, FBI, ATF, and/or APD responded to the following:
 - June 28, fire was set to a train signal box owned and operated by Norfolk Southern Railways in DeKalb County.
 - June 30, the residence of an architect working on the “Cop City” project was vandalized with spray painting on the driveway and damage to vehicle tires.
 - July 1, burning of six APD motorcycles that were stored at the old APD Training Academy. Improvised incendiary devices, both burned and uninitiated, were discovered and collected to be rendered safe and processed for latent evidence. Three APD patrol cars were vandalized (broken windows and spray painting) at the Precinct on Memorial Drive. An effort was made to burn the patrol cars as well, but the suspects were scared off by the approach of a passer-by.
 - July 2, the residence of an executive of a construction firm was vandalized with spray painting, damage to swimming pool, dead rodents left, and feces scattered on patio furniture.
 - July 4, a bulldozer owned by a contractor who worked on the “Cop City” project was burned.
 - July 5, DTAF and “Stop Cop City” graffiti was discovered on a train trestle in Atlanta.
 - Protests around Atlanta at Gresham Park and Cadence Bank resulted in one arrest of a protestor who threw rotten meat at officers.
 - Several MARTA and APD motorcycle helmets were stolen.
- Appalachian Regional Drug Enforcement Office - Following a several months-long drug investigation into a fentanyl distribution organization operating in Jackson and Banks Counties, five people were charged with multiple felony drug offenses. June 29, 2023 arrests: William “Faye” Lomack, age 48, of Maysville, GA; Tony Clough, age 54, of Marion, VA; Chante Presley, age 28, of Richland, VA; Nicole Pressley, age 37, of Maysville, GA; and Stephanie “Sticks” Guthrie, age 38, of Winder, GA. On June 29, 2023, police arrested Lomack after a traffic stop in Commerce. Lomack had approximately 450 grams of suspected fentanyl, two firearms, and a large amount of cash on him. Police executed search warrants at a Commerce, GA motel and a home in Maysville, both connected to Lomack. Police found suspected fentanyl in the motel room and seized four firearms, over 28 grams of suspected fentanyl, and approximately 28 grams of suspected methamphetamine from the Maysville home. Police also arrested Nicole Pressley at the home. Clough was arrested with Lomack during the traffic stop. Chante Presley was arrested at the motel room. The Banks County Sheriff’s Office, Jackson County Sheriff’s

Office, Stephens County Sheriff's Office, FBI-Gainesville, Georgia State Patrol, GBI's Human Exploitation and Trafficking Unit, and Appalachian Regional Drug Enforcement Office assisted with this investigation.

- Office of Special Investigations (OSI) - Cold Case Unit (CCU) – The Coleman-Baker Act (CBA) request webform has been on the GBI website Home page since June 30, 2023. As of July 27, 2023, CCU has received 25 requests. Twenty-one of those requests have been or are in the process of being denied as GBI did not investigate the death. One case is under review to determine eligibility. The Rhonda Sue Coleman case (Region 4) is one of the CBA requests that was accepted. CCU has also initiated four independent Cold Case Reviews in Regions 2, 7, 12, and 10.
 - OSI is working with Investigative Computer Services to update the GBI website with additional reporting instructions to reduce the amount of CBA requests that were not initially investigated by the GBI.
- From January 1 to July 31, 2023, the GBI has investigated a total of 58 Officer Involved Shootings (OIS). OIS number 58 was on July 31, 2023. Region 10 responded to a request by the Brookhaven Police Department in reference to a subject armed with a knife walking around yelling at customers at the Town Brookhaven Shopping Center. After officers attempted to speak with the subject, he became angry and threw his drink at the officers. One of the officers deployed his Taser, but it was ineffective. As the subject charged at the officers, a second officer discharged his firearm, striking the subject. During the incident, the subject dropped a saw blade. He was taken to Grady Memorial Hospital for his injuries and pronounced dead shortly after arrival. No officers were injured during the incident. The GBI will continue its independent investigation. Once complete, the case file will be given to the DeKalb County District Attorney's Office for review.

Trainings and Projects

Legal Division

- GBI 2023 Privacy Audit report for the 2022 calendar was completed and determined that the GBI was in compliance.
- Senior Managing Attorney Lindsay Gardner and GTF Crime Intelligence Analyst Keisha Norman conducted GBI Gang Database Training at the Georgia Gang Investigators Association Summer Conference held in Athens, GA, July 10-14, 2023.
- Senior Managing Attorney Lindsay Gardner and Gang Task Force Special Agent in Charge Ken Howard conducted GBI Gang Database Training at the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police Summer Training Conference in Savannah, GA, July 23-26, 2023.

Division of Forensic Sciences

- GBI Medical Examiners Dr. Kimberly Johnson and Dr. Samantha Mattox began full-time employment on August 1, 2023.
- In July 2023, the MEO hosted Personnel Retrieval and Processing Company (PRP) Marines prior to their first deployment.

Georgia Crime Information Center

- GCIC Teams are reviewing the results and documentation gathered from the onsite Georgia Applicant Processing Service (GAPS) Fieldprint audit held in July.

Investigative Division

- Eighty-five applicants took part in the Special Agent Assessments held on August 5, 2023, at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center.
- The Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes Unit's (CEACC) Federal Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) grant 6-month progress report was completed. CEACC received 14,964 CyberTips from January – June 2023, which is more CyberTips than CEACC received for the entire year in 2021.

Personnel Matters

- After 32 years of service with the GBI, Division of Forensic Sciences Impressions Department Forensic Technician Phillip Prater is retiring effective September 1, 2023.
- Task Force Agent Richard Wallace (DOC) with the GBI Middle GA Gang Task Force received the Georgia Gang Investigators Association (GGIA) Central Region Investigator of the Year award, and Special Agent Rebecca Herold with the Metro Gang Task Force received the GGIA Eastern Region Investigator of the Year award. Both agents were presented their awards on July 11, 2023, at the GGIA Conference in Athens, GA.
- On July 25, 2023, during the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GACP) Summer Training Conference, GBI Special Agent Christian Johnson was named the 2023 GACP Outstanding Police Officer of the Year.

Promotions Effective August 2023

- Governor Brian Kemp appointed Chris Hosey to Director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, effective August 1, 2023.
- Director Chris Hosey appointed Scott Dutton as Assistant Director, effective August 16, 2023.
- Katie Walker was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) of the GBI's Metro Gang Task Force in Conyers, effective August 1, 2023.

Facilities Update

- GBI-77 New Region 1 Field Office – Cooper and Company is the apparent low bidder. Construction operations are scheduled to begin in September.
- GBI-81 HQ Medical Examiner Building Addition – Schematic Design review complete.
- Facility Hardening Projects – HQ window installation ongoing. Region 10 fencing is nearing completion. Two Investigative Office's access control installations are in process, all others are complete.
- Mausoleum – PO issued for structural canopy material and installation.
- GBI Training Storage Building – Invoice paid from GPSTC for Georgia Power. The final electrical location has been determined and installation is scheduled for mid-August.
- SPC Lease Space Request for Cold Case Unit – site visits scheduled for mid-August.
- HQ Main Building – Main Building Switchgear awaiting schedule from manufacturer.
- Organization and restructuring of Headquarters card access clearance levels underway.

GBI Employment Opportunities FY2023

	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
DOFS	41	44	43	43	45	45	44	34	34	38	37	37
Scientist Positions	15	18	19	19	21	21	36	19	20	20	20	22
Investigative Division	44	45	40	42	43	30	36	38	38	42	42	28
Sworn Agent Positions	27	28	28	30	32	32	33	29	30	34	34	18
GCIC	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Admin	8	10	9	9	9	8	8	7	6	7	7	9

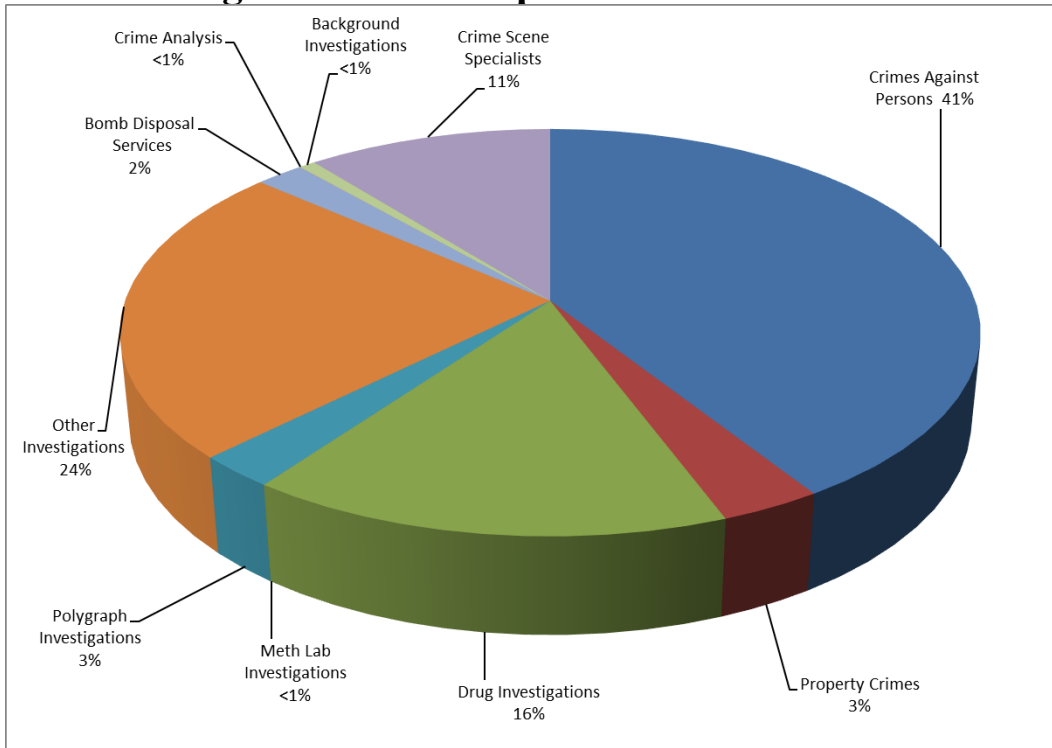
GBI Administration

Office of Privacy & Compliance/Open Records

	<u>June 2023</u>	<u>Total FY2023</u>
Open Records Request	493	5,868
Archives	15	259

Investigative Division

Investigative Hours Expended - YTD FY2023



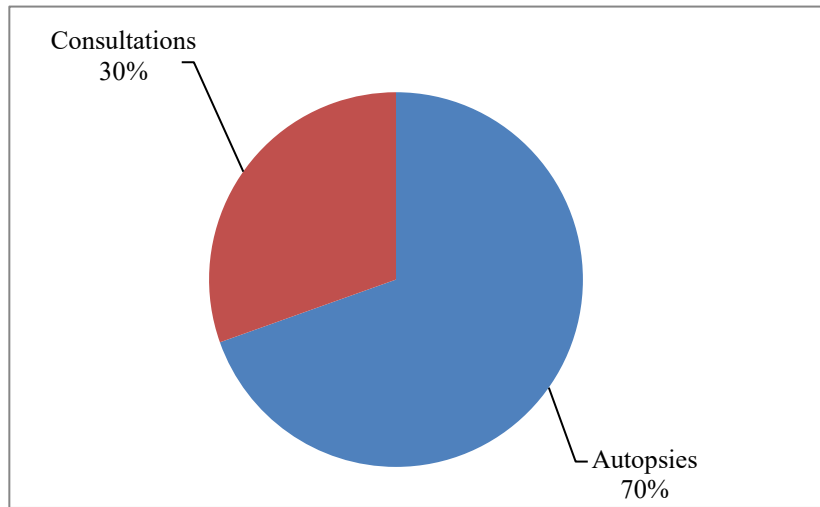
Crime Lab

Medical Examiners (includes all laboratories)

	June 2023	FY2023 YTD
Autopsies	383	3,968
Consultations	182	1,736
Total ME Cases Managed	565	5,704

Percentage of Cases Released in 90 days: 45.6%

Medical Examiner Activity, FY2023



Confirmed CODIS Hits for June 2023

State Offender Hits	81
State Forensic Hits	6
National Offender Hits	29
National Forensic Hits	5
Total	121

Samples entered CODIS for June 2023 – 2,124

Profiles in CODIS

Forensic Casework Profiles	29,091
Convicted Offender Profiles	429,067
Missing Person/Unidentified Human Remains Profiles	12
Staff/QC File	630
Total	458,800

Report Turnaround for June 2023

	# Released in 45 Days	Total Released	% Released in 45 Days
Laboratory			
Headquarters - Atlanta	2,520	5,332	47%
Central Regional - Macon	10	63	16%
Coastal Regional - Savannah	373	848	44%
Eastern Regional - Augusta	219	560	39%
Northeastern Regional	1,466	1,991	74%
Southwestern Regional - Moultrie	73	260	28%
Western Regional - Columbus	32	186	17%
System-wide Totals	4,693	9,240	51%

Note: 66.1% Casework Reports were released within 90 days.

Report Turnaround for Year-to-Date, FY2023

	# Released in 45 Days	Total Released	% Released in 45 Days
Laboratory			
Headquarters - Atlanta	27,756	55,940	50%
Central Regional - Macon	117	1,229	10%
Coastal Regional - Savannah	3,513	11,041	32%
Eastern Regional - Augusta	2,824	6,172	46%
Northeastern Regional	12,273	24,546	50%
Southwestern Regional - Moultrie	416	1,995	21%
Western Regional - Columbus	458	1,761	26%
System-wide Totals	47,357	102,684	46%

Crime Lab Reports Processed for June 2023

Department	Requested	Total Released
Chemistry (includes Drug ID)	3,299	2,575
Firearms	332	276
Forensic Biology	3,220	2,811
Impressions	1	2
Latent Prints	152	155
Medical Examiners	568	565
Operations Support	0	0
Toxicology	3,043	3,303
Trace Evidence	116	118
Total	10,731	9,805

Crime Lab Reports Processed FY2023

Department	Requested	Total Released
Chemistry (includes Drug ID)	37,871	29,004
Firearms	3,629	3,056
Forensic Biology	30,199	33,194
Impressions	23	48
Latent Prints	1,837	1,782
Medical Examiners	6,662	5,731
Operations Support	0	0
Toxicology	34,434	34,570
Trace Evidence	1,071	1,030
Total	115,726	108,415

DOFS Backlog Chart – FY 2023
Unworked Reports over 30 Days Old

Discipline	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Chemistry	29,289	30,075	31,096	30,982	31,503	31,992	32,540	31,997	33,631	33,473	34,716	35,243
Data Conversion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Firearms	2,928	2,979	3,013	2,967	3,003	2,984	2,901	2,878	2,994	2,922	2,931	2,941
Forensic Biology	5,340	4,243	5,588	6,282	5,470	4,968	4,751	3,292	3,858	2,962	2,698	1,905
Impressions	32	24	21	21	18	15	13	11	10	9	9	10
Latent Prints	61	51	56	50	41	46	41	30	36	53	84	107
Misc. Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Operations Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toxicology	989	1,149	1,341	1,158	1,254	1,725	1,734	1,836	1,870	1,480	1,579	1,162
Trace Evidence	497	478	490	469	491	476	511	486	479	461	447	404
Total	39,136	38,999	41,605	41,929	41,780	42,206	42,491	40,530	42,878	41,360	42,464	41,772

MEO Backlog Chart - FY2023

(Medical Examiner data is calculated as >90 days from the date of examination in accordance with National Association of Medical Examiner accreditation standards.)

Discipline	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Medical Examiners	387	397	476	545	593	641	749	831	957	916	985	1,003

Total DOFS & MEO	39,523	39,396	42,081	42,474	42,373	42,847	43,240	41,361	43,835	42,276	43,449	42,775
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Georgia Crime Information Center

June 2023

NCIC SERVICES

CJIS Network Statistics

System Uptime: 100%

Messages Processed: 86,290,775

CJIS Operations

1. Sex Offender Registry

	Month	FY2023	Database Totals
Records Added	87	1,481	37,574

2. Protection Order Registry

	Month	FY2023	Database Totals
Records Added	2,839	32,916	177,476

3. Off-Line Search Requests

Type of Request	Month	FY2023
Administrative (Criminal Justice Agency)	14	146
Open Records	1	7
Subpoena	0	2
Media	0	0
Possible CJIS Security Violations	2	31

CJIS Audits

	Month	FY2023
CJIS Audits	29	346

INFORMATION SERVICES
Criminal History Identification Services

1. Criminal Fingerprint Transactions Received

	Month	FY2023
Submissions	37,191	428,319
Submissions w/Palms	16,668	194,381
Submissions w/Photos	12,437	141,436

Transactions processed within 2 hours of receipt: 97%

2. Applicant Fingerprint Transactions Received

	Month	FY2023
Submissions	40,600	473,051

Transactions processed with 24 hours of receipt: 100%

3. Final Dispositions Received

	Month	FY2023
Local Agency	66,430	797,417
GCIC	781	5,388
TOTAL	67,211	802,805

4. Rapid Identification (Rapid ID) Transactions

	Month	FY2023
Submissions	1,053	13,525
AFIS Hits	43%	45%
NCIC Hits	52%	51%
FBI RISC Hits	14%	12%

5. Non-Criminal Justice Audits, Visits and Trainings

	Month	FY2023
In Compliance	39	267
Out of Compliance	20	156
TOTAL AUDITS	59	423
Agency Visits	10	103
Training Attendees	6	3,140
Trainings	4	104

6. Rap Back Activity

	Month	FY2023
Subscriptions Created	3,453	54,053
Triggering Events	572	7,553

7. Latent Print AFIS Activities

	Month	FY2023
Latent Hits	42	390

PLANS AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

CUSTOMER SUPPORT & TRAINING

Project Description - The Customer Support Training group provides training in GCIC programs, GCIC applications, and GCIC/FBI compliance to criminal justice agencies across the State of Georgia.

CJ Training Tasks

Training Staff Tasks	Month	FY 2023
Emails	1,954	14,040
Phone Calls	561	1,818
Agency Visits	0	1
Virtual/Classroom Trainings	2	40
Individuals Trained	146	1,360

GBI Learning Management System (LMS)

Course	Month	FY 2023
Georgia Criminal Street Gang Database	53	243
Human Trafficking Awareness Training	0	17
Protective Order Registry	0	262
Sexual Harassment for Employees	0	91
Security Awareness Training and Awareness Statement	3,125	45,932
CJIS Network Operator Certification	1,765	19,412

GEORGIA APPLICANT PROCESSING SERVICE (GAPS) PROJECT

Project Description - The Information Services section of GCIC is seeking to obtain the services of a qualified and experienced vendor to provide an applicant fingerprinting solution that will electronically capture and submit applicant fingerprints to the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) and provide Rap Back services. The selected vendor shall also handle receiving fingerprint search results and disseminating results to the requestor.

Monthly Update - The SOW & Hosting Agreement was signed off by NEC and GBI. GCIC is awaiting DOAS approval of a 3-year contract extension. Once approved, purchase order will be provided to NEC to begin Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) upgrade project activities. Weekly project calls continue between GBI and Fieldprint and a weekly call was established for GBI, Fieldprint and state agencies to discuss issues presented by their users that have developed since the May 1, 2023, go-live date.

GEORGIA LAW ENFORCEMENT MESSAGE SWITCH (GLEMS)

Project Description - The message switch provides a means of communication between federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies throughout the state of Georgia, the United States, and other countries, and to take advantage of new features and advances in technology. GCIC is looking to upgrade or replace this system.

Monthly Update - GCIC continues to work with Datamaxx and other SOG Stakeholders to test the production connections and prepare for a third quarter deployment.

HUMAN RESOURCE (HR) TIMESHEET PROJECT

Project Description - Enhancement of the application used by non-sworn units of the GBI for tracking time.

Monthly Update - There are no updates this reporting period.

NATIONAL SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY (NSOR) NOTIFICATION PROJECT

Project Description - The NSOR project will provide Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) the ability to receive NSOR responses as a part of the criminal history background check, in compliance with Federal, State, and local laws to make complete/accurate fitness determinations.

Monthly Update - The internal GBI team met with NEC and Equivant to discuss restart of the NSOR project. The internal project team is currently reviewing FBI specifications documents for NSOR notifications to DECAL and project notes.

RAP BACK PROJECT

Project Description - The Rap Back (RB) project will provide the ability to receive ongoing status notifications of criminal history activity reported on individuals holding positions of trust. Georgia's Rap Back System will include the retention of applicant fingerprints, the implementation of an FBI Rap Back Subscription on such prints, and the creation of a validation process for authorized entities to manage such subscriptions. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) is requesting proposals for the Georgia Applicant Processing Service (GAPS) with the Federal Rap Back Subscription Service. The objective of this procurement is to obtain the services of a qualified and experienced vendor to provide real-time, end -to-end, on-line submission of fingerprint images and data, designed to ensure high performance combined with high availability and reliability to the GBI Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS).

Monthly Update - The eRFP was released on 5/24/2023 with a 31-day closing for all bids. Responses to questions were provided to the vendors. Evaluation team members received evaluation documentation for their signatures.