Georgia Bureau of Investigation
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FY2024

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Noteworthy Cases & Operational Support

- Region 4 – The GBI has identified the remains of a small girl found near Millwood, GA in Ware County on December 21, 1988, as Kenyatta "KeKe" Odom, of Albany, Dougherty County, GA. Kenyatta was 5 years old when she was found. On November 9, 2023, Evelyn Odom, A.K.A. Zmecca Luciana, age 56, and Ulyster Sanders, age 61, both of Albany, GA, were arrested and charged with felony murder, cruelty to children in the first degree, aggravated battery – family violence, concealing the death of another person, and conspiracy to conceal the death of another person.

  On December 21, 1988, Ware County Sheriff's Office requested the GBI to assist with a death investigation involving a small girl found in the woods in a container encased in concrete. Evidence found led investigators to believe there could be a connection to the Albany area. A GBI medical examiner concluded the manner of death was homicide, but the cause of death could not be determined. Efforts made to identify the child included available forensic testing, collaboration with local social service organizations, local, state, and national media coverage, as well as comparisons to multiple missing children in several other states. None of these attempts led to her identification. In 2019, with the help of the Ware County Sheriff's Office, the GBI Crime Lab, as well as private labs, genealogy services determined a certain family tree from the Albany area was likely related to the child. In 2022, following a news story that aired on the anniversary of the child's death, police received a tip from a member of the public. Based on that tip, it was determined in early 2023 that the child was Kenyatta and that she died in Albany in 1988. Agents continued to investigate and determined that Ulyster was Evelyn's live-in boyfriend at the time of Kenyatta's death.

  GBI agents presented the facts to the Dougherty County Grand Jury on November 1, 2023. The Grand Jury returned a True Bill. Police arrested Evelyn and Ulyster without incident on November 9, 2023. Once the investigation is completed, the case file will be given to the Dougherty Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office for prosecution. The Waycross Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office will also assist in prosecuting the case through a special arrangement. The GBI would like to thank the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs), University of North Texas, Gene by Gene, Othram, Inc., and Innovative Forensic Investigations for their assistance in identifying Kenyatta. The GBI would also like to thank a local, anonymous donor who provided a $5,000 reward for information that would lead to the identification of the Ware Baby Jane Doe.

- Region 2 – On November 13, 2023, the GBI was requested by Talbot County Sheriff's Office to investigate allegations of threats against Central High School in Talbot County. An unknown subject made an online social media post in which the subject made threats to shoot an unidentified student at Central High School. After several interviews, a 16-year-old subject was identified. The believed target of the threat was identified as the 16-year-old brother of a member of a local gang, the 4 Baby Gang. The gang member had previously been arrested for a retaliatory shooting against members of the Front Street Gang. An exigent request was sent to Instagram for information on the online account and the IP address and phone number on the account was linked to the 16-year-old subject's mother. The subject's mother advised that her son would be obtaining an attorney, and the attorney would contact the case agent for an interview. The 16-year-old subject was charged and arrested for Terroristic Threats and Acts (Felony). The Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency was also informed of the online post/threat. The 16-year-old subject turned himself into the Talbot County Sheriff's Office on November 24, 2023, and had a preliminary hearing in Juvenile Court on November 28, 2023. The trial has been scheduled.

- 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. Nineteen (19) cold cases are being reviewed at this time. Six (6) were requests from designated family members and thirteen (13) were self-initiated.

- From January 1 to November 30, 2023, the GBI has investigated a total of 94 Officer Involved Shootings (OIS). OIS number 94 was on November 28, 2023. GBI's Region 10 office was requested by South Fulton Police Department for an OIS. South Fulton PD officers responded to a 911 call for a sexual assault complaint. The victim reported that a man, later identified as Fred Claud Perkins, age 78, of Riverdale, GA, shot at her and hit her with his gun. When officers arrived on scene, they gathered information on the incident and Perkin's possible location. As officers approached a shed on the property, they found Perkins. Perkins was armed with a shotgun and shot at officers. Officers returned fire and Perkins retreated into the shed. Later, officers found Perkins dead inside the building. Police found a shotgun with Perkins. The GBI will conduct an independent investigation. Once complete, the case file will be given to the Fulton County District Attorney's Office for review.

Trainings and Projects

Legal Division

- GBI's Senior Managing Attorney attended the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) Fall Conference held in Bellevue, Washington on November 8-11, 2023.

- GBI's Legal Division Director attended the Howard G. Buffett Foundation (HGBF) Ag Labor Task Force Annual Meeting held in Macon, Georgia, December 5-6, 2023. Presentations were given by:
  - GBI Special Prosecutor and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, "Collaborating with Prosecution"
  - GBI Financial Auditor Manager, "Financial Documentation and Money Transmitters"
  - GBI Criminal Intelligence Analyst, "Supporting MDT Operations with Data and Analytics"

Division of Forensic Sciences

- On November 13, 2023, GBI's Medical Examiner Office Director of Medical Operations and Medical Examiner met with several partners at Emory to discuss possible research collaborations.

Georgia Crime Information Center

- A contract has been signed awarding Idemia & Security USA LLC the Georgia Applicant Print System (GAPS) bid.

- The GCIC Team attended the Criminal Case Data Exchange (CDX) Board Meeting on November 16, 2023. The draft Uniform Standards for the Creation and Transmission of Electronic Criminal History Data document was approved and adopted on November 16, 2023.

Investigative Division

- Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Jason Seacrist was recently Valdosta State University's Professor of the Day, presenting Leadership Lessons from High Profile Criminal Investigations. SAC Seacrist emphasized the importance of ethics in his daily work by being transparent and operating with integrity.

Personnel Matters

Promotions Effective November 2023

- James Brower was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) at the Polygraph Unit in Decatur, Georgia, effective November 16, 2023.

- Joe Hilton was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) at the Region 12 Field Office in Eastman, Georgia, effective November 16, 2023.

- Blair Sasnett was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) at the Training Unit in Forsyth, Georgia, effective November 16, 2023.

- Paul Skinner was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) at the West Metro Regional Drug Enforcement Office in Carrollton, Georgia, effective November 16, 2023.

Facilities Update

- Macon Morgue building renovation is scheduled to begin in early January 2024.

- Mausoleum – Footings poured for new canopy. Awaiting delivery of structural steel.

- GBI 77 – New Region 1 Field Office – Site grading operations started December 4, 2023.

- HQ – Building Automation System Replacement Project started December 4, 2023.

- HQ – Fire Alarm System Replacement Project scheduled to begin in late January 2024.

GBI Employment Opportunities
FY2024

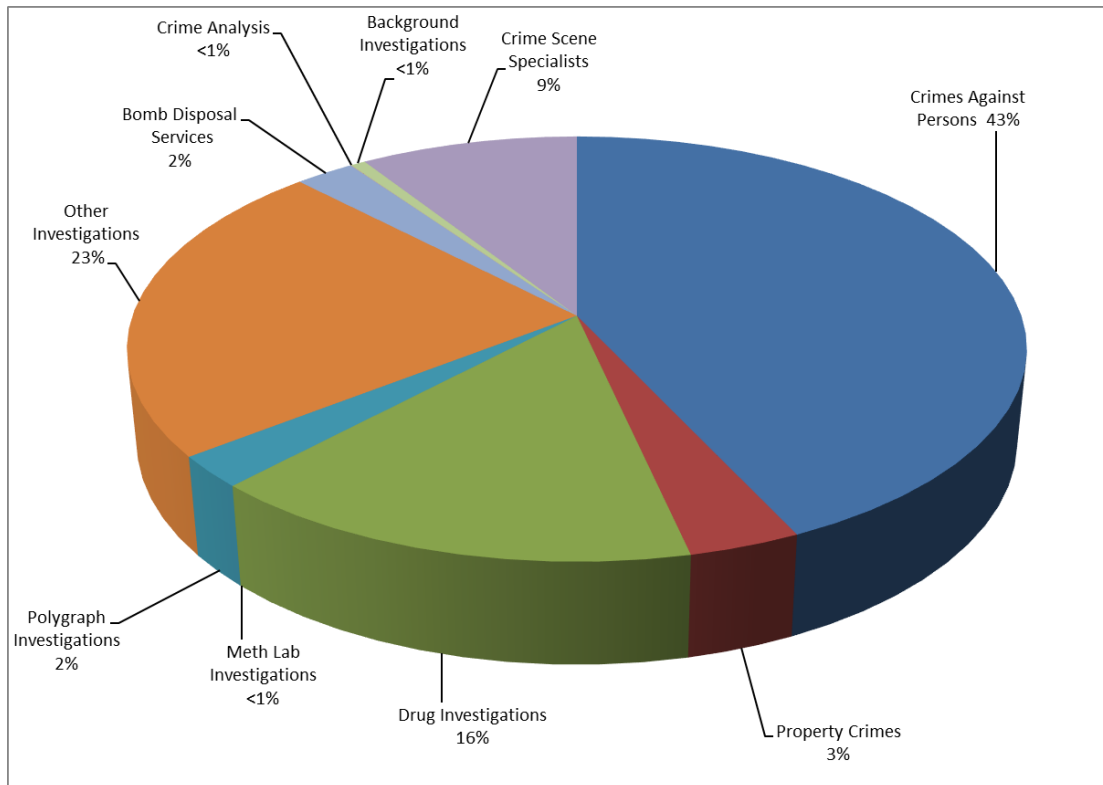|	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
DOFS	61	61	61	58								
Scientist Positions	18	19	18	19								
Investigative Division	43	46	48	52								
Sworn Agent Positions	29	32	33	36								
GCIC	2	4	4	5								
Admin	9	8	6	5								

GBI Administration

Office of Privacy & Compliance/Open Records

	October 2023	Total FY 2024
Open Records Requests	327	1,791
Archives	8	72

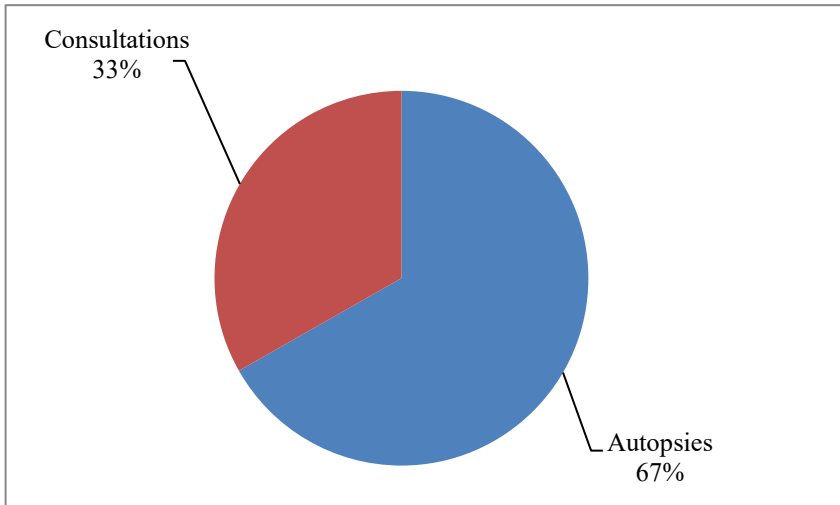# Investigative Division

Investigative Hours Expended - YTD FY2024

Crime Analysis <1%
Background Investigations <1%
Crime Scene Specialists 9%
Bomb Disposal Services 2%
Crimes Against Persons 43%
Other Investigations 23%
Polygraph Investigations 2%
Meth Lab Investigations <1%
Drug Investigations 16%
Property Crimes 3%

Crime Lab

Medical Examiners (includes all laboratories)

	October 2023	FY2024 YTD
Autopsies	313	1,514
Consultations	193	753
Total ME Cases Managed	**506**	**2,267**

Percentage of Cases Released in 90 days: 65.3%

Medical Examiner Activity, FY2024

Consultations 33%

Autopsies 67%

Confirmed CODIS Hits for October 2023

State Offender Hits	57
State Forensic Hits	11
National Offender Hits	14
National Forensic Hits	2
Total	84

Samples entered CODIS for October 2023 – 2,839

Profiles in CODIS

Forensic Casework Profiles	29,729
Convicted Offender Profiles	436,278
Missing Person/Unidentified Human Remain Profiles	12
Staff/QC File	634
Total	466,653

Report Turnaround for October 2023

	# Released in 45 Days	Total Released	% Released in 45 Days
Laboratory			
Headquarters - Atlanta	3,130	6,014	52%
Central Regional - Macon	1	9	11%
Coastal Regional - Savannah	340	843	40%
Eastern Regional - Augusta	255	365	70%
Northeastern Regional	1,125	2,194	51%
Southwestern Regional - Moultrie	34	196	17%
Western Regional - Columbus	39	175	22%
System-wide Totals	**4,924**	**9,796**	**50%**

Note: 64.8% Casework Reports were released within 90 days.

Report Turnaround for Year-to-Date, FY2024

	# Released in 45 Days	Total Released	% Released in 45 Days
Laboratory			
Headquarters - Atlanta	12,538	25,115	50%
Central Regional - Macon	17	209	8%
Coastal Regional - Savannah	1,482	3,769	39%
Eastern Regional - Augusta	1,602	2,441	66%
Northeastern Regional	1,792	7,704	23%
Southwestern Regional - Moultrie	173	645	27%
Western Regional - Columbus	181	868	21%
System-wide Totals	**17,785**	**40,751**	**44%**

Crime Lab Reports Processed for October 2023

Department	Requested	Total Released
Chemistry (includes Drug ID)	2,840	3,519
Firearms	415	361
Forensic Biology	3,172	3,058
Impressions	1	2
Latent Prints	220	151
Medical Examiners	580	506
Operations Support	0	0
Toxicology	2,899	2,608
Trace Evidence	133	97
Total	**10,260**	**10,302**

Crime Lab Reports Processed FY2024

Department	Requested	Total Released
Chemistry (includes Drug ID)	12,198	16,058
Firearms	1,576	1,130
Forensic Biology	9,550	10,620
Impressions	10	8
Latent Prints	750	667
Medical Examiners	2,285	2,267
Operations Support	0	0
Toxicology	11,446	11,837
Trace Evidence	402	431
Total	**38,217**	**43,018**

DOFS Backlog Chart – FY 2024
Unworked Reports over 30 Days Old

Discipline	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Chemistry	33,667	32,688	32,438	31,932								
Data Conversion	0	0	0	0								
Firearms	2,933	2,914	2,999	3,075								
Forensic Biology	3,804	3,047	2,646	1,672								
Impressions	10	12	12	12								
Latent Prints	85	125	89	106								
Misc. Services	0	0	0	0								
Operations Support	0	0	0	0								
Toxicology	1,061	981	823	865								
Trace Evidence	394	387	357	303								
Total	**41,954**	**40,154**	**39,364**	**37,965**								

MEO Backlog Chart - FY2024
(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	979	969	1,006	1,081								

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Total DOFS & MEO	**42,933**	**41,123**	**40,370**	**39,046**								

Georgia Crime Information Center

October 2023

NCIC SERVICES

CJIS Network Statistics

System Uptime: 100%
Messages Processed: 88,991,401

CJIS Operations

1. Sex Offender Registry

	Month	FY2024	Database Totals
Records Added	123	520	37,981

2. Protection Order Registry

	Month	FY2024	Database Totals
Records Added	2,786	11,332	186,095

3. Off-Line Search Requests

Type of Request	Month	FY2024
Administrative (Criminal Justice Agency)	13	61
Open Records	0	1
Subpoena	0	0
Media	0	0
Possible CJIS Security Violations	0	8

CJIS Audits

	Month	FY2024
CJIS Audits	51	191

INFORMATION SERVICES
Criminal History Identification Services

1. Criminal Fingerprint Transactions Received

	Month	FY2024
Submissions	39,951	156,843
Submissions w/Palms	16,042	67,434
Submissions w/Photos	12,106	50,877

Transactions processed within 2 hours of receipt: 96%

2. Applicant Fingerprint Transactions Received

	Month	FY2024
Submissions	40,595	178,904

Transactions processed with 24 hours of receipt: 100%

3. Final Dispositions Received

	Month	FY2024
Local Agency	90,189	274,636
GCIC	234	1,987
TOTAL	90,423	276,623

4. Rapid Identification (Rapid ID) Transactions

	Month	FY2024
Submissions	1,475	5,531
AFIS Hits	49%	51%
NCIC Hits	53%	52%
FBI RISC Hits	15%	14%

5. Non-Criminal Justice Audits, Visits and Trainings

	Month	FY2024
In Compliance	36	112
Out of Compliance	12	54
TOTAL AUDITS	48	166
Agency Visits	14	40
Training Attendees	30	265
Trainings	7	26

6. Rap Back Activity

	Month	FY2024
Subscriptions Created	5,798	22,709
Triggering Events	727	2,776

7. Latent Print AFIS Activities

	Month	FY2024
Latent Hits	15	94

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 2024
Emails	1,401	6,709
Phone Calls	428	1,529
Agency Visits	0	0
Virtual/Classroom Trainings	3	10
Individuals Trained	113	440

GBI Learning Management System (LMS)

Course	Month	FY 2024
Georgia Criminal Street Gang Database	15	65
Security Awareness Training and Awareness Statement	5,179	21,372
CJIS Network Operator Certification	1,701	7,697

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 - GAPS is operational. Weekly project calls continue between GBI and Fieldprint regarding change order requests. One change order from October remains unresolved.

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 production connections and prepare for a 2024 first 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 - The developer is working to add the signature function to the Timecard application. The PM is awaiting feedback from the sponsor concerning next steps.

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 NSOR project is moving forward. The MOU was completed and the GTA-DECAL-GBI SOW is being reviewed.

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 Notice of Award was published on the DOAS Purchasing site. A brief introduction call was held with the new vendor's staff working on the project. The kickoff meeting is tentatively scheduled December 5-7, 2023.