

**Georgia Bureau of Investigation
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FY2023**



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Noteworthy Cases & Operational Support Provided

- As announced in a January 11, 2023, multi-agency news conference held at Glynn County Police Department Headquarters in Brunswick, Georgia, David H. Estes, US Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia stated that the indictment in USA v. Alvarez et. al, dubbed Operation Ghost Busted, charged 76 defendants with involvement in a drug trafficking conspiracy that distributed large amounts of methamphetamine, fentanyl, heroin, and alprazolam in the greater Glynn County area.
- CEACC – “Operation Happy New Year” scheduled for January 23-26, 2023.
- GISAC – worked with GSP on security for the Governor’s Inauguration on Thursday, January 12, 2023.
- Region 5 –working with DOC to investigate corruption and contraband at Smith State Prison.
- Region 10 – During an operation on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, a Georgia State Patrol (GSP) Trooper was shot in the abdomen by a subject in a tent. Five GSP Troopers returned fire and the subject is deceased. The GSP Trooper has undergone several surgeries with a good prognosis. There was a firearm found near the subject and two shell casings from the weapon found inside the tent near the subject’s body. The GBI Crime Lab was able to determine that the bullet removed from the GSP Trooper matched the subject’s handgun. Seven subjects were also arrested during the operation and charged with Domestic Terrorism and Criminal Trespass. Six of the seven arrested received bond on Friday, January 20, 2023. The seventh subject did not receive bond due to being arrested on the same property for Criminal Trespass in May 2022, and one of the conditions of his previous bond was to stay away from the property. None of the seven arrested are from the State of Georgia. Additionally, throughout Saturday night (January 21st)/early Sunday morning (January 22nd) 14 people were arrested by Atlanta PD (APD) and DeKalb County PD when they entered the property. All were charged with Criminal Trespass.
- Numerous vigils/protests took place in Atlanta and other cities throughout the country on Friday, January 20, 2023 and Saturday, January 21, 2023 in response to the shooting and against the building of the APD training center. One of the events in Atlanta on Saturday night resulted in several businesses being vandalized and one APD marked patrol vehicle being burned. As a result, six subjects were arrested on numerous charges to include felony charges of Arson 1st Degree and Domestic Terrorism. One of the six subjects arrested is from the State of Georgia.
- From January 1 to January 23, 2023, the GBI has investigated a total of eight Officer Involved Shootings (OIS). OIS number seven was described above and involved GSP Troopers. OIS number eight was on Thursday, January 19, 2023, investigated by Region 10 and requested by Doraville PD. The subject had active felony warrants when he fled from law enforcement. The subject later brandished a machete and was able to get inside a patrol vehicle with access to several additional weapons inside of the patrol vehicle. More than one officer fired at the subject who was transported to the hospital and treated for non-life-threatening injuries. No law enforcement officers sustained injuries during the incident.

Trainings Conducted and Testimony Provided

Legal Division

- Legal is working with DCS to provide gang database training to:
 - DCS statewide gang staff at GPSTC on January 26, 2023
 - Gwinnett County PD
 - Paulding County DA's office
- Ag Labor Trafficking Special Prosecutor gave a joint presentation at the PAC conference with Assistant US Attorney for the Southern District, Greg Gilluly.
- Executive Director John Melvin assisted the Attorney General's Office, Rabun County District Attorney's Office, and Cherokee County District Attorney's Office with RICO indictments and motions.

Division of Forensic Sciences

- Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Fellowship site visit held on January 17, 2023. Two additional fellowship interviews were held. There are six total applicants for 2024-2025. This is the highest number of applicants in years.
- Vanderbilt Medical Student won the College of American Pathologist Advanced Training Grant and chose the GBI ME's Office over all other programs in the country to attend.
- Director Michael Register provided testimony to the Joint House and Senate Appropriations Committee and, the same day, to the House Subcommittee for Public Safety.

Georgia Crime Information Center

- GCIC is working to migrate the Georgia Applicant Print System (GAPS) Thales to Fieldprint.
- Executive Director John Melvin attended the Joint House and Senate Appropriations Committee on the update of SB411 Criminal Data Exchange (CDX) Board addressing concerns of legislatures after the testimony was received.

Investigative Division

- The 2023 Special Agent Applicant Assessments are scheduled for February 4, 2023 at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center. There are approximately 120 applicants expected.
- The 2023 Office Managers In-Service sessions have been scheduled.

Personnel Matters

- Inspector Mitchell Posey is attending the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, January 7, 2023 through March 16, 2023.

Facilities Update

- The Director of Staff Services interviewed three teams for Project Construction Manager on January 18, 2023 regarding the HQ Medical Examiner’s Expansion Project.
- Installation of bullet & blast proof glass at HQ to start Spring 2023.

GBI Employment Opportunities FY2023

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

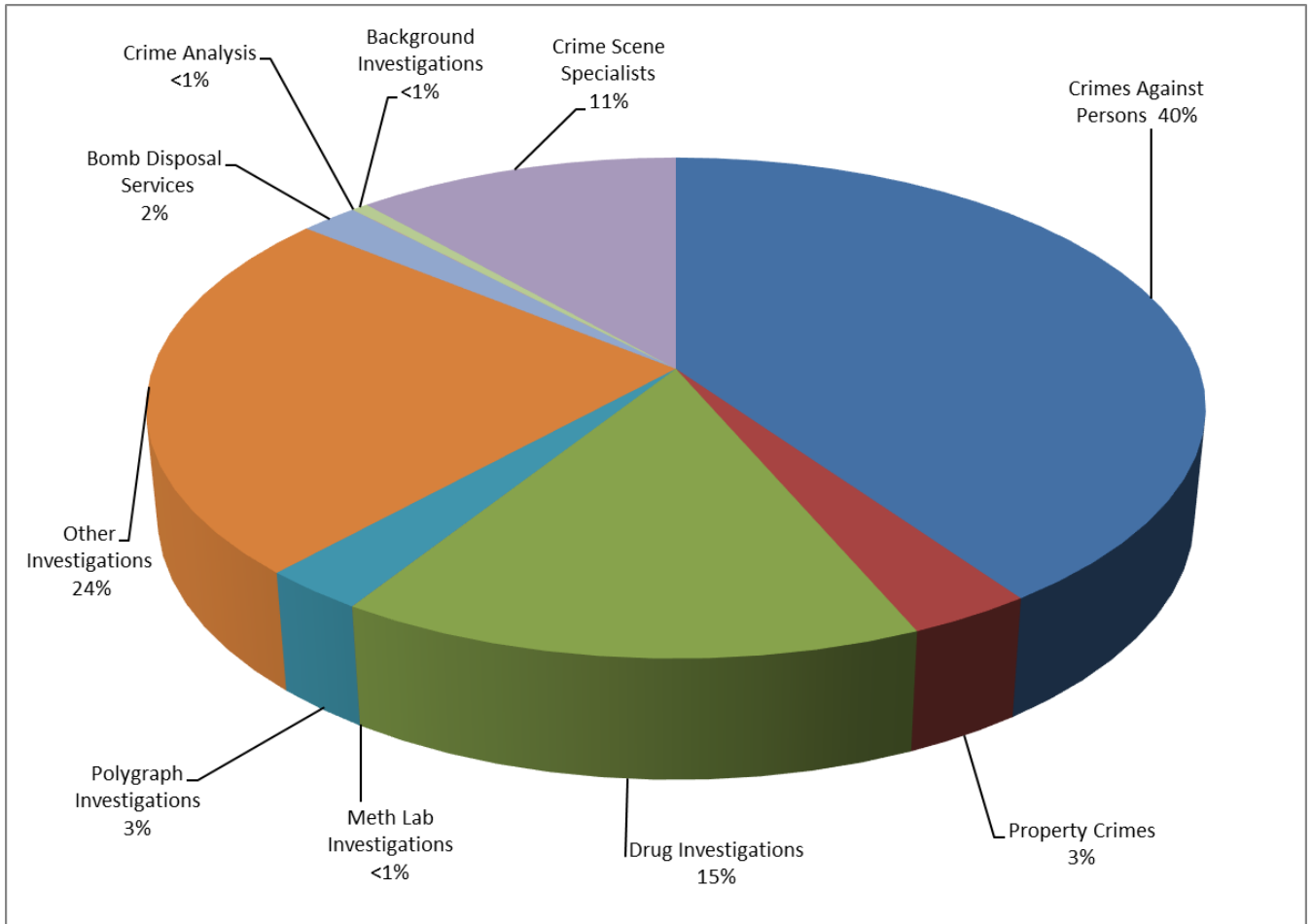
GBI Administration

Office of Privacy & Compliance/Open Records

	<u>December 2022</u>	<u>Total FY2023</u>
Open Records Request	493	3,032
Archives	24	157

Investigative Division

Investigative Hours Expended YTD FY2023



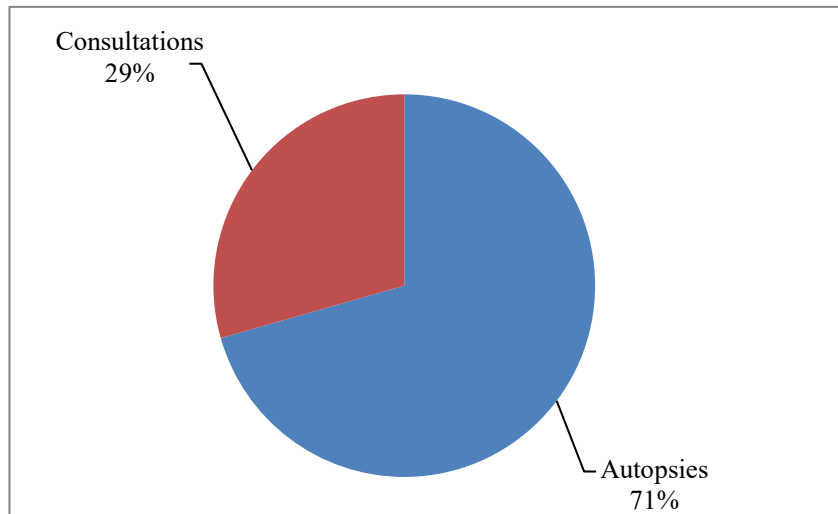
Crime Lab

Medical Examiners (includes all laboratories)

	December 2022	FY2023 YTD
Autopsies	290	1,984
Consultations	203	827
Total ME Cases Managed	493	2,811

Percentage of Cases Released in 90 days: 63.6%

Medical Examiner Activity, FY2023



Confirmed CODIS Hits for December 2022

State Offender Hits	76
State Forensic Hits	13
National Offender Hits	12
National Forensic Hits	3
Total	104

Samples entered CODIS for December 2022 – 3,097

Profiles in CODIS

Forensic Casework Profiles	27,761
Convicted Offender Profiles	421,068
Missing Person/Unidentified Human Remains Profiles	11
Staff/QC File	625
Total	449,465

Laboratory Production

Report Turnaround for December 2022

	# Released in 45 Days	Total Released	% Released in 45 Days
Laboratory			
Headquarters - Atlanta	2,056	4,102	50%
Central Regional - Macon	4	83	5%
Coastal Regional - Savannah	352	1,075	33%
Eastern Regional - Augusta	17	204	8%
Northeastern Regional	1,142	2,993	38%
Southwestern Regional - Moultrie	29	162	18%
Western Regional - Columbus	40	187	21%
System-wide Totals	3,640	8,806	41%

Note: 64.8% 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	14,164	27,659	51%
Central Regional - Macon	53	649	8%
Coastal Regional - Savannah	1,679	5,699	30%
Eastern Regional - Augusta	1,957	3,150	62%
Northeastern Regional	5,998	14,433	42%
Southwestern Regional - Moultrie	186	917	20%
Western Regional - Columbus	237	923	26%
System-wide Totals	24,274	53,430	45%

Crime Lab Reports Processed for December 2022

Department	Requested	Total Released
Chemistry (includes Drug ID)	2,529	2,344
Firearms	327	270
Forensic Biology	2,235	3,632
Impressions	2	4
Latent Prints	128	131
Medical Examiners	597	493
Operations Support	0	0
Toxicology	2,591	2,356
Trace Evidence	104	69
Total	8,513	9,299

Crime Lab Reports Processed FY2023

Department	Requested	Total Released
Chemistry (includes Drug ID)	18,943	15,068
Firearms	1,790	1,331
Forensic Biology	17,233	18,486
Impressions	12	32
Latent Prints	874	909
Medical Examiners	3,347	2,819
Operations Support	0	0
Toxicology	17,176	17,095
Trace Evidence	598	509
Total	59,973	56,249

Georgia Crime Information Center

December 2022

NCIC SERVICES

CJIS Network Statistics

System Uptime: 100%

Messages Processed: 84,767,238

CJIS Operations

1. Sex Offender Registry

	Month	FY2023	Database Totals
Records Added	121	776	37,041

2. Protection Order Registry

	Month	FY2023	Database Totals
Records Added	2,382	16,723	161,161

3. Off-Line Search Requests

Type of Request	Month	FY2023
Administrative (Criminal Justice Agency)	12	49
Open Records	0	1
Subpoena	0	2
Media	0	0
Possible CJIS Security Violations	3	20

CJIS Audits

GCIC conducted 28 CJIS Audits this month.

INFORMATION SERVICES
Criminal History Identification Services

1. Criminal Fingerprint Transactions Received

	Month	FY2023
Submissions	32,473	204,683
Submissions w/Palms	14,783	95,178
Submissions w/Photos	10,750	68,201

Transactions processed within 2 hours of receipt: 91%

2. Applicant Fingerprint Transactions Received

	Month	FY2023
Submissions	30,832	237,897

Transactions processed with 24 hours of receipt: 100%

3. Final Dispositions Received

	Month	FY2023
Local Agency	57,638	381,402
GCIC	380	2,126
TOTAL	58,018	383,528

4. Rapid Identification (Rapid ID) Transactions

	Month	FY2023
Submissions	1,189	6,793
AFIS Hits	44%	44%
NCIC Hits	50%	49%
FBI RISC Hits	11%	10%

5. Non-Criminal Justice Audits, Visits and Trainings

	Month	FY2023
In Compliance	-	103
Out of Compliance	-	60
TOTAL AUDITS	0	163
Agency Visits	-	34
Training Attendees	-	313
Trainings	-	59

6. Rap Back Activity

	Month	FY2023
Subscriptions Created	3,655	28,848
Triggering Events	811	4,061

7. Latent Print AFIS Activities

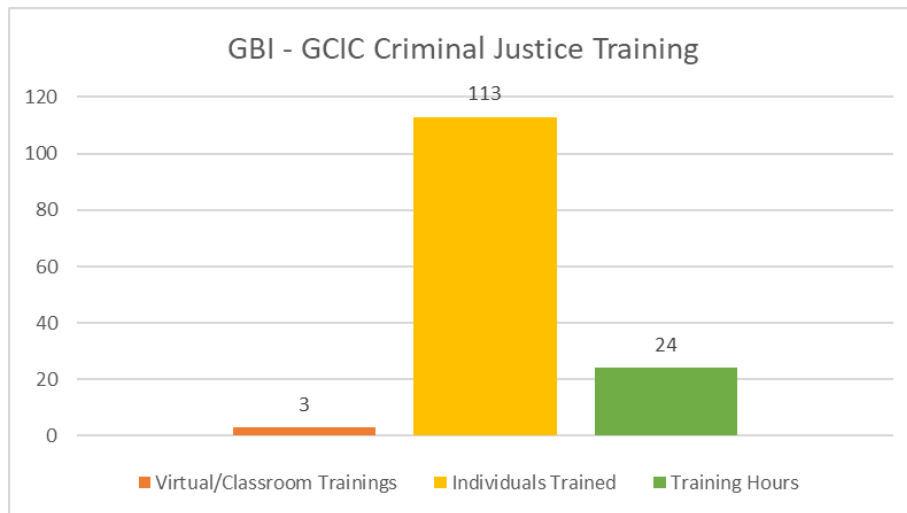
	Month	FY2023
Latent Hits	22	220

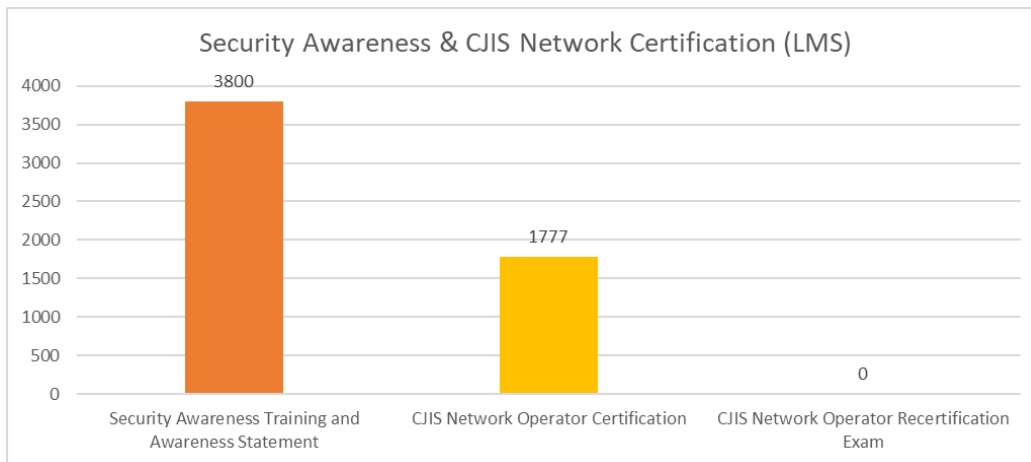
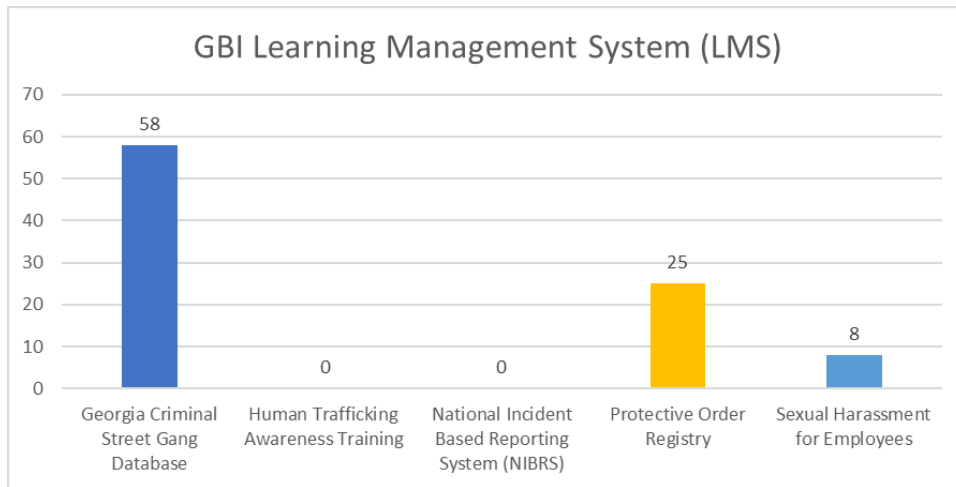
PLANS AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

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. The group extends the option to receive classroom training or training within an e-Learning environment.

Monthly Update - Training Staff handled 798 emails, 33 phone calls, 19 crystal reports and managed LMS user account additions. Multiple webinars and one-on-one trainings are being completed to meet State of Georgia training needs.





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). The selected vendor shall also handle receiving fingerprint search results and disseminating results to the requestor.

Monthly Update - The project plan was reviewed and is updated weekly. The draft of the business requirements document continues, and the scheduling site process flow was provided for review. GBI live scan certification and Rap Back testing was unsuccessful. The vendor interface was not ready, and testing is rescheduled for January 2023.

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 - Agency testing has been delayed as GBI works with GTA/ATT on potential DNS issues. GTA/ATT is working on the ticket for the Metro header port to allow vendors that come behind Nlets to connect.

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 discovered a few bugs and is currently working on a resolution.

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 project team met to discuss the proposed strategy by Equivant. A meeting will be scheduled to include both NEC and Equivant.

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.

Monthly Update - The testing of Rap Back transactions for vendor compliance was unsuccessful. The interface was not ready.

SERVER REFRESH

Project Description - GBI is working in collaboration with GTA with the replacement, installation and configuration of several server hardware replacements and software installs.

Monthly Update - There are no updates this reporting period.