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Noteworthy Cases & Operational Support

- Region 10 – Updates for the Trooper Officer Involved Shooting from January 18th – On Wednesday, June 7, 2023, a subject (Kenneth Michael Horn) was arrested by a Trooper on outstanding warrants from Carroll County stemming from him being involved with distributing flyers in a neighborhood of a law enforcement officer involved in the Cop City OIS. During the stop, the subject tossed his cell phone to his girlfriend and asked her to erase it. The Trooper seized the phone before it could be erased. The girlfriend was also arrested for Obstructing an Officer. Agents attempted to interview the subjects, but both requested attorneys. Their phones will be forensically examined via search warrants.
- Region 10 – Update for the APD Public Safety Training Center/DTAF – On Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at approximately 5 a.m., after 16 hours of comments by over 300 members of the public, the Atlanta City Council voted to fund the APD training center. Since that time, the DTAF/Stop Cop City has scheduled a week of action for June 24, 2023 through July 1, 2023.
- Region 7 – The GBI arrested and charged Cordell John Henry Cobb, 22, of Midville, GA, with Armed Robbery, Aggravated Assault, and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime. The investigation began on June 14, 2023, when the Glascock County Sheriff's Office asked the GBI to investigate an armed robbery that happened at the Gibson Mini Mart in Gibson, Georgia. The investigation shows that Cobb entered the Mini-Mart and took an undisclosed amount of money during the incident. On June 16, 2023, the Burke County Sheriff's Office Special Response Team executed a search warrant in the 9000 block of Highway 56 in Midville relating to the investigation. Cobb, along with James R. Davis, 27, of Midville, were taken into custody by Burke County deputies and GBI agents. Cobb was taken to the McDuffie County Jail, where he is currently being held on charges relating to the Gibson Mini-Mart robbery. Davis was being held at the Burke County Sheriff's Office for the Waycross Police Department for an armed robbery that took place in their jurisdiction but has since been moved to the Ware County Sheriff's Office. Cobb and Davis are suspects in at least fourteen robberies that have occurred across the state in the last several months, including Bulloch, Chatham, Emmanuel, Jenkins, Tift, Ware, and Washington Counties.
- From January 1 to June 30, 2023, the GBI has investigated a total of 47 Officer Involved Shootings (OIS). OIS number 47 was on June 25, 2023. Region 13 responded to a request for assistance from the Warner Robins Police Department in reference to an officer involved shooting involving two officers and one suspect (Todd Eric Jones). The incident began as a drive by shooting investigation. Officers were able to locate the involved vehicle and suspect based on information provided to them by witnesses. The officers attempted to stop the vehicle, but the suspect sped away. The suspect crashed his vehicle while trying to elude the officers. The suspect shot at the officers, who then shot at the suspect. The suspect then exited his vehicle and ran down the street where he carjacked a driver/vehicle. The victim jumped out of the vehicle, and the suspect fled the scene in the stolen vehicle. Later, officers located the suspect in a vehicle, and he was threatening to shoot himself. A standoff began and officers attempted to get the suspect to surrender. At approximately midnight, the suspect was taken into custody without further incident. The suspect had at least one gunshot wound to his shoulder/arm. No officers were injured during the incident.

Trainings and Projects

Legal Division

- Agricultural Labor Trafficking Special Prosecutor Diane McLeod conducted Human Trafficking Training for the Georgia Department of Agriculture on June 6, 2023 in Atlanta, GA and on June 8, 2023 at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth, GA.
- Senior Managing Attorney Lindsay Gardner conducted GBI Gang Database Training in Statesboro, GA on June 29, 2023.

Division of Forensic Sciences

- The GBI Medical Examiner's Office (MEO) held a graduation ceremony for the 2022-2023 GBI Forensic Pathology Fellows, Dr. Romana Mayer and Dr. Samantha Mattox, on June 29, 2023.
- The MEO's new Forensic Pathology Fellows, Dr. Kari Broder and Dr. Taylor Sliker, began their fellowship on July 3, 2023.
- The Division of Forensic Sciences (DOFS) held their 2023 Virtual Symposium on June 14, 2023.

Georgia Crime Information Center

- New Georgia Laws effective July 1st – GCIC Legislative Impacts:
 - Mariam's Law (HB 188) Georgia Dangerous Sexual Predator Prevention Act. The law requires sex offenders who have not received a risk-level assessment to be fitted with an ankle monitor. Once they are leveled, the most dangerous offenders have to wear the monitor for the duration of their probation, while lower-level offenders could have them removed if the state Department of Community Supervision approves.
 - GCIC has made the name change "Sexual Offender Risk Review Board" to all related documents.
 - SB60 - Changes to Required Information from Secondary Metals Recyclers. The GCIC Team has worked closely with the Metal Recycler Association, GSA, the Metal Recycler vendor (LeadsOnline) and others about the changes. GCIC has created an Operations Bulletin for notification to law enforcement as well as posting the Operations Bulletin on the GBI and GCIC websites.

- SB272 passed this year which transferred oversight of the Criminal Case Data Exchange Board (CDX) related to SB441 to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). GCIC serves as the point of contact and participates in the subcommittee meetings with AOC.
- The GCIC Team is reviewing all recently passed legislation to determine if any new felony and/or misdemeanor charges should be created.
- The GCIC Team will conduct an onsite Georgia Applicant Processing Service (GAPS) Fieldprint audit in mid-July.
- An Operations Bulletin has been created to notify Georgia Applicant Processing Service (GAPS) Users about the price change from \$8.25 to \$9.75 (18% increase) with an effective date of September 1, 2023.

Investigative Division

- Twenty Special Agents began employment on June 16, 2023. Five additional Special Agents began employment on July 3, 2023.

Personnel Matters

- After 28 years of service with the GBI, Region 5 - Statesboro, Georgia, Special Agent in Charge Chris DeMarco retired on July 1, 2023.
- After 15 years of service with the GBI, Division of Forensic Sciences Evidence Receiving Technician Louise Savoy is retiring effective August 1, 2023.
- After 30 years of service with the GBI, Region 2 – Midland, Georgia, Special Agent Larry Duren is retiring effective August 1, 2023.
- After 30 years of service with the GBI, Office of Public and Governmental Affairs Deputy Director Natalie Ammons is retiring effective August 1, 2023.
- GBI Office of Professional Standards Director Fred Mays has been commended by the Georgia House of Representatives and the Georgia Senate for excellence in public service.
 - HR: <https://tinyurl.com/3pn73kvs>
 - SR: <https://tinyurl.com/3usama8t>

Promotions Effective July 2023

- Klay Kilcrease was promoted to Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the GBI Middle Georgia Gang Task Force, effective July 1, 2023.
- Christina Kanner was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) of the GBI Office of Special Investigations, effective July 1, 2023.
- Justin McAllister was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) of the GBI Office of Special Investigations, effective July 1, 2023.
- Kim Jewett was promoted to Trace Evidence Assistant Manager, effective July 16, 2023.
- Michelle Peck was promoted to Central Lab Assistant Manager, effective July 16, 2023.
- Victoria Oehrlein was promoted to Western Lab Assistant Manager, effective July 16, 2023.
- Stacy Reynolds-Forehand was promoted to Eastern Lab Assistant Manager, effective July 16, 2023.

Facilities Update

- GBI-77 New Region 1 Field Office – Project schedule: Contractor bid solicitation in August 2023, construction beginning in September 2023, and project completion October 2024. Received three qualified bidders via GSFIC qualification process. Completed final GSFIC design review.
- GBI-81 HQ Medical Examiner Building Addition – Programming and Schematic Design in progress.
- Region 10 Field Office – Meeting scheduled to review programming packet. Conceptual design continues over the next several weeks.
- Facility Hardening Projects – HQ window installation throughout July 2023. Region 10 Field Office fencing scheduled for mid-July 2023. Investigative Offices lobby access controls to be delivered in 4 - 6 weeks. Installation has started at Region 15.
- Mausoleum – PO issued for structural canopy material and installation.
- GBI Training Storage Building – PO issued to GPSTC for Georgia Power. Received design and budgeting information for the future metal building.
- HQ Main Building – Main Building Switchgear PO has been issued and currently scheduling a preconstruction conference.
- HQ Complex – Fire Alarm System replacement quote received.
- 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	
Scientist Positions	15	18	19	19	21	21	36	19	20	20	20	
Investigative Division	44	45	40	42	43	30	36	38	38	42	42	
Sworn Agent Positions	27	28	28	30	32	32	33	29	30	34	34	
GCIC	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Admin	8	10	9	9	9	8	8	7	6	7	7	

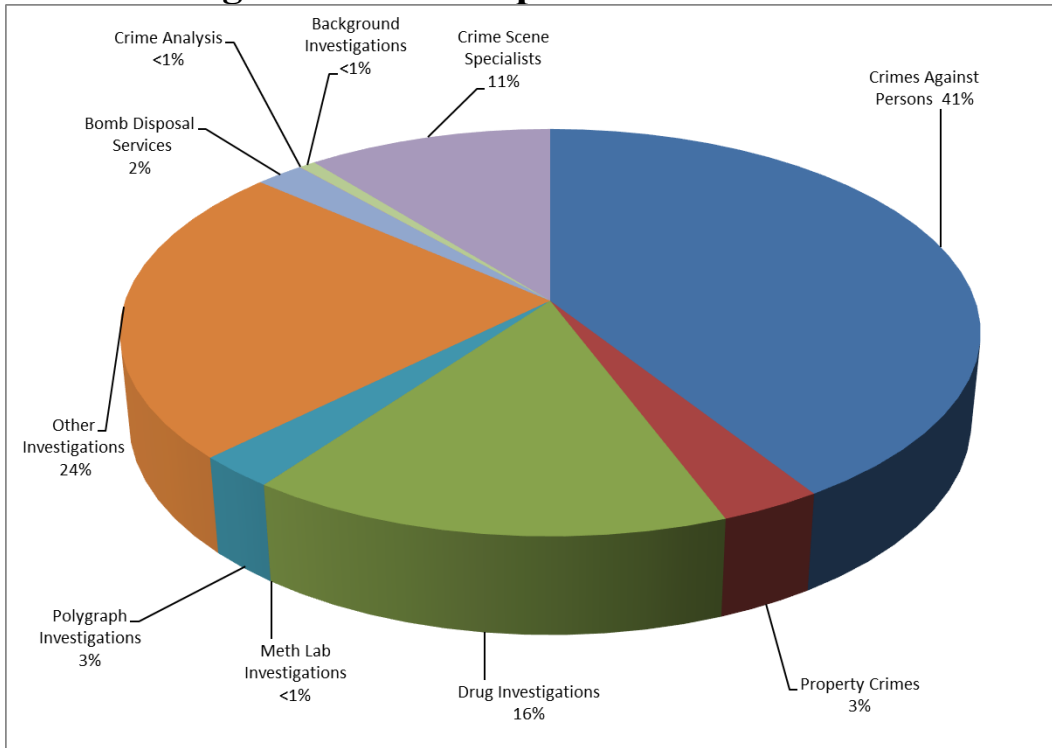
GBI Administration

Office of Privacy & Compliance/Open Records

	<u>May 2023</u>	<u>Total FY2023</u>
Open Records Request	447	5,375
Archives	13	244

Investigative Division

Investigative Hours Expended - YTD FY2023



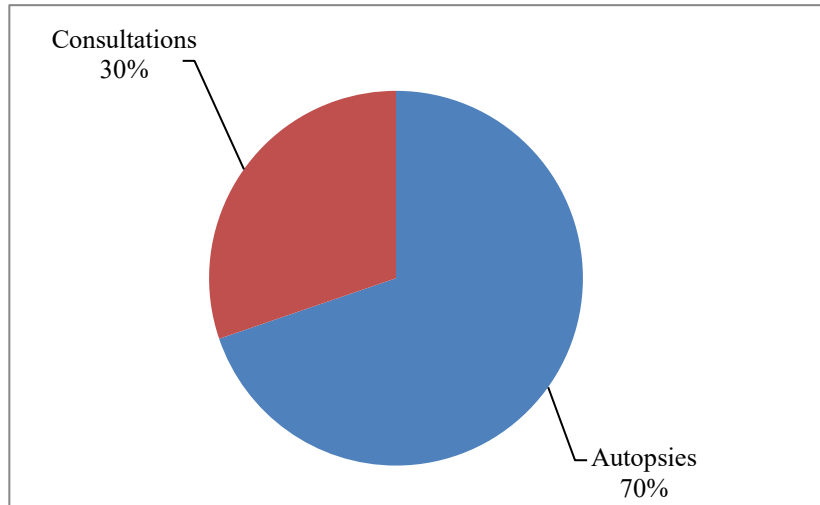
Crime Lab

Medical Examiners (includes all laboratories)

	May 2023	FY2023 YTD
Autopsies	336	3,585
Consultations	156	1,554
Total ME Cases Managed	492	5,139

Percentage of Cases Released in 90 days: 58.8%

Medical Examiner Activity, FY2023



Confirmed CODIS Hits for May 2023

State Offender Hits	110
State Forensic Hits	23
National Offender Hits	21
National Forensic Hits	0
Total	154

Samples entered CODIS for May 2023 – 787

Profiles in CODIS

Forensic Casework Profiles	28,742
Convicted Offender Profiles	427,286
Missing Person/Unidentified Human Remains Profiles	12
Staff/QC File	629
Total	456,669

Report Turnaround for May 2023

	# Released in 45 Days	Total Released	% Released in 45 Days
Laboratory			
Headquarters - Atlanta	2,719	5,020	54%
Central Regional - Macon	7	58	12%
Coastal Regional - Savannah	411	962	43%
Eastern Regional - Augusta	254	545	47%
Northeastern Regional	903	1,678	54%
Southwestern Regional - Moultrie	38	97	39%
Western Regional - Columbus	51	170	30%
System-wide Totals	4,383	8,530	51%

Note: 65.9% 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	25,230	50,398	50%
Central Regional - Macon	107	1,166	9%
Coastal Regional - Savannah	3,140	10,193	31%
Eastern Regional - Augusta	2,605	5,612	46%
Northeastern Regional	10,807	22,555	48%
Southwestern Regional - Moultrie	343	1,735	20%
Western Regional - Columbus	426	1,575	27%
System-wide Totals	42,658	93,234	46%

Crime Lab Reports Processed for May 2023

Department	Requested	Total Released
Chemistry (includes Drug ID)	3,155	2,262
Firearms	440	280
Forensic Biology	2,167	2,649
Impressions	7	2
Latent Prints	199	162
Medical Examiners	579	492
Operations Support	0	0
Toxicology	2,900	3,091
Trace Evidence	75	84
Total	9,522	9,022

Crime Lab Reports Processed FY2023

Department	Requested	Total Released
Chemistry (includes Drug ID)	34,127	26,220
Firearms	3,374	2,780
Forensic Biology	27,067	30,382
Impressions	26	46
Latent Prints	1,689	1,627
Medical Examiners	6,094	5,166
Operations Support	0	0
Toxicology	31,413	31,267
Trace Evidence	961	912
Total	104,751	98,400

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	
Data Conversion	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	
Forensic Biology	5,340	4,243	5,588	6,282	5,470	4,968	4,751	3,292	3,858	2,962	2,698	
Impressions	32	24	21	21	18	15	13	11	10	9	9	
Latent Prints	61	51	56	50	41	46	41	30	36	53	84	
Misc. Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Operations Support	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	
Trace Evidence	497	478	490	469	491	476	511	486	479	461	447	
Total	39,136	38,999	41,605	41,929	41,780	42,206	42,491	40,530	42,878	41,360	42,464	

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	

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	
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Georgia Crime Information Center

May 2023

NCIC SERVICES

CJIS Network Statistics

System Uptime: 100%

Messages Processed: 103,411,711

CJIS Operations

1. Sex Offender Registry

	Month	FY2023	Database Totals
Records Added	122	1,394	37,518

2. Protection Order Registry

	Month	FY2023	Database Totals
Records Added	2,970	30,077	174,520

3. Off-Line Search Requests

Type of Request	Month	FY2023
Administrative (Criminal Justice Agency)	11	132
Open Records	2	6
Subpoena	0	2
Media	0	0
Possible CJIS Security Violations	0	29

CJIS Audits

	Month	FY2023
CJIS Audits	43	317

INFORMATION SERVICES
Criminal History Identification Services

1. Criminal Fingerprint Transactions Received

	Month	FY2023
Submissions	39,236	391,128
Submissions w/Palms	17,324	177,713
Submissions w/Photos	13,219	128,999

Transactions processed within 2 hours of receipt: 96%

2. Applicant Fingerprint Transactions Received

	Month	FY2023
Submissions	34,447	432,451

Transactions processed with 24 hours of receipt: 100%

3. Final Dispositions Received

	Month	FY2023
Local Agency	72,955	730,987
GCIC	846	4,607
TOTAL	73,801	735,594

4. Rapid Identification (Rapid ID) Transactions

	Month	FY2023
Submissions	1,149	12,472
AFIS Hits	49%	45%
NCIC Hits	53%	51%
FBI RISC Hits	14%	12%

5. Non-Criminal Justice Audits, Visits and Trainings

	Month	FY2023
In Compliance	29	228
Out of Compliance	18	136
TOTAL AUDITS	47	364
Agency Visits	6	93
Training Attendees	204	3,134
Trainings	9	100

6. Rap Back Activity

	Month	FY2023
Subscriptions Created	1,867	50,600
Triggering Events	610	6,981

7. Latent Print AFIS Activities

	Month	FY2023
Latent Hits	18	348

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. The LMS platform was transitioned to a new Learning Management System (LMS) in April. Online training was limited during this period.

CJ Training Tasks

Training Staff Tasks	Month	FY 2023
Emails	1,325	12,086
Phone Calls	342	1,257
Agency Visits	0	1
Virtual/Classroom Trainings	0	38
Individuals Trained	0	1,214

GBI Learning Management System (LMS)

Course	Month	FY 2023
Georgia Criminal Street Gang Database	19	190
Human Trafficking Awareness Training	0	17
Protective Order Registry	0	262
Sexual Harassment for Employees	0	91
Security Awareness Training and Awareness Statement	26	42,807
CJIS Network Operator Certification	10	17,647

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 FieldPrint Georgia Applicant Processing Service (GAPS) became operational on May 1, 2023, and GBI continues weekly project calls with FieldPrint. A weekly call was also established for GBI, FieldPrint and state agencies to discuss user issues that have developed since May 1. The GBI received approval to extend its contract with Fieldprint for the Georgia Applicant Processing Service (GAPS) for one year until 06/30/2024. The DOAS posted the GAPS RFP on May 24, 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 - GCIC continues to work with Datamaxx and other SOG Stakeholders to test the connections and prepare the production environment for go-live. The new GLEMS vendor is Datamaxx, and web-based training is available to all users. Please visit the GCIC website, under the Georgia Law Enforcement Message Switch (GLEMS) is a link to sign-up for the trainings. Users can choose from a variety of courses/available times. All users that participate must fill out the members request, by choosing a class or “members only” button, the user will be prompted to register for each class.

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 awaiting feedback from Human Resources for additional updates.

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 - There are no updates this reporting period.

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 - GTA approved the eRFP for bid release and the release date was 5/24/2023 with a 31-day closing for all bids to be received by GTA.