

**Georgia Bureau of Investigation
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Noteworthy Cases & Operational Support Provided

- Region 10 – requested by Douglas County Superior Court Judge in February 2022 to investigate Douglas County Commissioners for bid rigging. The prosecutor is AAG John Fowler due to DA recusing herself. The investigation revealed that elected officials promised county contracts to friends who worked on their campaigns, then ensured the contracts were awarded through various means. On February 24, 2023, a Grand Jury indicted Douglas County Tax Commissioner Greg Backer, Douglas County Chairperson Ramona Jackson Jones, Douglas County Commissioner Henry Mitchell, former Purchasing Director Bill Peacock, and Anthony Knight (owner of S&A Express) for Conspiracy in Restraint of Free and Open Competition in Transactions with State or Political Subdivisions (aka bid rigging). Jackson Jones is also being charged with False Statements to Police.
- Region 10 – requested by Newton County Sheriff's Office on February 19, 2023 to investigate an OIS and homicide. Subject shot a female in the driveway. Officers responded to the shooting and the subject pointed a gun at officers and the officers defended themselves and fired upon the suspect. The female that was shot died at the hospital. No officers were injured.
- CEACC - UC Chat Operation held in Bainbridge, GA, March 2 – 5, 2023.
- Arrested Wilkinson County Sheriff Captain Earl King for sexual misconduct with inmate and violation of office.
- Arrested Homerville Police Chief Mack Drury for Theft, false statements, and violation of oath of office on February 22, 2023.
- The Investigative Division's Inspector position vacated approximately 3 years ago has been reinstated. Several work units have been added to our Investigative Division which added to the already increased responsibilities of each Inspector. This is part of our ongoing realignment.
- From January 1 to February 27, 2023, the GBI has investigated a total of 15 Officer Involved Shootings (OIS). OIS number 15 was on Friday, February 24, 2023, investigated by Region 10 and requested by MARTA PD. Two undercover MARTA PD officers were patrolling inside a MARTA station. The undercover officers observed an individual in possession of suspected illegal drugs. Officers attempted to detain the subject to further their investigation. The subject attempted to escape the officers and a physical altercation occurred. One officer deployed a taser, but officers were unable to get the subject into custody. The subject again attempted to flee from officers and presented a firearm, at which time one of the officers fired his weapon and struck the subject. Officers then rendered medical aid to the subject until EMS arrived. The subject was transported to an area hospital but succumbed to his wounds. No law enforcement officers sustained injuries during the incident.

Trainings Conducted and Testimony Provided

Legal Division

- Continued to aid Public and Governmental Affairs Director Nelly Miles in reviewing legislation, including - HB 325 (BWCs), HB 361 (ELM Database), HB 171 (CHRI), SB 93 (TikTok ban), HB 88 (cold case).
- Sponsored several mock trials for the training of GBI scientists to testify.
- Completed review of the Georgia Applicant Print System (GAPS) RFP Project. DOAS and GTA will review before posting.

Division of Forensic Sciences

- Attended Emory University Rollins School of Public Health - Spring 2023 Public Health Career Fairs on Friday, February 24, 2023.
- Director Register provided testimony to the House Subcommittee for Public Safety and Higher Education Committee regarding HB 163 – Student loan repayment for medical examiners employed by the GBI Division of Forensic Sciences.

Georgia Crime Information Center

- GCIC is working to migrate the Georgia Applicant Print System (GAPS) Thales to Fieldprint.
- HB 459 - Met with Chairwoman Mandi Ballinger & State Representative Tanya Miller on February 16, 2023 to discuss the proposed bill “To authorize GCIC to submit juvenile felony arrest fingerprints to the FBI”. Chairwoman Mandi Ballinger was not in favor of the bill and State Representative Tanya Miller did not see any concerns at the time.
- IT Group continues to review GBI applications for the CrowdStrike program installation.
- James Brown/IT Managers continue to meet to discuss the GTA on Cloud Migration.

Investigative Division

- Basic Agent Academy for 12 new hires starts Sunday, March 26, 2023.

Personnel Matters

- The 2023 Polar Plunge for Special Olympics took place on February 25, 2023, in Acworth, GA. Team GBI participated in the plunge and the GBI raised over \$20,500.
- Inspector Mitchell Posey will graduate from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA, on March 16, 2023.
- Executive Director John Melvin completed the FBI LEEDA courses (Trilogy).

Promotions Effective January 2023

- Jeff Roesler was promoted to Investigative Division Inspector.

Promotions Effective February 2023

- Elizabeth Andrews was promoted to Director of the Child Victims Unit within the Medical Examiner's Office. The Child Victims Unit will house the Child Fatality Review Unit and the Child Abuse Investigative Support Center, providing pediatric injury evaluation, death investigation, fatality review, and prevention services.
- Rocky Bigham was promoted to Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the Georgia Information Sharing and Analysis Center (GISAC).
- Consuela Calhoun was promoted to Criminal Justice Training Supervisor of the Plans and Program Development Section of the Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC).
- Ryan Carmichael was promoted to Investigative Division Inspector.
- Elizabeth Fisher was promoted to Assistant Manager of the Division of Forensic Sciences (DOFS) Coastal Lab in Pooler, GA.
- Ryan Hilton was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) of the Human Exploitation and Trafficking (HEAT) Unit.
- Mark Lavender was promoted to Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the GBI Region 10 Field Office in Conyers, GA.
- Brittany Scott was promoted to Assistant Manager of the Division of Forensic Sciences (DOFS) Chemistry Section.
- Lindsey Shelton was promoted to Assistant Manager of the Division of Forensic Sciences (DOFS) Impressions Section.
- Gretchen Weiss was promoted to Assistant Manager of the Division of Forensic Sciences (DOFS) Forensic Biology Section.

Facilities Update

- Property Management Director Terry Sears retired after 29 years of service. Jacob Harmon was promoted to Property Management Director effective March 1, 2023.
- Mausoleum – Contractor to be onsite March 1, 2023 for punch list completion.
- Final proposal was received for the securing of all investigative lobbies.
- Region 7 Office – new AV System has been completed and is operational. The Crime Scene Garage Renovation continues and is on schedule to be completed by the 2nd week of March.
- HQ Morgue Cooler Roof Repair – Work continues and is on schedule.

GBI Employment Opportunities FY2023

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

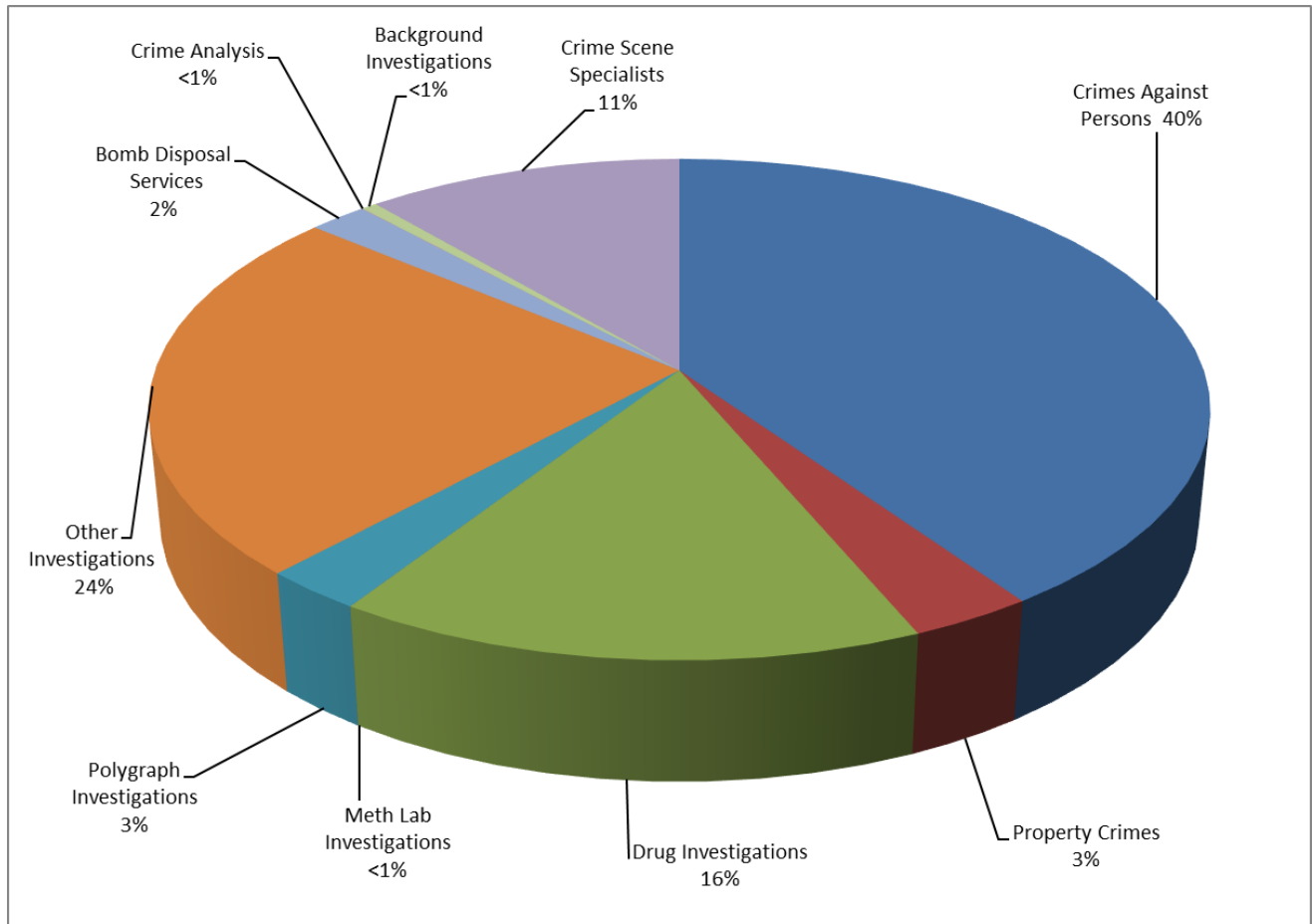
GBI Administration

Office of Privacy & Compliance/Open Records

	<u>January 2023</u>	<u>Total FY2023</u>
Open Records Request	418	3,450
Archives	17	174

Investigative Division

Investigative Hours Expended YTD FY2023



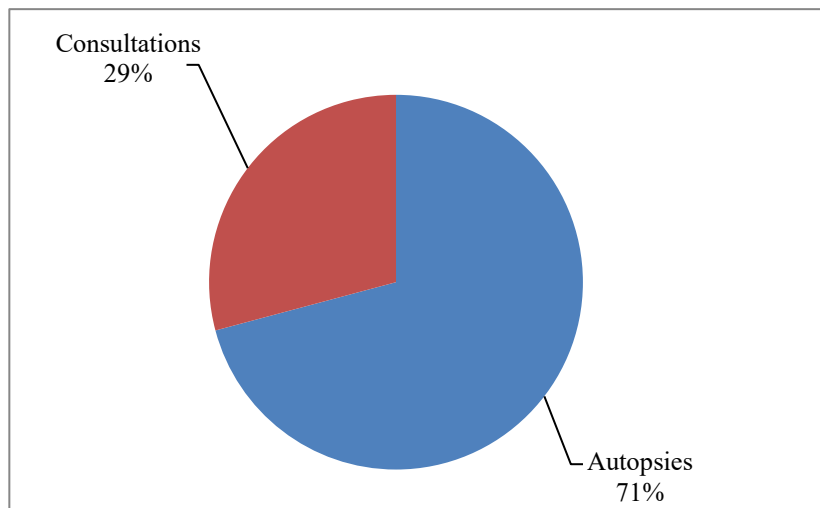
Crime Lab

Medical Examiners (includes all laboratories)

	January 2023	FY2023 YTD
Autopsies	308	2,292
Consultations	116	943
Total ME Cases Managed	424	3,235

Percentage of Cases Released in 90 days: 62.85%

Medical Examiner Activity, FY2023



Confirmed CODIS Hits for January 2023

State Offender Hits	51
State Forensic Hits	13
National Offender Hits	26
National Forensic Hits	<u>1</u>
Total	91

Samples entered CODIS for January 2023 – 1,659

Profiles in CODIS

Forensic Casework Profiles	27,872
Convicted Offender Profiles	422,610
Missing Person/Unidentified Human Remain Profiles	12
Staff/QC File	<u>625</u>
Total	451,119

Report Turnaround for January 2023

	# Released in 45 Days	Total Released	% Released in 45 Days
Laboratory			
Headquarters - Atlanta	1,730	3,607	48%
Central Regional - Macon	4	111	4%
Coastal Regional - Savannah	251	834	30%
Eastern Regional - Augusta	2	343	1%
Northeastern Regional	955	1,770	54%
Southwestern Regional - Moultrie	12	225	5%
Western Regional - Columbus	34	158	22%
System-wide Totals	2,988	7,048	42%

Note: 65.1% 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	15,894	31,266	51%
Central Regional - Macon	57	760	8%
Coastal Regional - Savannah	1,942	6,566	30%
Eastern Regional - Augusta	1,959	3,493	56%
Northeastern Regional	6,953	16,203	43%
Southwestern Regional - Moultrie	198	1,142	17%
Western Regional - Columbus	271	1,081	25%
System-wide Totals	27,274	60,511	45%

Crime Lab Reports Processed for January 2023

Department	Requested	Total Released
Chemistry (includes Drug ID)	2,670	1,645
Firearms	358	272
Forensic Biology	1,822	2,374
Impressions	2	5
Latent Prints	122	132
Medical Examiners	576	424
Operations Support	0	0
Toxicology	3,231	2,548
Trace Evidence	74	72
Total	8,855	7,472

Crime Lab Reports Processed FY2023

Department	Requested	Total Released
Chemistry (includes Drug ID)	21,516	16,713
Firearms	2,080	1,603
Forensic Biology	19,103	20,893
Impressions	14	37
Latent Prints	994	1,041
Medical Examiners	3,923	3,242
Operations Support	0	0
Toxicology	20,402	19,643
Trace Evidence	661	581
Total	68,693	63,753

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					
Data Conversion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Firearms	2,928	2,979	3,013	2,967	3,003	2,984	2,901					
Forensic Biology	5,340	4,243	5,588	6,282	5,470	4,968	4,751					
Impressions	32	24	21	21	18	15	13					
Latent Prints	61	51	56	50	41	46	41					
Misc. Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Operations Support	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Toxicology	989	1,149	1,341	1,158	1,254	1,725	1,734					
Trace Evidence	497	478	490	469	491	476	511					
Total	39,136	38,999	41,605	41,929	41,780	42,206	42,491					

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					

Total DOFS & MEO	39,523	39,396	42,081	42,474	42,373	42,847	43,240					
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Georgia Crime Information Center

January 2023

NCIC SERVICES

CJIS Network Statistics

System Uptime: 100%

Messages Processed: 97,777,702

CJIS Operations

1. Sex Offender Registry

	Month	FY2023	Database Totals
Records Added	110	886	37,116

2. Protection Order Registry

	Month	FY2023	Database Totals
Records Added	2,484	19,207	163,953

3. Off-Line Search Requests

Type of Request	Month	FY2023
Administrative (Criminal Justice Agency)	17	66
Open Records	0	1
Subpoena	0	2
Media	0	0
Possible CJIS Security Violations	3	23

CJIS Audits

	Month	FY2023
CJIS Audits	35	165

INFORMATION SERVICES
Criminal History Identification Services

1. Criminal Fingerprint Transactions Received

	Month	FY2023
Submissions	37,409	242,092
Submissions w/Palms	16,068	111,246
Submissions w/Photos	11,538	79,739

Transactions processed within 2 hours of receipt: 96%

2. Applicant Fingerprint Transactions Received

	Month	FY2023
Submissions	41,430	279,327

Transactions processed with 24 hours of receipt: 100%

3. Final Dispositions Received

	Month	FY2023
Local Agency	61,181	442,583
GCIC	376	2,502
TOTAL	61,557	445,085

4. Rapid Identification (Rapid ID) Transactions

	Month	FY2023
Submissions	1,124	7,917
AFIS Hits	46%	44%
NCIC Hits	51%	50%
FBI RISC Hits	13%	10%

5. Non-Criminal Justice Audits, Visits and Trainings

	Month	FY2023
In Compliance	18	121
Out of Compliance	12	72
TOTAL AUDITS	30	193
Agency Visits	22	56
Training Attendees	4	317
Trainings	4	63

6. Rap Back Activity

	Month	FY2023
Subscriptions Created	5,026	33,874
Triggering Events	613	4,674

7. Latent Print AFIS Activities

	Month	FY2023
Latent Hits	22	242

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 in Georgia. The option to receive classroom training or training within an e-Learning environment is offered.

CJ Training Tasks

Training Staff Tasks	Month	FY 2023
Emails	1,168	7,834
Phone Calls	37	527
Crystal Reports Processed	40	223
Agency Visits	0	1
Virtual/Classroom Trainings	4	31
Individuals Trained	141	935
Training Hours	30	195

GBI Learning Management System (LMS)

Course	Month	FY 2023
Georgia Criminal Street Gang Database	63	138
Human Trafficking Awareness Training	3	15
Protective Order Registry	53	0
Sexual Harassment for Employees	7	248
Security Awareness Training and Awareness Statement	8,002	86
CJIS Network Operator Certification	3,053	31,021
CJIS Network Operator Recertification Exam	1	12,795

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 project plan was reviewed and is updated weekly. The draft of the business requirements document continues. GBI live scan certification testing was successful. The vendor interface was not ready, and UAT testing is rescheduled for February 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 test and work with Datamaxx on migrating data to the development environment. Agency and vendor testing will resume in February.

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 on the code for updating the application based on the new GCIC On-Call Status policy.

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 is currently on hold because of limited resources and multiple projects assigned to the AFIS vendor.

RAP BACK PROJECT

Project Description - The Rap Back 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 – Implementation of the GA Rap Back project has been completed. Six state agencies have approval for nine non-criminal justice authorities to participate in the GA Rap Back program. One agency, DCH, is currently using the Rap Back services within the Georgia Applicant Processing Service (GAPS) application. Participation in the GA Rap Back program for the additional approved agencies will be coordinated when needed.

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 - Discussions were held to determine the work required to continue with virtual servers or plan to transition to a cloud environment.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

1. Quarterly Cybersecurity Training

	Oct-Dec	FY2023
Registrations	956	5755
Completions	956	5755

Training completion rate: 100%

2. Phishing Simulations

	Month	FY2023
Tested	981	5845
Didn't pass – registered for re-training	27	131
Completed re-training	27	131

Re-training completion rate: 100%