

**Georgia Bureau of Investigation
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Noteworthy Cases & Operational Support

- Region 10 – Update for the Trooper Officer Involved Shooting from January 18th – The GBI’s case file was turned over to the special prosecutor in the Mountain Judicial Circuit on April 14, 2023. The DeKalb County ME’s Office released the autopsy report of Teran on April 19, 2023.
- Gang Task Force – Through the course of a 3-year multi-agency investigation by the Gang Task Force and the Spalding County Sheriff’s Office involving several associates of the criminal street gang known as Rolling 20s Neighborhood Bloods and their subset known as Zoo Krew, were identified and involved with drug trafficking in Spalding County and other areas across the State of Georgia. Seventy-eight subjects were indicted on RICO and drug trafficking charges in Spalding County, Georgia. There were 53 arrested as part of Operation Blood Clot, with 23 arrests pending.
- Gang Task Force – Operation Krack the Ice -- Following a lengthy investigation, thirty-four people were indicted by the Spalding County District Attorney’s Office on charges of Violations of the Georgia RICO Act, Violations of the Georgia Street Gang Terrorism and Prevention Act, Trafficking Methamphetamine, and Terroristic Threats. In late 2020, the GBI Gang Task Force, along with the Georgia Department of Corrections and Homeland Security Investigations-Atlanta Gangs Division, determined Ghostface Gangster Chad Ashley Allen, serving a life sentence within the Georgia Department of Corrections for murder, was in coordination with Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTOs), members of the Ghostface Gangsters, Gangster Disciples, Sureños, and Bloods, criminal street gangs, operating a drug trafficking enterprise. Allen’s illicit activities spans the State of Georgia, including but not limited to Spalding, Butts, Fulton, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Rockdale, Newton, Troup, and Tattnall Counties. The investigation showed that between April 2014 and September 2022, the men and women who have been indicted participated in a pattern of racketeering activity as part of the criminal enterprise led by Allen. The organization spans from Mexico and throughout Georgia, distributing methamphetamine, alprazolam, fentanyl, and heroin, in coordination with criminal street gang members and associates who were party to the enterprise within and outside the Georgia Department of Corrections. The investigation revealed a conspiracy to traffic vast amounts of methamphetamine and resulted in the recovery of six firearms, including one “ghost gun.”
- From January 1 to April 30, 2023, the GBI has investigated a total of 34 Officer Involved Shootings (OIS). OIS number 34 was on April 27, 2023, involving the Atlanta Police Department. Upon completion of the investigation, the case will be given to the DeKalb County District Attorney’s Office for review.

Trainings and Projects

Legal Division

- Assistant Director Chris Hosey and Managing Attorney Lindsay Gardner attended the Attorney General's Anti-Gang Networking meeting at Columbus State University.
- At the request of the Oconee Judicial Circuit District Attorney, Managing Attorney Lindsay Gardner was sworn in as a special prosecutor to appear for a death penalty motion (a motion to compel discovery regarding the TrueAllele source code) in the Royheem Deeds criminal case.
- Hosted Gang Task Force virtual training for GBI's Regional Gang Specialists.
- Drafted Gang Task Force (GTF) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Macon-Bibb County successfully securing the first headquarters building dedicated to GTF operations in middle Georgia.
- Coordinated with the Office of the Attorney General of Georgia for the GBI response to extensive subpoena requests made by the Department of Justice under the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act.

Division of Forensic Sciences

- MDI Log is scheduled to give a demonstration to Crime Lab and Medical Examiner's Office (MEO) regarding upgrade of case management system in May 2023.
- GBI/Mercer Forensic Scholar's Program has 17 Mercer students who have signed up as interested in this future scholarship. GBI Finance and Mercer are working to provide numbers to the Governor's Office.
- Confirmed MOU is in place allowing GBI MEO to reach out to DeKalb County MEO for assistance in the case of mass fatality or overwhelming caseload.
- DOFS Virtual Symposium on June 14, 2023 via WebEx – opportunity for law enforcement and judicial customers to receive an overview, update on upcoming changes, and review of recent modifications to overall operations.

Georgia Crime Information Center

- Full transition of the Georgia Applicant Print System (GAPS) Thales to Fieldprint on May 1, 2023.
 - GCIC Team started training Users on how to use the new system on 4/10/2023.
 - GAPS weekly communications started 3/31/2023 & 4/10/2023.

Investigative Division

- Inspector Terry Howard is attending the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, April 1, 2023, through June 8, 2023.
- In observance of National Police Week & National Peace Officers Memorial Day, a Wreath Laying Ceremony will be held May 15, 2023, at GBI Headquarters in remembrance of GBI Agents who lost their lives while serving in the line of duty.
- The FBI Office of Partner Engagement released statistics for eGuardian Dual Routing TTL (threat-to-life) incidents since the program inception in June 2019 through the end of March 2023. GBI GISAC ranked number one out of 28 Acknowledging Agencies with 393 reports acknowledged. These reports are mostly fielded by Criminal Intelligence Analysts assigned to the GBI Watchdesk. The analysts do an outstanding job of processing these leads in a timely manner which has a considerable impact on protecting the citizens of Georgia.

Personnel Matters

- After 28 years of service with the GBI, Georgia Cyber Crime Center Special Agent in Charge Steve Foster retired on May 1, 2023.
- SA Elizabeth “Beth” Coody was nominated for and won the CJCC Going Above and Beyond to Support Victims of Crime in Georgia Public Safety Award. CJCC Executive Director Jay Neal presented SA Coody with the award on April 24, 2023, during the Georgia Association of Women in Public Safety Conference. Division Director Cynthia Adkins co-presented the award.
- Supervisory Intelligence Analyst Meredith Bailey was honored by the Georgia State University Alumni Association as a 40 Under 40 awardee. The 40 Under 40 program was started in 2018 and annually honors, recognizes, and celebrates the most influential and impactful Georgia State graduates who embody the values of the university.

Promotions Effective April 2023

- Lindsay Smith was promoted to Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the Region 5 Field Office in Statesboro, GA.

Promotions Effective May 2023

- Danielle O’Connor was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) of the Region 5 Field Office in Statesboro, GA.

Facilities Update

- GBI-77 New Region 1 Field Office – Design documents are currently with GSFIC design review group. 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.
- GBI-81 HQ Medical Examiner Building Addition – Programming and Schematic Design in progress.
- Region 10 Field Office – Programming complete. Design Firm is currently working on interior space layout and site layout.
- Facility Hardening Projects – Region 10 Field Office security fencing site survey complete. Investigative Office lobby access controls have been ordered and awaiting material delivery. Headquarters, Southwestern, Coastal, Western, and Central Crime Labs lobby access control systems are operational.
- Mausoleum – Concrete and grass matting installation scheduled for May 8th and 9th. The mausoleum contractor is scheduled to be onsite May 13th and 14th to complete the punch list. GBI is designing and quoting a structural canopy cover to protect the unit from the elements.
- GBI Training Storage Building – Received quote from Georgia Power that could potentially provide a power source for the current GSP storage building along with proposed GBI storage building. In discussion with GSP and GPSTC. GBI contractor is currently working on drawings and specifications for the building.
- HQ Main Building – Main Building Switchgear replacement design documents complete and currently soliciting bids.
- HQ Complex – Fire Alarm System replacement design documents complete and currently soliciting bids.
- HQ Complex – Building HVAC and Lighting Automation System replacement design documents complete and currently soliciting bids.

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			
Scientist Positions	15	18	19	19	21	21	36	19	20			
Investigative Division	44	45	40	42	43	30	36	38	38			
Sworn Agent Positions	27	28	28	30	32	32	33	29	30			
GCIC	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2			
Admin	8	10	9	9	9	8	8	7	6			

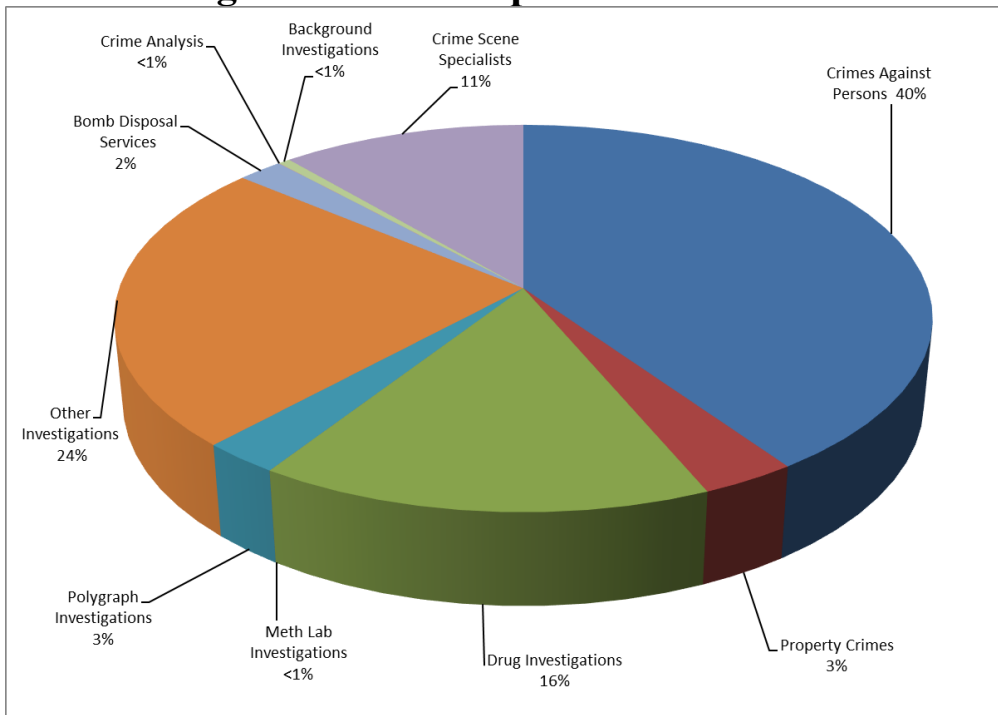
GBI Administration

Office of Privacy & Compliance/Open Records

	<u>March 2023</u>	<u>Total FY2023</u>
Open Records Request	588	4,502
Archives	17	218

Investigative Division

Investigative Hours Expended - YTD FY2023



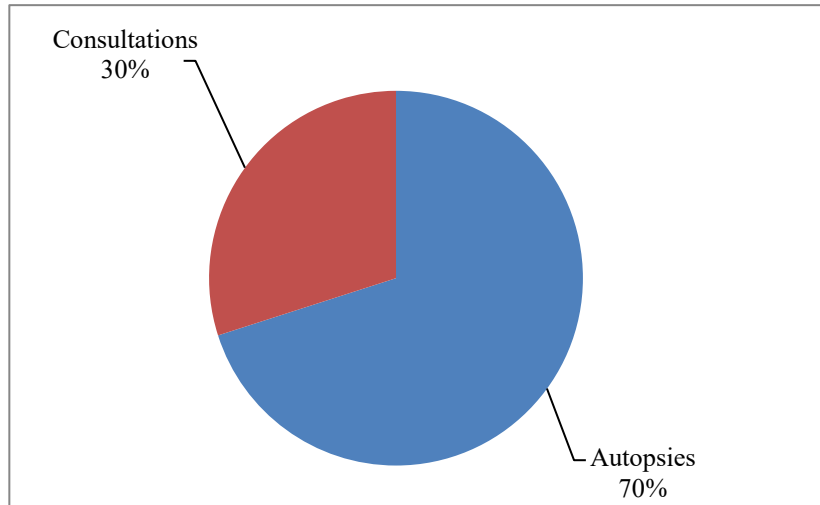
Crime Lab

Medical Examiners (includes all laboratories)

	March 2023	FY2023 YTD
Autopsies	282	2,850
Consultations	108	1,218
Total ME Cases Managed	390	4,068

Percentage of Cases Released in 90 days: 33%

Medical Examiner Activity, FY2023



Confirmed CODIS Hits for March 2023

State Offender Hits	37
State Forensic Hits	9
National Offender Hits	25
National Forensic Hits	4
Total	75

Samples entered CODIS for March 2023 – 1,141

Profiles in CODIS

Forensic Casework Profiles	28,287
Convicted Offender Profiles	425,299
Missing Person/Unidentified Human Remain Profiles	12
Staff/QC File	626
Total	454,224

Report Turnaround for March 2023

	# Released in 45 Days	Total Released	% Released in 45 Days
Laboratory			
Headquarters - Atlanta	1,931	4,572	42%
Central Regional - Macon	6	79	8%
Coastal Regional - Savannah	90	375	24%
Eastern Regional - Augusta	186	586	32%
Northeastern Regional	811	1,178	69%
Southwestern Regional - Moultrie	35	112	31%
Western Regional - Columbus	16	92	17%
System-wide Totals	3,075	6,994	44%

Note: 65.2% 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	20,271	41,408	49%
Central Regional - Macon	85	1,024	8%
Coastal Regional - Savannah	2,407	8,228	29%
Eastern Regional - Augusta	2,155	4,622	47%
Northeastern Regional	9,013	19,490	46%
Southwestern Regional - Moultrie	270	1,493	18%
Western Regional - Columbus	347	1,312	26%
System-wide Totals	34,548	77,577	45%

Crime Lab Reports Processed for March 2023

Department	Requested	Total Released
Chemistry (includes Drug ID)	2,548	1,952
Firearms	322	349
Forensic Biology	836	1,746
Impressions	4	3
Latent Prints	152	143
Medical Examiners	545	390
Operations Support	0	0
Toxicology	2,430	2,736
Trace Evidence	87	65
Total	6,924	7,384

Crime Lab Reports Processed FY2023

Department	Requested	Total Released
Chemistry (includes Drug ID)	27,995	22,138
Firearms	2,770	2,199
Forensic Biology	22,399	25,824
Impressions	18	43
Latent Prints	1,307	1,339
Medical Examiners	4,964	4,091
Operations Support	0	0
Toxicology	25,406	25,309
Trace Evidence	813	725
Total	85,672	81,668

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

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			

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

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NCIC SERVICES

CJIS Network Statistics

System Uptime: 100%

Messages Processed: 90,673,050

CJIS Operations

1. Sex Offender Registry

	Month	FY2023	Database Totals
Records Added	149	1,150	37,328

2. Protection Order Registry

	Month	FY2023	Database Totals
Records Added	2,897	24,569	169,004

3. Off-Line Search Requests

Type of Request	Month	FY2023
Administrative (Criminal Justice Agency)	21	106
Open Records	1	3
Subpoena	0	2
Media	0	0
Possible CJIS Security Violations	3	29

CJIS Audits

	Month	FY2023
CJIS Audits	45	236

INFORMATION SERVICES
Criminal History Identification Services

1. Criminal Fingerprint Transactions Received

	Month	FY2023
Submissions	39,363	315,585
Submissions w/Palms	17,539	144,048
Submissions w/Photos	12,605	103,626

Transactions processed within 2 hours of receipt: 94%

2. Applicant Fingerprint Transactions Received

	Month	FY2023
Submissions	44,594	362,161

Transactions processed with 24 hours of receipt: 100%

3. Final Dispositions Received

	Month	FY2023
Local Agency	82,185	585,178
GCIC	418	3,392
TOTAL	82,603	588,570

4. Rapid Identification (Rapid ID) Transactions

	Month	FY2023
Submissions	1,251	10,146
AFIS Hits	48%	45%
NCIC Hits	54%	50%
FBI RISC Hits	14%	11%

5. Non-Criminal Justice Audits, Visits and Trainings

	Month	FY2023
In Compliance	28	173
Out of Compliance	17	101
TOTAL AUDITS	45	274
Agency Visits	14	83
Training Attendees	11	338
Trainings	1	71

6. Rap Back Activity

	Month	FY2023
Subscriptions Created	5,929	44,502
Triggering Events	669	5,828

7. Latent Print AFIS Activities

	Month	FY2023
Latent Hits	40	310

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. GCIC offers the option to receive classroom training or training within an e-Learning environment.

CJ Training Tasks

Training Staff Tasks	Month	FY 2023
Emails	1254	10,226
Phone Calls	119	711
Agency Visits	0	1
Virtual/Classroom Trainings	3	38
Individuals Trained	133	1,214

GBI Learning Management System (LMS)

Course	Month	FY 2023
Georgia Criminal Street Gang Database	8	171
Human Trafficking Awareness Training	2	17
Protective Order Registry	0	262
Sexual Harassment for Employees	0	91
Security Awareness Training and Awareness Statement	5,988	42,781
CJIS Network Operator Certification	2,809	17,637

NOTE: Totals for CJ Training Tasks and GBI Learning Management System (LMS) re-computed this month due to January and February miscalculations.

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 - GBI User Acceptance Testing (UAT) continues with daily updates to review the occurrence of issues for resolution. Status discussions with Thales regarding the delay in transition continued. Because of Go-Live date changes, the date to notify users was unfinalized.

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 on migrating data to the development environment and preparing the production environment for Go-Live.

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 GBI HR 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.

Monthly Update - GBI User Acceptance Testing (UAT) continues with daily updates to review the occurrence of issues for resolution.

SERVER REFRESH

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

Monthly Update - There are no updates this reporting period.