

**Georgia Bureau of Investigation
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FY2024**



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Noteworthy Cases & Operational Support

- Region 7 - On Wednesday, October 5, 2023, a large number of search and arrest warrants were executed in Richmond County and Columbia County by GBI, Richmond County Sheriff's Office, and FBI Augusta. Twenty-seven gang members affiliated with "Trvppmoneyy", or Trap Money (Bloods), were arrested. The seizures included approximately 248 lbs. of high-grade marijuana, trafficking amounts of cocaine, methamphetamine, and fentanyl, \$148,824.00 of US currency, three vehicles, and 28 guns. The guns were a mixture of handguns, and large caliber rifles.
- Region 5 – An unidentified woman from a 1988 cold case has been identified by genealogy technology as Chong Un Kim, of Hinesville, Liberty County, Georgia. Kim was 26 years old when she was found. Chong Un Kim came to the United States from Korea in 1981 and lived in Hinesville, Georgia before her death in 1988.

On February 14, 1988, GBI's Region 5 Office received a request from the Jenkins County Sheriff's Office to assist with a death investigation. The victim, wrapped with plastic and duct tape, was found inside a large, nylon suitcase that had been placed in a dumpster just north of Millen, Georgia in Jenkins County. The victim had been dead for about four to seven days. The cause of death was asphyxiation. Throughout the investigation, fingerprints and dental records from the victim were compared to other missing persons from around the country. A GBI forensic artist created a sketch of what the person may have looked like which was disseminated to the public. The National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NAMUS) opened a case. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) also created and disseminated a computer-generated sketch. As DNA technology advanced over the years, police resubmitted evidence to the GBI Crime Lab for additional testing. Analysts found DNA on the items submitted, but the profiles obtained were not eligible for entry into the CODIS DNA Database.

In 2023, the GBI sent forensic evidence to Othram, Inc., a leader in using Forensic-Grade Genome Sequencing to develop comprehensive genealogical profiles. Based on the DNA, a genealogical search produced investigative leads that led to Kim's identification. The GBI notified Kim's family in October 2023 about the identification. "Project Justice" funded the DNA testing. The GBI is asking anyone who may have known Chong Un Kim, or has any information about this case, to contact the GBI at 912-871-1121. Anonymous tips can also be submitted by calling 1-800-597-TIPS (8477), online at <https://gbi.georgia.gov/submit-tips-online>, or by downloading the See Something, Send Something mobile app.

- 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 October 31, 2023, the GBI has investigated a total of 84 Officer Involved Shootings (OIS). OIS number 84 was on October 25, 2023. GBI's Region 10 was requested by Douglas County Sheriff's Office for an OIS. Douglas County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call about a person shot in Douglasville, GA. The shooter was still at the location. Deputies arrived on scene, and while identifying themselves and giving commands, entered the home. Police found a man, later identified as Walter Jackson Sr, age 66, shot and laying on the kitchen floor. Jackson died on scene. Deputies saw a woman holding a baby, who indicated the shooter, later identified as Jonathan Christian Roman, age 27, of Douglasville, GA, was in another room. Deputies then saw Roman and continued to give commands of "show me your hands." Roman shot a deputy and retreated briefly before emerging and shooting at the deputy again who was on the ground. Deputies returned fire, hitting Roman. Roman was life flighted to

Grady Hospital, where he is being treated and is in stable condition. The deputy was shot multiple times. He was taken to a hospital where he is in stable condition. The GBI will conduct an independent investigation. Once complete, the case file will be given to the Douglas County District Attorney's Office for review.

Trainings and Projects

Legal Division

- A Gang Database Training session was held in Gwinnett County on November 2, 2023. Another training, sponsored by the Paulding County DA's office, is being offered to law enforcement and prosecutors on November 15, 2023.

Division of Forensic Sciences

- GBI's Division of Forensic Sciences Assistant Deputy Director attended the October 2023 American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD) Board of Directors Meeting.
- GBI's Medical Examiner's Office Director of Medical Operations and Division of Forensic Sciences Assistant Deputy Director presented on Resiliency at the Georgia/Tennessee/North Carolina Joint International Association for Identification (IAI) Forensic Training Conference held in Cherokee, North Carolina on October 3, 2023.
- Multiple members of GBI's Medical Examiner's Office attended the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) Conference held in San Jose, California, October 13-17, 2023.

Georgia Crime Information Center

- The Georgia Applicant Print System (GAPS) was assigned to be the pilot system for development of a Business Continuity Plan. A meeting with the vendor is targeted for early 2024.

Investigative Division

- Fourteen Special Agent applicants accepted conditional offers for employment and have been scheduled for the remaining steps of the hiring process.

Personnel Matters

- After 30 years of service with the GBI, GCIC CJIS Criminal Justice Analyst Rickey Stinchcomb retired on November 1, 2023.
- Region 3 Crime Scene Specialist/Special Agent James Gibson has been selected as a recipient of the 2023 Governor's Public Safety Award to recognize his dedication and selfless work in the Georgia public safety profession. The ceremony will be held at GPSTC on Friday, December 1st at 9:30 am.
- Several members of the GBI Team participated in the 2023 Georgia Pre-K Week held October 2-6, 2023, visiting and reading to preschoolers throughout the state.

Facilities Update

- GBI-77 – The new Region 1 Field Office groundbreaking ceremony was held November 6, 2023.

GBI Employment Opportunities FY2024

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

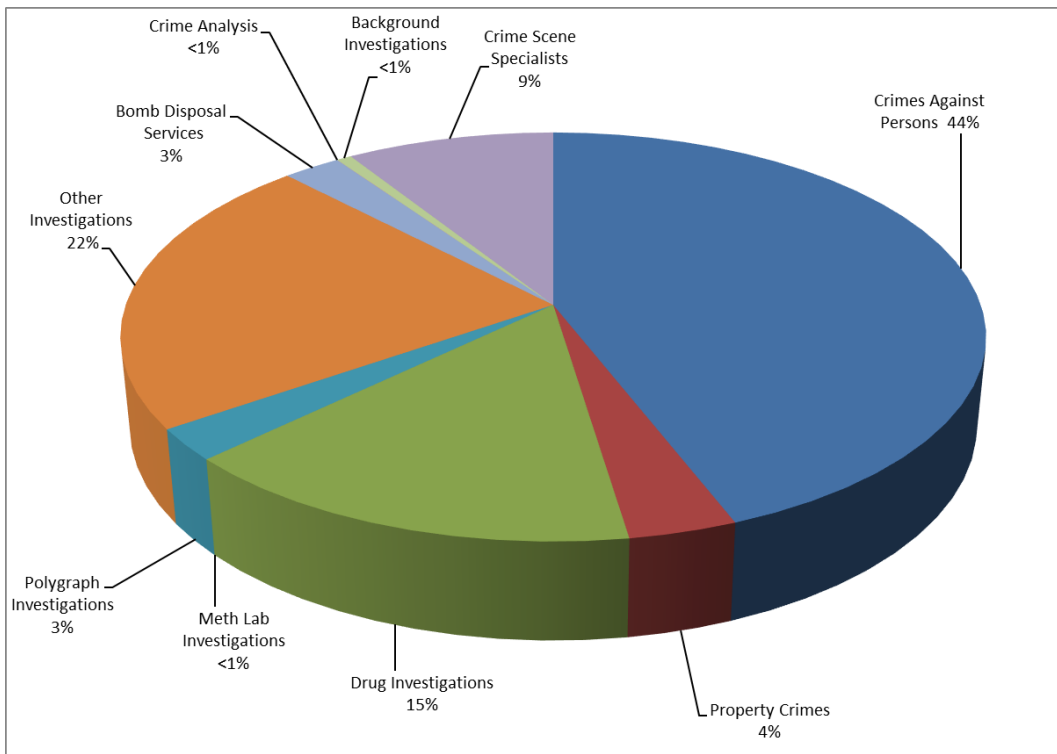
GBI Administration

Office of Privacy & Compliance/Open Records

	<u>September 2023</u>	<u>Total FY 2024</u>
Open Records Requests	539	1,464
Archives	32	64

Investigative Division

Investigative Hours Expended - YTD FY2024



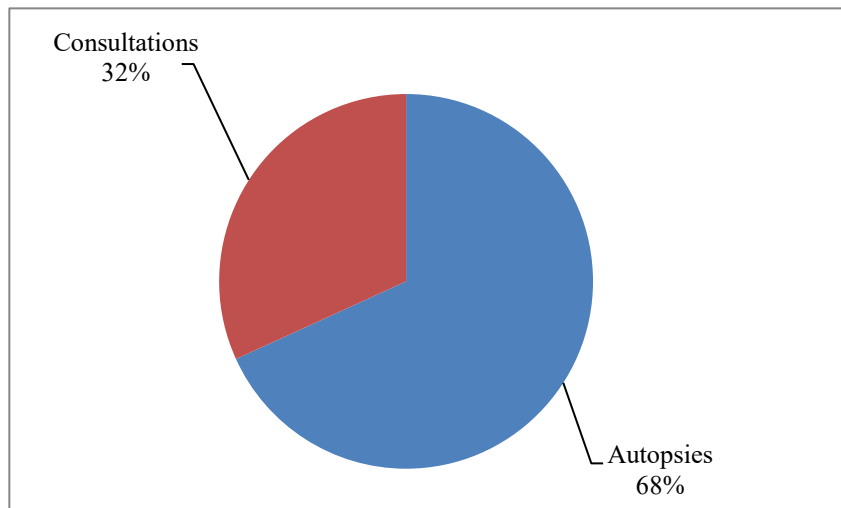
Crime Lab

Medical Examiners (includes all laboratories)

	September 2023	FY2024 YTD
Autopsies	346	1,201
Consultations	165	560
Total ME Cases Managed	511	1,761

Percentage of Cases Released in 90 days: 53%

Medical Examiner Activity, FY2024



Confirmed CODIS Hits for September 2023

State Offender Hits	30
State Forensic Hits	6
National Offender Hits	11
National Forensic Hits	2
Total	49

Samples entered CODIS for September 2023 – 1,221

Profiles in CODIS

Forensic Casework Profiles	29,513
Convicted Offender Profiles	433,655
Missing Person/Unidentified Human Remain Profiles	12
Staff/QC File	633
Total	463,813

Report Turnaround for September 2023

	# Released in 45 Days	Total Released	% Released in 45 Days
Laboratory			
Headquarters - Atlanta	3,134	5,584	56%
Central Regional - Macon	9	61	15%
Coastal Regional - Savannah	370	923	40%
Eastern Regional - Augusta	553	686	81%
Northeastern Regional	314	2,116	15%
Southwestern Regional - Moultrie	41	93	44%
Western Regional - Columbus	63	233	27%
System-wide Totals	4,484	9,696	46%

Note: 63.8% 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	9,405	19,095	49%
Central Regional - Macon	16	200	8%
Coastal Regional - Savannah	1,142	2,926	39%
Eastern Regional - Augusta	1,347	2,076	65%
Northeastern Regional	667	5,510	12%
Southwestern Regional - Moultrie	139	449	31%
Western Regional - Columbus	142	693	21%
System-wide Totals	12,858	30,949	42%

Crime Lab Reports Processed for September 2023

Department	Requested	Total Released
Chemistry (includes Drug ID)	2,796	3,442
Firearms	473	249
Forensic Biology	1,584	2,718
Impressions	5	2
Latent Prints	155	189
Medical Examiners	546	511
Operations Support	0	0
Toxicology	2,654	2,982
Trace Evidence	48	114
Total	8,261	10,207

Crime Lab Reports Processed FY2024

Department	Requested	Total Released
Chemistry (includes Drug ID)	9,231	12,535
Firearms	1,202	767
Forensic Biology	6,423	7,562
Impressions	11	6
Latent Prints	531	516
Medical Examiners	1,705	1,761
Operations Support	0	0
Toxicology	8,558	9,229
Trace Evidence	276	334
Total	27,937	32,710

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									
Data Conversion	0	0	0									
Firearms	2,933	2,914	2,999									
Forensic Biology	3,804	3,047	2,646									
Impressions	10	12	12									
Latent Prints	85	125	89									
Misc. Services	0	0	0									
Operations Support	0	0	0									
Toxicology	1,061	981	823									
Trace Evidence	394	387	357									
Total	41,954	40,154	39,364									

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									

Total DOFS & MEO	42,933	41,123	40,370									
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Georgia Crime Information Center

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NCIC SERVICES

CJIS Network Statistics

System Uptime: 100.00%
Messages Processed: 88,753,215

CJIS Operations

1. Sex Offender Registry

	Month	FY2024	Database Totals
Records Added	114	397	37,892

2. Protection Order Registry

	Month	FY2024	Database Totals
Records Added	2,726	8,546	186,069

3. Off-Line Search Requests

Type of Request	Month	FY2024
Administrative (Criminal Justice Agency)	15	48
Open Records	0	1
Subpoena	0	0
Media	0	0
Possible CJIS Security Violations	4	8

CJIS Audits

	Month	FY2024
CJIS Audits	23	140

INFORMATION SERVICES
Criminal History Identification Services

1. Criminal Fingerprint Transactions Received

	Month	FY2024
Submissions	37,731	116,892
Submissions w/Palms	16,518	51,392
Submissions w/Photos	12,292	38,771

Transactions processed within 2 hours of receipt: 83%

2. Applicant Fingerprint Transactions Received

	Month	FY2024
Submissions	40,497	138,309

Transactions processed with 24 hours of receipt: 99%

3. Final Dispositions Received

	Month	FY2024
Local Agency	58,667	184,447
GCIC	376	1,753
TOTAL	59,043	186,110

4. Rapid Identification (Rapid ID) Transactions

	Month	FY2024
Submissions	1,443	4,056
AFIS Hits	51%	52%
NCIC Hits	53%	52%
FBI RISC Hits	15%	14%

5. Non-Criminal Justice Audits, Visits and Trainings

	Month	FY2024
In Compliance	22	76
Out of Compliance	11	42
TOTAL AUDITS	33	118
Agency Visits	6	26
Training Attendees	23	235
Trainings	6	19

6. Rap Back Activity

	Month	FY2024
Subscriptions Created	5,742	16,911
Triggering Events	690	2,049

7. Latent Print AFIS Activities

	Month	FY2024
Latent Hits	12	79

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	2,222	5,308
Phone Calls	453	1,101
Agency Visits	0	0
Virtual/Classroom Trainings	6	7
Individuals Trained	91	327

GBI Learning Management System (LMS)

Course	Month	FY 2024
Georgia Criminal Street Gang Database	18	50
Security Awareness Training and Awareness Statement	8,638	16,193
CJIS Network Operator Certification	2,719	5,996

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 GAPS system is operational.

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 production connections and prepare for a fourth quarter deployment date.

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 into the current Timecard application.

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, and the MOU and SOW are in review to be finalized. The IT group for DECAL was able to produce a design that maintains security and meets business requirements. DECAL is working on the timing and building of the webservice development environment, and working on providing the WSDL, IP addresses, ports, and server information to GTA.

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 Intent to Award was added to the DOAS Purchasing website.