

**Georgia Bureau of Investigation
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FY2024**



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Noteworthy Cases & Operational Support

- CEACC – August 31, 2023 – Twenty-six individuals were arrested over an eleven-day period in a statewide child exploitation operation named “Operation Sneaky Peach.” The Georgia Bureau of Investigation Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes Unit (CEACC) along with 24 participating agencies that are all part of the Georgia Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force participated in the operation executing 34 residential search warrants and 3 additional enforcement actions in 28 counties across the State of Georgia. These search warrants and other enforcement actions resulted in the arrest of 26 individuals who were charged with Sexual Exploitation of Children and other related offenses. Digital forensic investigators previewed 296 electronic devices on scene and seized 281 electronic devices to include cellular phones, tablets, computers, hard drives, and various electronic data storage devices. Operation Sneaky Peach identified 30 children that were residing in households where online child sexual exploitation was occurring. Four of those arrested during Operation Sneaky Peach admitted to current or prior hands-on sexual offenses against a child.

Operation Sneaky Peach was a statewide, multi-jurisdictional coordinated effort by all agencies involved to identify and arrest individuals involved in technology facilitated crimes against children. Operation Sneaky Peach involved 3 months of planning and included both proactive and reactive cases investigated by the GBI and affiliate agencies with the Georgia ICAC Task Force. The following Georgia ICAC Task Force affiliate agencies participated: Athens-Clarke County Police Department (PD), Barrow County Sheriff’s Office (SO), Bartow County SO, Bryan County SO, Candler County SO, Camden County SO, Cherokee County SO, Fayette County SO, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Georgia State Patrol, Gilmer County SO, Gwinnett County PD, Gwinnett County SO, Hall County SO, Heard County SO, Homeland Security Investigations, Houston County SO, Jones County SO, Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Polk County PD, Richmond County SO, Rincon PD, St. Mary’s PD, United States Secret Service.

- 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. Twelve (12) cold cases are being reviewed at this time. Six (6) were requests from designated family members and six (6) were self-initiated.
- From January 1 to August 31, 2023, the GBI has investigated a total of 65 Officer Involved Shootings (OIS). OIS number 65 was on August 25, 2023. GBI’s Region 2 Field Office was requested by Coweta County Sheriff’s Office and the Newnan Police Department to conduct an investigation. One man, identified as Anthony Richard Fields II, age 27, was shot and killed. One deputy and one K-9 were injured in this incident.

On Friday, August 25, 2023, at approximately 2:20 p.m., members of the Coweta County Sheriff’s Office attempted to stop Fields for speeding. Fields did not stop, at which time deputies initiated a pursuit. Officers with the Newnan Police Department joined in to assist the deputies. During the pursuit, Fields wrecked his vehicle into a Coweta County Sheriff’s Deputy’s vehicle. Fields got out of the vehicle and the K-9 was released to apprehend him. Fields pointed a handgun at deputies, at which time deputies fired their weapons and shot Fields multiple times. Deputies, officers, and EMS rendered first aid. Fields died at the scene. The GBI Medical Examiner’s Office will conduct an autopsy on Fields.

One Coweta County Sheriff's Office Deputy was injured in the wreck and was taken to the hospital for treatment of his injury. A K-9 officer was shot during the incident and was taken to the vet where he was treated for the injury. Both the deputy and K-9 officer were treated and released. The GBI will continue its independent investigation. Once complete, the case file will be given to the Coweta Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office for review.

Trainings and Projects

Legal Division

- Special Agents with Region 2 and Region 3 Field Offices, along with a Gang Task Force Criminal Intelligence Analyst conducted GBI Gang Database Training in Columbus, Georgia on August 10, 2023, and in Americus, Georgia on August 17, 2023.

Division of Forensic Sciences

- One additional GBI Medical Examiner will begin full-time employment on October 1, 2023.
- In August, DOFS hosted the first of two Resiliency training seminars for the DOFS management staff. The goal is ultimately to provide Resiliency training to all DOFS staff members. This training session proved a solid first step towards that goal, with multiple members of the management staff volunteering to serve as instructors for future DOFS training sessions.

Georgia Crime Information Center

- The GCIC Team attended the Criminal Case Data Exchange (CDX) Board Meeting on August 9, 2023. They continue to work with criminal justice agencies on increasing the submission of dispositions from the courts.
- Three vendors are bidding on the Georgia Applicant Print System (GAPS) RFP. The Evaluation Team has finalized their review and met with the Department of Administrative Services (DOAS). The GAPS vendor will be announced soon.
- The Georgia Technology Authority (GTA) has issued a new State of Georgia standard for the acceptable use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) with an effective date of September 15, 2023. GBI's IT Teams are reviewing the GBI's IT Policy about the AI Standards.

Investigative Division

- Twenty-three Special Agent applicants are still in the hiring process, polygraphs and backgrounds are ongoing.

Personnel Matters

- During this reporting period, one GBI Special Agent retired on September 1, 2023. Two additional GBI employees are retiring effective October 1, 2023.

Promotions Effective August 2023

- James Bailey was promoted to the Integrated CJIS Data Center (ICDC) Manager in the Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC), effective August 16, 2023.

Promotions Effective September 2023

- Zachary Johnson was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) at the Region 9 Field Office in Thomasville, Georgia, effective September 1, 2023.

Facilities Update

- GBI-77 New Region 1 Field Office – GSFIC approved fund transfer request from GBI-59, now awaiting OPB's approval. GBI and GSFIC are proceeding with the awarding of the General Contractor contract to Cooper and Company.
- GBI-81 HQ Medical Examiner Building Addition – Design professional completed the schematic design phase and provided the schematic design budget.
- New Region 10 Conyers Office Programming – Architect completed the programming/budget phase for a new Conyers facility.
- Facility Hardening Projects – 10-week delay in HQ security glazing project due to manufacturer defects. Region 10 security fencing is complete. Lobby access control project completion scheduled for the end of September.
- Mausoleum – Metal Canopy fabrication in process, 6-8 weeks until installation.
- GBI Training Storage Building – Power installed for future storage building.
- SPC Lease Space Request for Cold Case Unit – Completed potential site visits and awaiting proposal packets.
- HQ Main Building – Main Building Switchgear Replacement Phase 1 (Measurements) survey scheduled for the end of September.
- HQ Main Building – The replacement of the no longer supported Building Automation System has been awarded to the contractor and components have been ordered. The scheduling phases for this project are currently in review.
- HQ Fire Alarm System – The replacement of the antiquated Fire Alarm System has been awarded to the contractor and components have been ordered. The scheduling phases for this project are currently in review.
- Eastern Crime Lab – Renovations to the Eastern Crime Lab have been awarded to the contractor and scheduling phases are currently in review.

GBI Employment Opportunities FY2024

	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
DOFS	61											
Scientist Positions	18											
Investigative Division	43											
Sworn Agent Positions	29											
GCIC	2											
Admin	9											

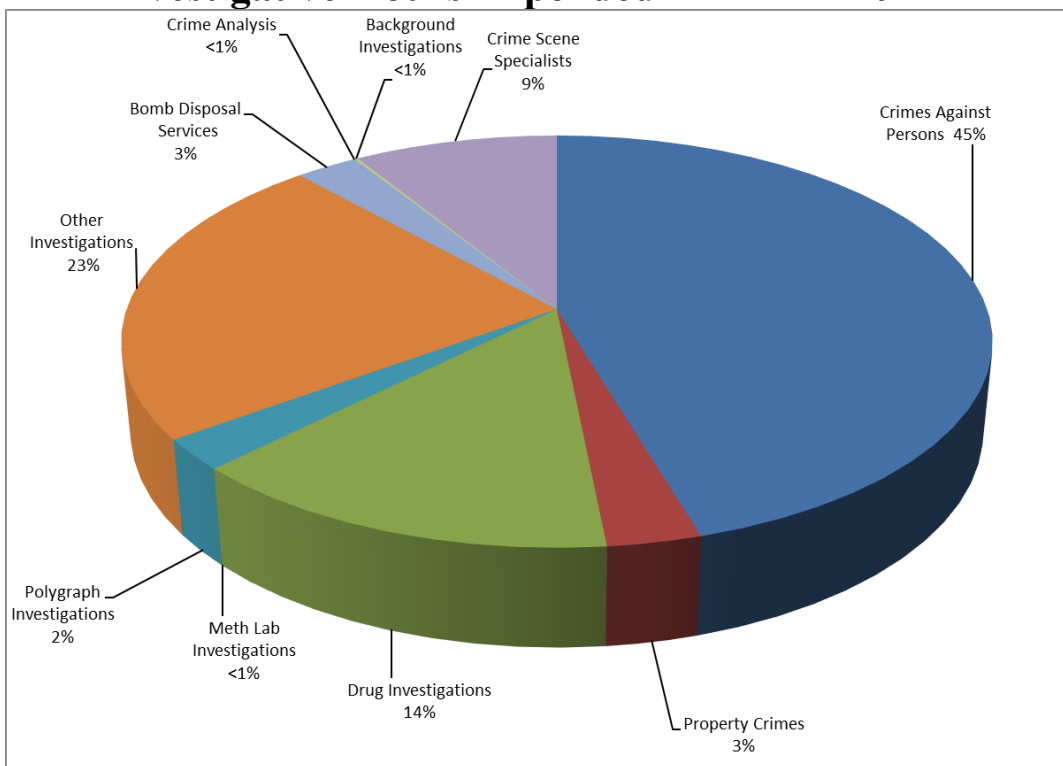
GBI Administration

Office of Privacy & Compliance/Open Records

	<u>July 2023</u>	<u>Total FY2024</u>
Open Records Request	448	448
Archives	9	9

Investigative Division

Investigative Hours Expended - YTD FY2024



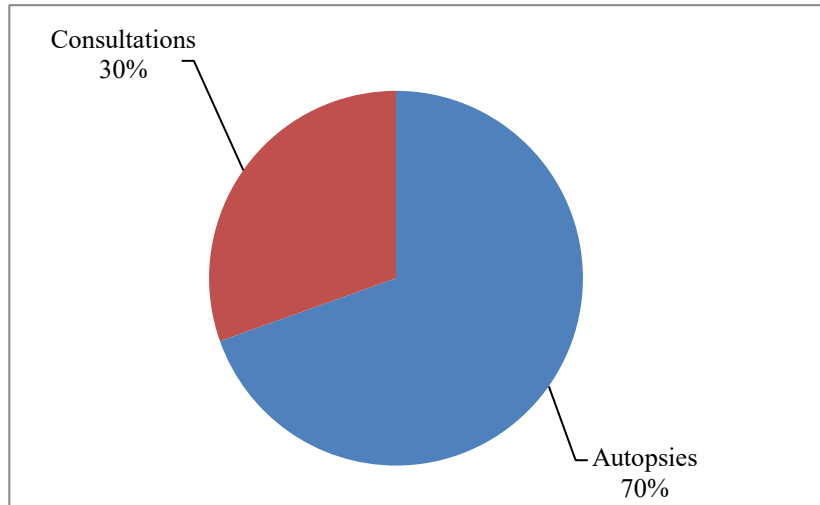
Crime Lab

Medical Examiners (includes all laboratories)

	July 2023	FY2024 YTD
Autopsies	434	434
Consultations	190	190
Total ME Cases Managed	624	624

Percentage of Cases Released in 90 days: 51.3%

Medical Examiner Activity, FY2024



Confirmed CODIS Hits for July 2023

State Offender Hits	87
State Forensic Hits	15
National Offender Hits	15
National Forensic Hits	1
Total	118

Samples entered CODIS for July 2023 – 1,030

Profiles in CODIS

Forensic Casework Profiles	29,268
Convicted Offender Profiles	429,906
Missing Person/Unidentified Human Remains Profiles	12
Staff/QC File	630
Total	459,816

Report Turnaround for July 2023

	# Released in 45 Days	Total Released	% Released in 45 Days
Laboratory			
Headquarters - Atlanta	2,952	6,950	43%
Central Regional - Macon	3	53	6%
Coastal Regional - Savannah	313	948	33%
Eastern Regional - Augusta	319	734	44%
Northeastern Regional	120	696	17%
Southwestern Regional - Moultrie	54	174	31%
Western Regional - Columbus	36	193	19%
System-wide Totals			
	3,797	9,748	39%

Note: 56.2% Casework Reports were released within 90 days.

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Crime Lab Reports Processed for July 2023

Department	Requested	Total Released
Chemistry (includes Drug ID)	2,508	5,026
Firearms	322	220
Forensic Biology	2,306	1,280
Impressions	7	3
Latent Prints	177	164
Medical Examiners	551	624
Operations Support	0	0
Toxicology	2,810	2,959
Trace Evidence	100	96
Total	8,781	10,372

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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											
Data Conversion	0											
Firearms	2,933											
Forensic Biology	3,804											
Impressions	10											
Latent Prints	85											
Misc. Services	0											
Operations Support	0											
Toxicology	1,061											
Trace Evidence	394											
Total	41,954											

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											

Total DOFS & MEO	42,933											
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Georgia Crime Information Center

July 2023

NCIC SERVICES

CJIS Network Statistics

System Uptime: 100.00%
Messages Processed: 87,612,395

CJIS Operations

1. Sex Offender Registry

	Month	FY2024	Database Totals
Records Added	135	135	37,683

2. Protection Order Registry

	Month	FY2024	Database Totals
Records Added	2,675	2,675	180,247

3. Off-Line Search Requests

Type of Request	Month	FY2024
Administrative (Criminal Justice Agency)	12	12
Open Records	0	0
Subpoena	0	0
Media	0	0
Possible CJIS Security Violations	1	1

CJIS Audits

	Month	FY2024
CJIS Audits	45	45

INFORMATION SERVICES
Criminal History Identification Services

1. Criminal Fingerprint Transactions Received

	Month	FY2024
Submissions	39,421	39,421
Submissions w/Palms	17,431	17,431
Submissions w/Photos	13,095	13,095

Transactions processed within 2 hours of receipt: 96%

2. Applicant Fingerprint Transactions Received

	Month	FY2024
Submissions	45,372	45,372

Transactions processed with 24 hours of receipt: 100%

3. Final Dispositions Received

	Month	FY2024
Local Agency	59,107	59,107
GCIC	795	795
TOTAL	59,812	59,812

4. Rapid Identification (Rapid ID) Transactions

	Month	FY2024
Submissions	1,188	1,188
AFIS Hits	47%	47%
NCIC Hits	50%	50%
FBI RISC Hits	13%	13%

5. Non-Criminal Justice Audits, Visits and Trainings

	Month	FY2024
In Compliance	28	28
Out of Compliance	14	14
TOTAL AUDITS	42	42
Agency Visits	12	12
Training Attendees	12	12
Trainings	7	7

6. Rap Back Activity

	Month	FY2024
Subscriptions Created	4,797	4,797
Triggering Events	667	667

7. Latent Print AFIS Activities

	Month	FY2024
Latent Hits	43	43

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 the State of Georgia.

CJ Training Tasks

Training Staff Tasks	Month	FY 2024
Emails	1,876	1,876
Phone Calls	241	241
Agency Visits	0	0
Virtual/Classroom Trainings	1	1
Individuals Trained	123	123

GBI Learning Management System (LMS)

Course	Month	FY 2024
Georgia Criminal Street Gang Database	15	15
Security Awareness Training and Awareness Statement	2,278	2,278
CJIS Network Operator Certification	1,446	1,446

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 - Weekly project calls continue between GBI and Fieldprint. Several change order requests have been submitted by GBI for enhancements to user access. FieldPrint continues to work through the issues presented during these calls and via email.

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. GCIC is looking to upgrade or replace this system to take advantage of new features and advances in technology.

Monthly Update - GCIC continues to work with Datamaxx and other SOG Stakeholders to test the production connections and prepare for third quarter deployment.

HUMAN RESOURCES (HR) TIMESHEET PROJECT

Project Description - Enhancement of the application used by non-sworn units of the GBI for tracking time.

Monthly Update - There are no updates this reporting period.

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. The project teams meet to discuss and workout various high-level and business level aspects of the project, including gathering requirements and discussing connections and the end-to-end information exchange, which will allow DECAL to send and receive NSOR Notifications.

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 evaluation team received copies of bidder responses for review and rating and score sheets were returned to DOAS for the compilation of ratings. A call was held to validate the scoring and to obtain clarification of some responses.