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Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System Semiannual Report

In accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 23-3-1300 (H.3309), the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) hereby submits this report. By way of background, Governor McMaster signed Act 134 (H.3309) into law on May 19, 2020. The stated intent of the Sexual Assault Kit Tracking legislation is “to further empower survivors with information, assist law enforcement with investigations and crime prevention, and create transparency and foster public trust.” See Act 134 (H.3309). On January 4, 2021, SLED submitted its Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System (SAKTS) Implementation Report, a copy of which is enclosed in its entirety. In this report, SLED outlined the comprehensive efforts taken to engage with stakeholders on this important issue while working towards procuring a functional and quality tracking system. Additionally, SLED set forth reasonable benchmarks toward phased and statewide implementation of such a tracking system throughout South Carolina.

Despite the lack of dedicated recurring funding for this project, SLED has nevertheless made substantial strides towards implementation since the last report issued on August 1, 2022. Specifically, SLED procured the services of InVita Healthcare Technologies (InVita) for a SAKTS in South Carolina in accordance with the South Carolina Procurement Code. InVita’s Track-Kit™ Sexual Assault Kit (SAK) software allows jurisdictions to track sexual assault rape kits from collection to reporting, leading to improved transparency, accountability, and resolution for survivors. Throughout the United States, InVita has 15 “Track-Kit™” clients to include state police, Attorney General’s offices, and State Departments of Justice.



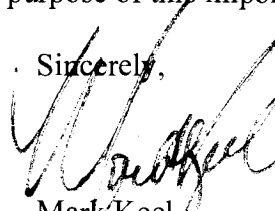
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In that regard, InVita currently supports thousands of system users at medical facilities, law enforcement agencies, crime labs, and prosecutor's offices. With the benefit of InVita's experience, SLED and InVita have worked jointly on an efficient and effective roll out of the SAKTS in South Carolina that complies with the requirements of Act 134 and meets the practical needs of the end users of this system. To that end, SLED and InVita have hosted numerous Knowledge Transfer Sessions (KTS) with the Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System Task Force Stakeholders and other end users, including South Carolina prosecutors. During the various KTS, participants were able to see comprehensive demonstrations of the "Track-Kit™" system itself. As a result of these KTS, SLED has received valuable feedback and continues to collaborate with InVita to procure specific customization of "Track-Kit™" to meet the unique needs of South Carolina and its users. Moreover, InVita is now finalizing specific parameters within "Track-Kit™" that will allow SLED to generate biannual reports as required by S.C. Code Ann. § 23-3-1300.

Accordingly, SLED is pleased to report that the South Carolina "Track-Kit™" platform now transitions into the final development phase. Accordingly, InVita's team and SLED will continue to coordinate in order to finalize and roll out the pilot program of "Track-Kit™" to targeted users who have agreed to participate in the pilot program in South Carolina. Following the anticipated successful rollout of the pilot program, SLED remains optimistic that the system will be fully implemented statewide within this calendar year. In that regard, SLED will continue to work together with the General Assembly to fulfill the purpose of this important legislation.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures- listed in text