

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's Sexual Assault Kit Testing Initiative



When Attorney General DeWine took office in 2011, he learned that law enforcement agencies throughout the state had rape kits that had never been sent to a DNA lab for testing. He requested that the agencies send the kits to the Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI).



STATEWIDE RESULTS

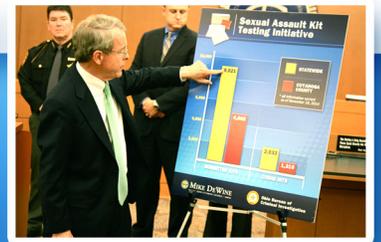
13,890

sexual assault kits have been submitted by 293 Ohio law enforcement agencies under Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's Sexual Assault Kit Testing Initiative

11,257 kits have been tested

4,055 DNA hits in CODIS database

* Statistics as of July 1, 2016



BCI agents are part of a task force formed by the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office to investigate and prosecute rape suspects. So far, 500 rape defendants have been indicted in the county as a result of the effort. A few examples of cases solved, in part, due to DNA tested for the initiative include:

- Days before he was to be released from prison, Dwayne Wilson was indicted for a string of rapes in the 1990's and sentenced to life in prison.
- Charles Steele, described as "a monster who roamed the East Side of Cleveland," was sentenced to at least 65 years in prison for raping four women.
- Elias Acevedo Sr. was sentenced to life in prison for multiple rapes and two murders.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY/CLEVELAND RESULTS



4,972

sexual assault kits have been submitted by 40 law enforcement agencies in Cuyahoga County

4,394

Number of kits submitted by the Cleveland Division of Police (the most submitted by a single law enforcement agency)

1,947*

Number of CODIS hits connected to Cleveland Division of Police kits

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