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## SAFE Kit Initiative

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## NATIONAL ISSUE

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11,000  
Untested  
Kits  
Detroit  
Warehouse




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## SAFE Kit Inventory

March 2019 – November 2019

Statewide [SAFE Kit Inventory](#) covered:

- Law enforcement agencies: **643**
- Healthcare providers: **193**
- Ancillary organizations: **4**

AGO analysts traveled **17,752** miles and worked **4,290** hours during the inventory.

Untested Reported <b>4,455</b>	Untested Unreported <b>1,734</b>	Partially Tested <b>830</b>
<b>7,019 SAFE Kits</b>		

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## SAFE Kit Testing

December 2019 – October 2020

The AGO shipped kits:

**26** Batches from Host Agencies  
**186** Law Enforcement Depts.

### Achievements:

- **1,503 kits sent for testing, exceeding initial goal by 20%.**
- **SAFE Kit team conducted site visits to hospitals and police departments throughout the COVID pandemic.**



Source: <https://www.ky3.com/content/news/Springfield-police-collect-SAFE-kits-to-deliver-to-private-labs-in-Missouri-for-testing-56772671.html>

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## Combined DNA Index System (CODIS)

**881 kits tested**

- **306 CODIS UPLOAD (35%)**
- **251 NOT CODIS ELIGIBLE (28%)**
- **324 NEGATIVE (37%)**
- **Offender Hit:** Matches a named offender profile in CODIS.
- **Forensic Hit:** Matches DNA from a crime scene with an unknown offender.



Source: <https://www.nist.gov/blogs/taking-measures/forensic-science-my-dna>

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## CODIS Hit Response

CODIS Hit

- MSHP checks CODIS daily for hits:

**306 CODIS UPLOADS HAS PRODUCED  
138 CODIS HITS**

MIAC Research

- The AGO coordinates investigative assistance from the **Missouri Information Analysis Center (MIAC).**
- The AGO provides the services of a Cold Case Investigator.

Agency Investigation

- By request the AGO offers technical assistance for:  
**investigative services and prosecutorial services.**
- Local agencies and their partners notify the survivor and decide how to proceed with the investigation.

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## Violent Criminal Apprehension Program (ViCAP)

ViCAP is a behavioral database rather than a DNA database, comparing offender *Modus Operandi*.

The AGO can enter cases into ViCAP on behalf of agencies with signed permission.

Any leads are sent to the jurisdictional agency for investigation.

### ViCAP Case Entry 173



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## Statewide Evidence Tracking System

The AGO has developed an electronic tracking system which will allow victims to monitor the progress of their kit and movement between:

- Hospitals
- Law enforcement
- Crime Lab

SAFETrack@ago.mo.gov



Source: <https://wwwnews-kudr.com/story/news/crime/2019/11/17/tracking-field-evidence-kit-state-police-prosecutors-recommendations/4919475002/>

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