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SDPD Transitioning to DOJ Portal for Survivors of Sexual Assault

ALLOWS SURVIVORS TO SECURELY VIEW THE PROGRESS OF THEIR SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE KIT

SAN DIEGO – Starting in November, the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) transitioned to a service offered by the California Department of Justice (DOJ) for survivors of sexual assault to securely track and receive updates regarding the status and location of their sexual assault evidence kit.

Senate Bill 215 amended Section 680.1 of the California Penal Code to require law enforcement agencies to establish a process for survivors to access the information electronically.

In 2022, SDPD worked with the Sexual Assault Management System (SAMS), developed by the Portland Police Bureau, to offer a system for monitoring the status of their sexual assault evidence kits. Since that time, the DOJ has developed a system, Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Tracking (SAFE-T), that provides similar access and updates for survivors and is used by law enforcement agencies across the state.

Survivors of sexual assault are not required to participate in a police investigation or complete the sexual assault evidence kit examination; however, completing the exam preserves forensic evidence should they choose to pursue a police investigation in the future.

Sexual assault evidence kits undergo several steps before they are complete. Steps include gathering forensic evidence by medical personnel, transferring the evidence kit to the law enforcement agency, and processing the kit by the forensic laboratory.

SDPD is committed to helping sexual assault survivors know exactly where their kit is in the process. This website is a valuable resource for helping survivors stay informed throughout the process.

Survivors administered an exam after July 1, 2022, can access the DOJ website using their kit number, which hospital personnel will provide following their exam. For increased privacy, it is recommended that the website be viewed using the private or incognito window.

Once on the website, survivors will enter their kit number to review the result, status, and location of their kit.

If survivors need to request their kit number again, they can contact Palomar Health at (760) 739-2150.

More information can be found at: oag.ca.gov/victimservices.

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