

Processing Sexual Assault Evidence

430.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The proper collection and processing of physical evidence is vital to the success of any sexual assault investigation. The challenge for the investigating officer is to ensure that evidence is collected with as little additional trauma to victim as possible and that the evidence is processed following a defined protocol and a clearly established chain of custody.

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430.5 PROCESSING SUSPECT EVIDENCE KITS

Suspect evidence kits are only stored in CSI and can only be accessed by CSI personnel after hours.

The suspect evidence kit should be completed when a suspect has been arrested in a timely manner compared to the time frame of the crime. In the event the suspect evidence kit is required, CSI should be contacted to process the suspect. Once the suspect evidence kit is completed, CSI will book the evidence kit into evidence.

It is the responsibility of the assigned detective to submit an online request to OCCL to have the suspect sexual assault evidence kit analyzed by the OCCL (www.occl.ocgov.com/Apps/Logon).

Once the sexual assault evidence kits have been analyzed by OCCL, they will be returned to Irvine Police Department Property. Once received, property will contact the assigned detective to have them book the urine standard, blood standard, and sexual assault evidence kit into evidence. A supplemental report documenting this will need to be completed by the detective booking the urine standard, blood standard and the sexual assault kit into IPD evidence.