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Chiefs and Sheriffs:

As you may have heard in the news, many states are starting to see a push and legislation for the testing of all unanalyzed sexual assault cases that agencies might have in their evidence vaults (regardless of the reason why they were never tested). The push is also to begin testing every sexual assault kit collected in every jurisdiction. A panel is currently being set up in Idaho to determine the best approach for Idaho. This panel consists of IPAA, ICPA, ISA, ISPFS, Idaho Supreme Court, Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance, and others.

In some states processing previously untested kits has caused major issues due to the sheer volume of kits that were never submitted for analysis due to numerous circumstances (lack of prosecution, no probative value, etc.). ISP Forensic Services is working with the Idaho Chiefs of Police Association and Idaho Sheriffs' Association to provide the panel with the number of untested kits in Idaho. At this time we are asking every Chief or Sheriff to please check with your property rooms or other evidence retention locations for your agency to see if you have any untested sexual assault kits in your evidence. If you find untested kits, we would appreciate knowing how many you currently have in your possession. We are trying to ascertain the number of untested kits in Idaho so that we can proceed with further policy discussions. Please respond to karen.stringer@isp.idaho.gov with the number of kits (or that you have no untested kits). We need a response from every agency in Idaho. If we have not heard from your agency by July 11th, we will contact you again. If this survey will take you more time, please let us know when you anticipate being able to provide this number to us.

We appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Major Clark Rollins
Idaho State Police