

Auditing Review Section Professional Standards and Accountability Bureau

Sex Crimes Section Audit Report April 2025 – Final

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Audit Team

This audit was managed and conducted by the Audit and Review Section of the Professional Standards and Accountability Bureau.

Executive Summary

The Audit and Review Section (ARS) of the Professional Standards and Accountability Bureau conducted a Sex Crimes (SC) Checklist Audit in April 2025. Sex Crimes checklist audits ensure that the Sex Crimes Unit is operating in compliance with the most updated New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) policies covering Chapters 42.2 regarding "sexual assault" investigations. The Consent Decree mandates SVD detectives training in "sexual assault" specific matters. As a result, detectives will be able to respond timely to the investigations of sexual assault incidents, review all evidence and statements, and conduct effective victim-oriented case follow-ups as needed. The audit also focuses on ensuring that each detective works actively to engage the victims and provides guidance on how to get counseling, assistance, and support from available social services.

The April 2025 audit was completed utilizing the most recent Sex Assault Audit Protocol at the time of the audit. This audit consists of thirty-one (31) questions and additional follow-up requests, which cover paragraphs 195-206 of the Consent Decree (CD). Based on the combined total of "one thousand six hundred and twelve" (1612) checklist items rated from the sample size of fifty-two (52) case files audited, the "overall score" of this Sex Crimes case file audit conducted by the Audit and Review Section was 99.8%.

The scorecard for the Sex Crimes Checklist Audit includes explanations for "Not Applicable" scorings.

Supervisors should address deficiencies with specific training through specific In-service Training classes or Daily Training Bulletins (DTBs). Such training should be reinforced by close and efficient supervision in addition to Supervisor Feedback Logs entries.

Of the thirty-one (31) questions, thirty (30) scored as compliant.

Q25 - Is there documentation for a search for surveillance video? The score for this category was 93%. (Non-compliant)

More detailed results are embedded in the Scorecards and Conclusion sections.

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Introduction

The Audit and Review Section of the Professional Standards and Accountability Bureau conducted a semi-annual audit of the Sex Crimes Section's investigation case files. This audit covered case files for the period of July 2024 to December 2024. The time allocated to conduct this audit was April 22, 2025, through April 29, 2025. The previous audit was conducted in November 2024.

Purpose

The Sex Crimes Section case file audit was conducted to verify Departmental compliance with the Consent Decree and with NOPD's Operations Manual, Chapter 42.2 "Sexual Assault" Investigations.

Scope

This audit will determine and document whether there was a proper response by investigators and supervisors of the New Orleans Police Department's Sex Crimes Section in conducting follow-up investigations. The auditors are responsible for verifying that each overall response was proactive, victim centered and professional. Once the review is completed, the audit manager will submit a report to the Captain of the Sex Crimes Section, and the Captain of the Professional Standards and Accountability Bureau (PSAB) pointing out any deficiencies or confirming a thorough investigation. These audit reports will help to maintain thorough and complete Sex Crimes Section investigations in the future. A "final report" will also be sent to the appropriate monitor from the OCDM.

Methodology

Population size – the Sex Crimes Section only.

Sample size – Fifty-two (52) case files were selected via EXCEL's "RAND" function, from the three hundred and forty-nine (349) cases taken in by the Sex Crimes Section for the second half of the 2024 calendar year.

Documentation to be reviewed – All documents and investigative material contained within each individual case file.

Testing Instrument(s) – New Orleans Police Department Operations Manual Chapter 42.2, "Sexual Assault Investigations" (Revised: 5/27/2018), and a thirty-one (31) point Sex Crimes Audit Checklist. Each individual case file was audited in its entirety via "double-blind" auditing process by two (2) members of the Audit and Review Section (ARS), to give a reliable and thorough review of each case file.

Data

The audit range is usually set for every six months (semi-annually). The Sex Crimes Section will give the Audit and Review Section all item numbers they were assigned during that audit date range. The Audit and Review Section will then take those item numbers and enter them into EXCEL's randomizer generator for cases to be selected for review. The Audit and Review Section will then review at least 15% of those cases within the audit range.

Initiating and Conducting the Sex Crimes Audit

The Professional Standards and Accountability Bureau contacted the Commander of the Special Victims Division (SVD), on April 9, 2025, to inform her of a scheduled Sex Crimes Section case file audit that would be initiated by the Auditing Review Section (ARS), during the week of April 21, 2025.

The SVD Commander was provided this advanced notice so that she could schedule a Sex Crimes Section supervisor to be on standby to provide the requested case files to the Auditing Review Section (ARS) upon demand. The SVD Commander was provided with the checklist that would be used, in addition to the audit protocol.

During this audit period, the ARS auditors requested and received a total of fifty-two (52) case files from the on-duty Sex Crimes sergeant for review. The auditors conducted a review of the case files at the office of the Audit and Review Section.

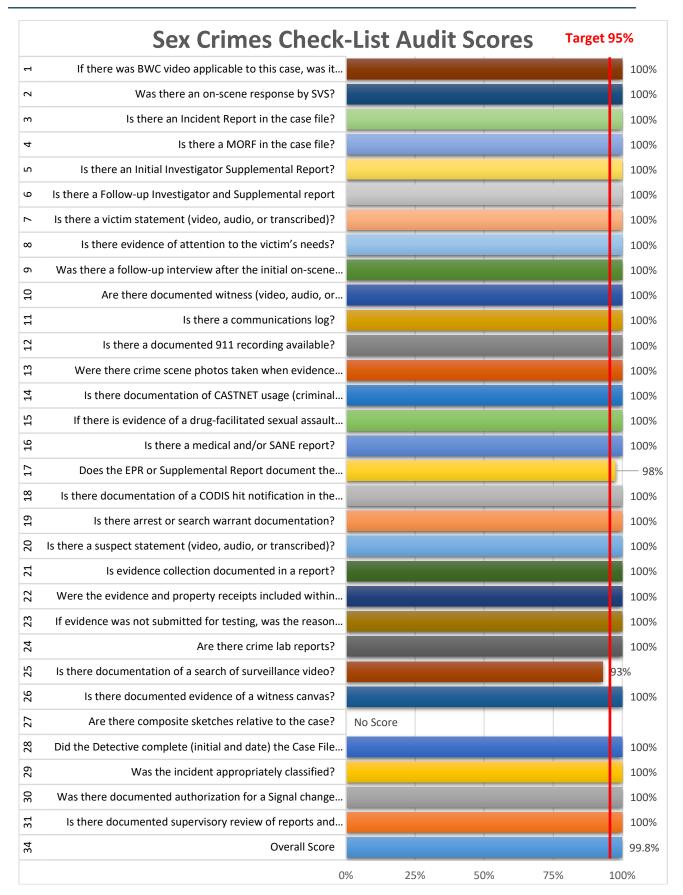
Each case file was then systematically reviewed via "double-blind" audit process by the ARS auditors, for a determination of each case file's compliance with the New Orleans Police Department's Operations Manual Chapter 42.2, as it relates to "Sexual Assault" Investigations. To facilitate this process, the auditors used the thirty-one (31) point Sexual Assault audit checklist as a gauge to review and analyze the content of every case file.

The breakdown of the case files that each auditor reviewed for the "double-blind" case file audit is as follows:

Audit Team 1 (11) Audit Team 2 (11) Audit Team 3 (10) Audit Team 4 (10) Audit Team 5 (10)

Total: 52 Case Files

Sex Crimes Unit Scorecards



Sex Crimes Check-List Scorecard - (Double-blind)

ARS percentages for Consent Decree requirements for sex crimes check-list audit.

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Check-List Questions	Score	Y	Ν	NA	NA Explanations
If there was BWC video applicable to this case, was it reviewed by the	1			1	

	If there was BWC video applicable to this case, was it reviewed by the	T			1		
	Investigator? Applicable BWC would be video from responding officer(s)	1008/	29	0	22		
1	to the crime scene.	100%	29	0	23	(23) The detective is not assigned a BWC and handled majority of the case. Of the 27 N/A Scorings: (11) Victim relocated from the crime scene to the	19
						hospital or district station, (5) Due to the delayed crime reporting, there was no	
						identifiable crime scene (8) Unfounded due to occurring out of state or parish,	
						(2) Detective contacted the victim via phone (1) Responding officer determined	1
	Was there an on-scene response by SVS?	100%	25	0	27	no crime occurred due to caller being a known 103M.	- 19
	Is there an Incident Report in the case file?	100%	52	0	0	None	196,
4	Is there a MORF in the case file?	100%	52	0	0	None	196,
_		1008/	50	0		N.T.	196,
5	Is there an Initial Investigator Supplemental Report?	100%	52	0	0	None Of the 49 N/A Scorings: (37) Follow-up attempted but unsuccessful due to no	1
						contact with the victim or the victim refusing to cooperate with the	
						investigation, (8) Unfounded due to crime occuring out of state or parish, (3)	
						Cleared by arrest,(1) Patrol officer determined no crime occurred due to caller	196
6	Is there a Follow-up Investigator and Supplemental report	100%	3	0	49	being a known 103M.	1
						Of the 8 N/A Scorings: (4) Investigator unsuccessful in locating victim, (2)	
						Victim unable to provide a statement due to mental state, (1) Victim interview not yet conducted, (1) Responding officer determined that no crime occurred	
7	Is there a victim statement (video, audio, or transcribed)?	100%	44	0	8	due to caller being a known 103M.	196
-	is used a victim statement (victo), addro, of transcripted):	10070		0	0	Of the 3 N/A Scorings: (2) Locating victim unsuccessful and (1)Responding	170
8	Is there evidence of attention to the victim's needs?	100%	49	0	3	officer determined no crime occurred due to caller being a known 103M.	1
						Of the 45 N/A Scorings: (33)Follow-up attempted but unsuccessful due to no	
						contact with the victim, insufficient evidence, or the victim refusing to	
						cooperate with the investigation (8) Unfounded due to crime occurring out of	
		10571	-	_		state or parish, (3) Cleared by arrest, (1) Patrol officer determined no crime	196
9	Was there a follow-up interview after the initial on-scene investigation	100%	7	0	45	occurred due to caller being a known 103M.	1
10	Are there documented witness (video, audio, or transcribed) statement?	100%	12	0	40	Of the 40 N/A Scorings: (39) No witnesses located and (1) Witness retracted statement.	196
	Is there a communications log?	100%	51	0	40	(1) Victim contacted the detective via email.	190
	Is there a documented 911 recording available?	100%	24	0	28	(28) No 911 call made	1
╢	0			~	1	Of the 49 N/A Scorings: (38) No crime scene due to nature of crime or	1
						delayed reporting, (8) Unfounded due to crime occurring out of parish or state,	5
						(1) Victim refused to cooperate, (1) Detective did not determine crime scene	
						photos necessary, (1) Patrol officer determined no crime occurred due to caller	
13	Were there crime scene photos taken when evidence could be captured?	100%	3	0	49	being a known 103M.	190
		100%		0		Of the 8 N/A Scorings: (6) Suspect not known, (1) Victim refused to	107
14	Is there documentation of CASTNET usage (criminal history check?)	100%	44	0	8	cooperate, (1) Subject arrested on scene. Of the 43 N/A Scorings: (40) No drug-facilitated sexual assault reported, (1)	196
	If there is evidence of a drug-facilitated sexual assault with follow up					Patrol officer determined no crime occurred due to caller being a known	
	according to policy?	100%	9	0	43	103M, (1) Crime reporting delayed, (1) Victim refused to cooperate.	195
	accounty to pone).					Of the 37 N/A Scorings: (14) No exam performed, (10) Victim refused to	
						cooperate, (8) Unfounded due to crime occurring out of parish or state, (2)	
						Medical report pending, (1) No crime occurred, (1) Case is open, (1) Crime	
16	Is there a medical and/or SANE report?	100%	15	0	37	reporting delayed.	196
						Of the 11 N/A Scorings:(4) Victim refused to cooperate, (3) Victim	
						transported to hospital due to mental state, (2) No victim identified,	
	Does the EPR or Supplemental Report document the required referral to NOF[C?	98%	40	1	11	(1)Unfounded due to crime occurring out of parish or state, (1) Locating	196
1/	NOFJC?	9670	40	1	11	victim unsuccessful Of the 50 N/A Scorings: (48) No Sane test conducted, (1) No CODIS hit, (1)	196
18	Is there documentation of a CODIS hit notification in the file?	100%	2	0	50	DNA Submitted.	,
						Of the 44 N/A scorings: (23) Suspect not known, (6) Victim refused to	
						cooperate, (8) Unfounded due to crime occurring out of state or parish, (4)	
						investigating is ongoing, (1) Evidence insufficient, (1) Locating victim	
		40.00/				unsuccessful (1) Patrol officer determined no crime occurred due to caller	
19	Is there arrest or search warrant documentation?	100%	8	0	44	being a known 103M.	1
						Of the 46 N/A Scorings: (23) Suspect not known, 8) Unfounded due to crime occurring out of state or parish, (6) Victim refused to cooperate, (5)	
						investigation is on-going, (2) Locating victim unsuccessful, (1) Suspect not	
						located, (1) Patrol officer determined no crime occurred due to caller being a	
20	Is there a suspect statement (video, audio, or transcribed)?	100%	6	0	46	known 103M.	196
T						Of the 11 N/A Scorings: (9) Crime scene unidentifiable due to delayed	
					1	reporting (1) Case is active, (1) Patrol officer determined no crime occurred	196
	Is evidence collection documented in a report?	100%	41	0	11	due to caller being a known 103M.	1
	Were the evidence and property receipts included within the Casefile for	10571		_	1.		
22	submitted evidence?	100%	46	0	6	(6) No crime scene/statements	196
	If evidence was not submitted for testing, was the reason documented in a				1	Of the 50 N/A Scorings: (20) No scene evidence, (10) No crime identifiable scene, (11) Evidence submitted, (8) Unfounded due to crime occurred out of	
	If evidence was not submitted for testing, was the reason documented in a report?	100%	2	0	50	scene, (11) Evidence submitted, (8) Unfounded due to crime occurred out of state or parish, (1) investigation is on-going.	196
		.0070	2		50	Of the 42 N/A Scorings: (19) No evidence collected, (14) No crime scene, (8)	190
						Unfounded due to crime occurring out of parish or state, (1) Lab report	
24	Are there crime lab reports?	100%	10	0	42	pending.	1
	Is there documentation of a search of surveillance video?	93%	13	1	38	(38) No surveillance video relevant to the case.	196
					1	Of the 41 N/A Scorings: (16) No crime scene, (15) Crime reporting delayed,	
		10021				(8)Unfounded due to crime occurring out of state or parish, (1) Crime scene	
26	Is there documented evidence of a witness canvas?	100%	11	0	41	not yet investigated, (1) Victim relocated twice from original crime scene.	196
					1	Of the 52 N/A Scorings: (17) Investigation is on-going and sketch has yet to be	
					1	Of the 52 N/A Scorings: (17) Investigation is on-going and sketch has yet to be composed,(12) Victim refused to cooperate, (8) Crime occurred out of state or	
					1	parish, (7) Suspect known to the victim, (3) Victim description insufficient, (2)	1
					1	Cleared by arrest, (2) Composite sketch not necessary,(1) Patrol officer	
27	Are there composite sketches relative to the case?	-	0	0	52	determined no crime occurred due to caller being a known 103M.	190
	Did the Detective complete (initial and date) the Case File Index as items						
	were included in the case file?	100%	52	0	0	None	1
	Was the incident appropriately classified?	100%	52	0	0	None	1
	Was there documented authorization for a Signal change if required	100%	6	0	46	(46) No signal change occurred.	201
31	Is there documented supervisory review of reports and dispositions Overall Score	100% 99.8%	52 812	0	0 798	None	201

ARU audited sampled Sex Crimes case file items for a defined period, for completeness and accuracy as required by the Consent Decreee. For an explanation of the procedure and scoring system for this review, see the associated "protocol" document.

For a list of relevant policies, contact PSAB as needed.

For the audit results for each case file, see the accompanying RawData spreadsheets.

Scores below 95% are highlighted in red.

Report Date: April 2025

July 2024 - December 2024

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Case File Review

The below-listed information reveals the outcome of each checklist review question.

- 1. If there was BWC video applicable to this case, was it reviewed by the Investigator? The overall score for this category was **100%**. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 29 were audited as positive, none were negative, and 23 were N/A (not applicable without BWC available to review; because the victim may have reported event sometime after the assault, the victim may not have been on scene when the officer arrived, or there was no officer involvement at all).
- 2. Was there an on-scene response by SVD? The overall score for this category was 100%. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 25 were audited as positive, none were negative and 27 were N/A (not applicable due the victim was a district walk-in, the victim relocated from scene, or the reported crime occurred years prior). If the victim is no longer at the scene, and has relocated to a facility for treatment, or walked into a nearby district station to report a crime, then there was no on-scene response by SVD, and it is therefore not applicable.
- 3. Is there an Incident Report in the case file? The overall score for this category was 100%. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 52 were audited as positive, none were negative, and none were N/A (not applicable).
- 4. Is there a MORF in the case file? The overall score for this category was **100%**. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 52 were audited as positive, none were negative, and none were N/A (not applicable).
- Is there an Initial Investigator Supplemental Report? The overall score for this category was 100%. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 52 were audited as positive, none were negative, and none were N/A (not applicable).
- 6. Is there a follow-up Investigator & Supplemental Report)? The overall score for this category was 100%. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 3 were audited as positive, none were negative, and 49 were N/A (not applicable) as either the case is still open, and follow-up has not occurred yet or victim chose not to proceed with the case. If follow-up has yet to occur (generally 2-3 months), it is due to a lack of evidence or necessary information to continue an investigation. The length of time between reporting a crime and initiating a follow-up will vary depending on the victim's cooperation and ability to be located.
- Is there a victim statement (video, audio, or transcribed)? The overall score for this category was 100%. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 44 were audited as positive, none were negative, and 8 were N/A (not applicable) due to either the victim chose not to speak with the officer/detective, or the victim could not be located.
- Is there evidence of attention to the victim's needs? (i.e., Did the investigator demonstrate empathy, safety & medical needs of the victim, etc.)? The overall score for this category was 100%. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 49 were audited as positive, none were negative, and 3 were

N/A (not applicable) due to either the victim choosing not to speak with the officer/detective, or the victim being not located.

- 9. Was there a follow-up interview after the initial on-scene investigation? The overall score for this category was 100%. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 7 were audited as positive, none were negative, and 45 were N/A (not applicable) due to either case is still open, and follow-up has not occurred yet, or the victim chose not to proceed with the case (10) or victim could not be reached to do a follow-up (7), or cleared by arrest(3) or crime out of parish (7) or still active (12) until further review or no crime (3) or inactive (3).
- 10. Are there documented witness statements (video, audio, or transcribed)? The overall score for this category was 100%. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 12 were audited as positive, none were negative, and 40 were N/A (not applicable) due to either being no witnesses, or a crime did not occur. Of the 40, 7 were out of parish incidents, 12 are still active, 17 were reported where victims either refused or could not be contacted, or crime never occurred (3).
- 11. Is there a communications log (incident recall)? The overall score for this category was 100%. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 51 were audited as positive, none were negative, and 1 was N/A (not applicable.
- 12. Is there a documented 911 recording available? The overall score for this category was 100%. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 24 were audited as positive, none were negative and 28 were N/A (not applicable) due to the incident being field initiated, an outside referral, or the victim being a walk-in at the district station. Since not all reports are initiated via 911 (victim was a district walk-in, flag down occurred, etc.) there will not be a 911 call for each communications log that is present.
- 13. Were there crime scene photos taken when evidence could be captured/recorded, as appropriate? The overall score for this category was 100%. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 3 were audited as positive, none were negative, and 49 were N/A (not applicable) due to either being no crime scene (46), or a crime was not committed (3).
- 14. Is there documentation of CASTNET usage (criminal history check)? The overall score for this category was 100%. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 44 were audited as positive, none were negative and 8 were N/A (not applicable) due to the suspect not being identified, the victim could not be located, the case is still open, or a crime was not committed.
- 15. If there is evidence of a drug- facilitated sexual assault with follow-up according to policy? The overall score for this category was **100%**. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 9 were audited as positive, none were negative, and 43 were N/A (not applicable) due to no drugs were reported to be involved in the incident (40), or a crime was not committed (3).
- 16. Is there a medical and/or SANE report)? The overall score for this category was 100%. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 15 were audited as positive, none were negative and 37 were N/A (not applicable) due to the victim refusing medical services (14), out of parish (7), the victim was not

found (2), or no crime occurred (3), or other (11).

- 17. Does the EPR or Supplemental Report document the required referral to NOFJC? The overall score for this category was 98%. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 40 were audited as positive, 1 was negative, and 11 were N/A (not applicable) due to the victim declining to speak with the officer/detective (6), no crime occurred (3), or the victim could not be located (2).
- 18. Is there documentation of a CODIS hit notification in the file? The overall score for this category was 100%. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 2 were audited as positive, none were negative, and 50 were N/A (not applicable) due to there being no DNA submitted (15), out of parish(7), no crime occurred (3), pending DNA (7), no victim located (2), didn't involve contact (2), refused test (14).
- 19. Is there arrest or search warrant documentation? The overall score for this category was 100%. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 8 were audited as positive, none were negative, and 44 were N/A (not applicable) due to there was no application made by the detective, no crime occurred, or no suspect was identified.
- 20. Is there a suspect statement (video, audio, or transcribed)? The overall score for this category was 100%. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 6 were audited as positive, none were negative, and 46 were N/A (not applicable) due to the suspect not being located, the suspect not being identified, or the suspect refused.
- 21. Is evidence collection documented in a report? The overall score for this category was 100%. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 41 were audited as positive, none were negative, and 11 were N/A (not applicable) with no evidence collected due to either the victim not being located, or the victim refused to cooperate with the investigation.
- 22. Were the evidence & property receipts included within the Case File for submitted evidence? The overall score for this category was **100%**. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 46 were audited as positive, none were negative, and 6 were N/A (not applicable).
- 23. If evidence was not submitted for testing, was the reason documented in a report? The overall score for this category was 100%. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 2 was audited as positive, none were negative, and 50 were N/A (not applicable) due to none of the evidence collected required lab submission.
- 24. Are there crime lab reports? The overall score for this category was **100%**. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 10 were audited as positive, none were negative, and 42 were N/A (not applicable) due to there being no evidence to submit to the crime lab; therefore, the crime lab was not called to the scene.
- 25. Is there documentation of a search for surveillance video? The overall score for this category was 93%. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 13 were audited as positive, 1 was negative(G-07971-24), and 38 were N/A (not applicable) with no surveillance video located. Because most incidents

occurred inside a residence or structure, there was no available video footage on scene.

- 26. Is there documented evidence of a witness canvas? The overall score for this category was 100%. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 11 were audited as positive, none were negative, and 41 were N/A (not applicable) due to there being no witnesses present at the scene, no crime occurred, a witness reported the crime, or the victim was a district walk-in.
- 27. Are there composite sketches relative to the case? The overall score for this category was
 No Score. Of the 52 cases reviewed, none were audited as positive, none were negative, and
 52 were N/A (not applicable) as no suspect sketches were made.
- 28. Did the Detective complete (initial and date) the Case File Index as items were entered in the Case File? The overall score for this category was 100%. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 52 were audited as positive, none were negative, and none were N/A (not applicable).
- 29. Was the incident appropriately classified? The overall score for this category was 100%. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 52 were audited as positive, none were negative, and none were N/A (not applicable).
- 30. Was there documented authorization for a signal change if required? The overall score for this category was **100%**. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 6 were audited as positive, none were negative, and 46 were N/A (not applicable) due to a signal change not being requested.
- 31. Are there supervisory reviews of reports and dispositions documented? The overall score for this category was **100%**. Of the 52 cases reviewed, 52 were audited as positive, none were negative, and none were N/A (not applicable).

Mandated Consent Decree Paragraph Responses (CD #206-#211)

During the audit, ARS auditors corroborated to ascertain and verify the below listed information to address Consent Decree paragraphs #206 through #211 pertaining to the Sex Crimes Section:

CD #206

During the first year of this Agreement, neither patrol officers nor detectives shall code reported sexual assaults in a miscellaneous or non-criminal category without the express written approval of the Investigations & Support Bureau Special Victim Division Commander and the Investigations & Support Bureau Criminal Investigations Division Commander. Following this period, patrol officers shall not code reported sexual assaults in a miscellaneous or non-criminal category without their immediate supervisor first approving. Any decision by a detective to do so shall receive close secondary review and shall be approved in writing by an immediate Sex Crimes Section supervisor and the Division command.

As per Consent Decree paragraphs #206 and #207, the Auditing Review Section retrieved the CAD data regarding sexual assault cases matching the stated criteria from the NOPD SQL Database.

During the Sex Crimes audit, the Audit and Review Section reviewed the sexual assault cases handled by the Sex Crimes Section for the 2nd half of 2024 (July to December). The review revealed a total of cases were initially called in as a sex crime, with fourteen (14) cases matching the criteria listed in CD #206: as a call initiated as a sex crime but later changed to a miscellaneous incident or non-criminal category that was cleared. The audit revealed that SVD was compliant with CD #206 regarding calls initiated as sex crimes and later changed to miscellaneous incidents or non-criminal categories.

Incident Recalls:

As a result of the Communication District (Dispatch) transitioning from using "Plain Language" descriptions in their CAD system back to the use of NOPD complaint signals, there are a variety of different incident types coded to 43B by NOPD in the first quarter, through cross-mapping translation that might not otherwise be, as the translation list is limited to two (2) signal codes, 43B and 42. Fourteen (14) cases coded by NOPD, were initially assigned a signal 43B (Sexual Battery) or 42 (Aggravated Rape) through the NOPD cross-mapping, and changed to a signal 21 (Miscellaneous) with the disposition of NAT or RTF. See the breakdown below:

Three (3) of the entries were reports of a possible sexual assault under the signal codes 43B and 42.

- One (1) of the signal 42 coded entries involved SVD notification.
- Two (2) of the 42 coded entries that involved a possible sexual assault, do not appear to have SVD involvement.

Eleven (11) of the entries were determined to be other signals that did not involve a sexual assault, via the NOPD cross-mapping, but were coded into 43B or 42; per Chapter 81.7:

- Nine (9) of the coded entries were signals describing, "35 Simple Battery".
- Two (2) of the coded entries were signals describing incidents that did not involve an actual sexual assault. They include the following totals:
 - One (1) Signal 60 Aggravated Burglary
 - One (1) Signal 106 Obscenity.

Within this total of entries of changed signal codes, five (5) of the entries do not appear to have Supervisor or SVD approval. However, these entries were not coded in plain language as a "Sexual Assault". Therefore, items not plainly coded as a "Sexual Assault" are not classified as a Sex Crime and did not involve the Sex Crimes Section.

Signals 42 and 43B "Not SVD Notified" Total: 13 of the totals 14

District	ltem Number	Туре	Type Text	Initial Type	Initial Type Text	Primary Unit	Approved By	NOPD Policy Signal
1st	H- 18869- 24	21	COMPLAINT OTHER	42	AGGRAVATED RAPE	123D	SUPV	35
1st	J-01444- 24	21	COMPLAINT OTHER	42	AGGRAVATED RAPE	113A	SUPV	35
2nd	G- 14525- 24	21	COMPLAINT OTHER	42	AGGRAVATED RAPE	231C	U	35
2nd	I-09006- 24	21	COMPLAINT OTHER	42	AGGRAVATED RAPE	231C	SUPV	42
2nd	J-03463- 24	21	COMPLAINT OTHER	42	AGGRAVATED RAPE	233B	U	35
3rd	G- 02806- 24	21	COMPLAINT OTHER	42	AGGRAVATED RAPE	347D	SUPV	35
3rd	J-07897- 24	21	COMPLAINT OTHER	42	AGGRAVATED RAPE	313C	SUPV	35
4th	H- 19769- 24	21	COMPLAINT OTHER	42	AGGRAVATED RAPE	447B	SUPV	42
6th	G- 17545- 24	21	COMPLAINT OTHER	42	AGGRAVATED RAPE	649D	SUPV	106
6th	I-09794- 24	21	COMPLAINT OTHER	42	AGGRAVATED RAPE	619C	SUPV	35
6th	J-28724- 24	21	COMPLAINT OTHER	42	AGGRAVATED RAPE	613D	U	35
7th	I-24328- 24	21	COMPLAINT OTHER	42	AGGRAVATED RAPE	791	SUPV	60
8th	H- 08572- 24	21	COMPLAINT OTHER	42	AGGRAVATED RAPE	825B	U	42
8th	l-15368- 24	21	COMPLAINT OTHER	42	AGGRAVATED RAPE	827C	U	35

Gone on Arrival:

In addition to the fourteen (14) NAT/RTF cases covered under consent decree paragraph #206, two (2) were initiated as a signal 43B (Sexual Battery) or 42 (Aggravated Rape) and later changed to a 21 (Miscellaneous) with a disposition of Gone on Arrival (GOA). One (1) of the entries that was GOA (J-13951-24), regarding a possible attempted rape, did not appear to have SVD involvement. The reporting person was reportedly 103M, and the responding officer indicated units were no longer necessary. The case was therefore classified as GOA as the final disposition. If a case is finalized with a disposition of GOA, SVD will not be notified, as the victim, caller, and/or suspect are no longer at the scene. However, SVD will still follow up with the case as part of their GOA review.

Signal 43B to Signal 21 (GOA)

Т	ot	al	:	2

ltem Number	Туре	Initial Type	Initial Type Text	Disposition	Approved By	NOPD Signal
I-17968-24	21	42	AGGRAVATED RAPE	GOA	SUPV	283
J-13951-24	21	42	AGGRAVATED RAPE	GOA	U	42

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Since the cyber-attack in December of 2019, the NOPD's CCMS system has not been restored and is unavailable for tracking and reporting purposes. Since that time, the Special Victim's Division has created and used a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet for tracking purposes. During the Sex Crimes Checklist Audit, the Audit and Review Section reviewed the sexual assault cases as input into the Sex Crimes Section for the 2nd half of 2024 (July to December). The review revealed that of the 349 cases documented by the Sex Crimes Section there were twenty-six (26) cases matching the criteria listed in CD #207 as a call initiated as a sex crime and later cleared with the disposition of "Unfounded". The audit revealed that SVD was compliant with CD #207 regarding calls initiated as sex crimes and later cleared with the disposition "Unfounded" by Sex Crimes.

Order	Case Item	Signal	District	Case Status
1	G-07607-24	420	8	Unfounded
2	G-08160-24	43	7	Unfounded
3	G-17405-24	430	3	Unfounded
4	G-25551-24	43B	8	Unfounded
5	H-02820-24	2830	2	Unfounded
6	H-25561-24	420	5	Unfounded
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13	J-03622-24	420	5	Unfounded
14	J-06547-24	43B	4	Unfounded
15	J-06681-24	420	3	Unfounded
16	J-11583-24	43	6	Unfounded
17	J-25499-24	43U	8	Unfounded
18	J-25933-24	430	6	Unfounded
19	K-05506-24	431	8	Unfounded
20	K-05583-24	430	8	Unfounded
21	K-05629-24	43U	8	Unfounded
22	K-09789-24	42U	3	Unfounded
23	K-17873-24	420	1	Unfounded
24	K-24481-24	420	3	Unfounded
25	K-24843-24	430	3	Unfounded
26	L-01717-24	430	8	Unfounded

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Overall Compliance Score (Final)

Based on the combined total of the one thousand six hundred twelve **(1,612)** checklist items rated, from the sample size of fifty-two **(52)** case files audited; the <u>"overall score"</u> of this April 2025 Sex Crimes Unit case file audit conducted by the Auditing Review Unit was **99.8%**.

Conclusions (Final)

Results

The overall results of the April 2025 Sex Crimes audit revealed a compliance threshold score of **99.8%**. The following checklist items revealed a threshold score **below 95%**:

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Recommendations

- The Audit and Review Unit recommends that the immediate supervisors of the Sex Crimes Unit conduct regular reviews of detectives' case files for the presence of all mandatory documentation. Such action would hopefully ensure that all Sex Crimes Unit case files are complete.
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Response to P.S.A.B

A comprehensive review was conducted on *P.S.A. B's April 2025- Sex Crimes Unit Audit Report,* covering the time-period of July 2024 through December 2024.

The Sex Crimes Unit's combined overall compliance score was 99.8%. July 2024-December 2024 Audit Response

Members of the P.S.A.B Auditing Team sampled fifty- two (52) Sex Crimes Case Files against a 31-Point Sex Crimes Casefile Audit Checklist.

• Checklist Items:1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,18,19,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,

30, & 31, all received a passing score of 100%.

- Checklist Item: 17, received a passing score of 98%.
- Checklist Item: 25, scored below the 95% passing threshold score with 93%.

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The following checklist items revealed threshold scores below 95%:

Q25: Is there documentation for a search for surveillance video?

G-07971-24

Upon reviewing the case file, the auditors did not find any evidence that Detective Clark attempted to locate RTCC footage.

Response:

This investigation was originally assigned to Toka Clark. The auditors are correct when asserting that former Det. Clark did not canvas for video surveillance in the Iberville Housing Development.

Although the victim could not provide a definitive location, the victim provided a good time frame. After noticing other missteps like this on other cases involving former Det. Toka Clark, she was transferred out of the Special Victims Division. This case was reassigned to an investigator in hopes of obtaining surveillance video, but the time frame eventually expired.

Mandated Consent Decree Paragraph Responses

CD# 206

As per Consent Decree Paragraphs #206 and #207, the Auditing Review Section retrieved the CAD data regarding sexual assault cases matching the stated criteria from the NOPD SQL Database.

For reference: ...patrol officers nor detectives shall code reported sexual assaults in a miscellaneous or noncriminal category without the express written approval of the Investigations & Support Bureau Special Victim Division Commander and the Investigations & Support Bureau Criminal Investigations Division Commander. During the Sex Crimes audit, the Audit and Review Section reviewed the sexual assault cases handled by the Sex Crimes Section for the 2nd half of 2024 (July to December).

The review revealed a total of cases were initially called in as a sex crime, **with fourteen (14) cases** matching the criteria listed in CD #206: as a call initiated as a sex crime but later changed to a miscellaneous incident or non-criminal category that was cleared. The audit revealed that SVD was compliant with CD #206

regarding calls initiated as sex crimes and later changed to miscellaneous incidents or non-criminal categories.

Incident Recalls

PSAB Auditors identified Fourteen (14) cases coded by NOPD, that were initially assigned as a signal 43B (Sexual Battery) or 42 (Aggravated Rape). Through the NOPD cross-mapping, it was determined that these signals were changed to a signal 21 (Miscellaneous) with the disposition of NAT or RTF.

Incident Recalls Response

Lt. Celious requested Investigator Supervisor Anthony Capera to look up the Fourteen (14) via CAD to obtain additional information. Below are Lt. Celious responses:

Item H-18869-24

2000 Canal Street- University Hospital, Staff member injured by patient. Signal 35 RTF to district.

Response: This Item Number was marked up appropriately; however, Sex Crimes should have been the unit to change the signal.

Item J-01444-24

222 Tulane Avenue, Signal 35/103 past assault by perp. No mention of sexual assault. Signal 21 NAT by district. **Response: Sex Crimes should have been notified to change the signal.**

Item G-14525-24

3027 Short Street. B/M assaulted the complainant. No mention of sexual assault. Signal 21 NAT by district. **Response: Sex Crimes should have been notified to change the signal.**

Item I-09006-24

2503 Monticello St. Comment states a 5-year-old child inappropriately touching other children.
Signal 21 NAT by district unit.
Response: The Child Abuse Unit should have been notified.
This case has been assigned to the Child Abuse Unit for investigation.

Item J- 03463-24

2503 Millaudon St. Complainant called about roommate and previous assault. No mention of sexual assault. Signal 21 NAT by district unit.

Response: Sex Crimes should have been notified to change the signal. The call may have defaulted to a sexual assault if the trigger word "assault or assaulted" was used without clarifying the type of assault.

Item G-02806-24

4301 Tulane Avenue Apt 373. 103 with tenants.

Signal 35 RTF by district.

Response: Sex Crimes should have been notified to change the signal. The call may have defaulted to a sexual assault if the trigger word "assault or assaulted" was used without clarifying the type of assault.

Item J-07897-24

1100 Milton Juvenile Justice Center. 103 between inmates, Signal 21 NAT by Juvenile Division. Response: Sex Crimes should have been notified to change the signal. The call may have defaulted to a sexual assault if the trigger word "assault or assaulted" was used without clarifying the type of assault.

Item H-19769-24

2969 Potomac St. Complainant, Katrina Williams, stated father and daughter engaged in sexual relations outside. Car 447 and 435 on scene.
Signal 21 NAT by district.
Response: The Child Abuse Unit should have been notified.
This case has been assigned to the Child Abuse Unit for investigation.

Item G-17545-24

2006 Milan St. Unknown W/M made inappropriate sexual comment to complainant. 51 previous calls from complainant. Signal 21 NAT by district. **Response: Sex Crimes should have been notified to change the signal.**

Item I-09794-24

2031 General Taylor Caller "Joyce", listed as Bipolar, stated an unknown male kissed her.
51 previous calls from complainant.
Signal 21 NAT by district,
Response: Sex Crimes should have been notified to change the signal.

Item J-28724-24

1219 8th St. Caller Lashandra stated a resident was assaulted by fellow resident. Signal 21 NAT by district.

Response: Sex Crimes should have been notified to change the signal. The call may have defaulted to a sexual assault if the trigger word "assault or assaulted" was used without clarifying the type of assault.

Item I-24328-24

7122 Crowder. Unknown subjects assaulted victim with fire extinguisher and stole his bed. Signal 21 RTF by district.

Response: Sex Crimes should have been notified to change the signal. The call may have defaulted to a sexual assault if the trigger word "assault or assaulted" was used without clarifying the type of assault.

Item H-08572-24

500 Port of New Orleans. NO information in CAD on the call. Signal 21 NAT by district. Response: Sex Crimes should have been notified to change the signal.

Item I-15368-24

317 Baronne. Hotel guests stated they were assaulted by a guard.

Signal 21 NAT by district.

Response: Sex Crimes should have been notified to change the signal.

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Recommendations:

1. OPCD should ensure that all dispatchers are aware of NOPD Policy that requires all sexual assaults signal changes to be made by SVD supervisors only.

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Gone on Arrival

Item 17968-24

2031 General Taylor, duplicate of Item I-09794-24, Same complainant and remarks. Changed to signal 21 NAT by district. **Response: Sex Crimes should have been notified to change the signal.**

Item 13951-24

2969 Potomac, duplicate of Item H-19769-24. same complainant, stated unknown subjects were putting "voodoo" on son and attempting to rape her daughter.

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Response:

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Lt. Celious has worked hard to ensure that both Sex Crimes and Child Abuse Supervisors scrutinize their detectives case files closely to check for all relevant documents and evidence.

This is evident from the overall score of 99.8%.

The Special Victim Division will continue to strive for 100% not for auditing purposes, but because that will always be the standard.

Respectfully submitted, Lieutenant Sheila Celious 06/16/2025

Lieutenant Sheila Celious Investigation and Support Bureau Special Victims Division

ARU Attachments: Excel Raw Data Spreadsheets for April 2025 scorecard.

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Appendix C – Report Distribution

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Lieutenant SVD Unit

ARS Unit

The following checklist was the instrument used by the auditing team to review each case file.

Item Number:	
Monitor:	
Date:	

NA = Not Applicable
Y = Compliant
N = Not compliant
U = Unknown

1.	Is there BWC video applicable to this case?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
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3.	Is there an Incident Report in the case file?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
4.	Is there a MORF in the case file?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
5.	Is there an Initial Investigator's Supplement Report?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
6.	Is there a Follow up Investigation & Supplement Report?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
7.	Is there a victim statement (video, audio, or transcribed)?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
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9.	Was there a follow-up interview after the initial on-scene investigation?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
10.	Are there documented witnesses (video, audio, or transcribed) statements?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
11.	Is there a communications log (incident recall)?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
12.	Is there a documented 911 recording available?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
13.	Were there crime scene photos taken when evidence could be captured/recorded, as appropriate? (photos may be	
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14.	Is there documentation of CastNet usage (criminal history check)?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
15.	If there is evidence of a drug-facilitated sexual assault with follow up according to policy?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
16.	Is there a medical and/or SANE report?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
17.	Does the EPR or Supplement Report document the required referral to NOFJC?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
18.	Is there documentation of a CODIS hit notification in the file?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
19.	Is there arrest or search warrant documentation?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
20.	Is there a suspect statement (video, audio, or transcribed)?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
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22.	Were the evidence & property receipts included within the Case File for submitted evidence?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
23.	If evidence was not submitted for testing, was the reason documented in a report?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
24.	Are there crime lab reports?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
25.	Is there documentation of a search of surveillance video?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
26.	Is there documented evidence of a witness canvas?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
27.	Are there composite sketches relative to the case?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
28.	Did the Detective complete (initial and date) the Case File Index as items were included in the Case File?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
29.	Was the incident appropriately classified?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
30.	Was there documented authorization for a Signal change if required?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
31.	Is there documented supervisory review of reports and dispositions?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N / \square U
	Did the Auditor listen to recordings of the victim interview(s)?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N
	Did the Auditor listen to suspect interview(s)?	\square NA / \square Y / \square N
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Auditor Comments: Explain in the narrative below whether there were any exceptional strategies used by the investigator or any deficiencies noted in the case investigation by Auditor: