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Via email

Co-Chairman Christian McDaniel & Co-Chairman Jason Petrie
Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue
Legislative Research Commission
700 Capital Avenue, Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Co-Chairman McDaniel & Co-Chairman Petrie:

In the 2022 Regular Session, the General Assembly passed House Bill 1, which later became law. House Bill 1 states that “[t]he Attorney General and the Commissioner of the Kentucky State Police shall . . . develop a report of all cases at the Commonwealth’s electronic crimes laboratories and shall submit this report to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue by December 1, 2022.” 22 RS HB 1. My office submits the below report in compliance with 22 RS HB 1.

I. Background

The Kentucky Office of the Attorney General (KYOAG) currently operates a small cyber lab to serve the investigative functions of the Office while also assisting other agencies. The cyber lab is staffed primarily by one forensic examiner. That examiner is certified to conduct computer and mobile forensic examinations. He is housed under the KYOAG’s Department of Criminal Investigations and conducts cyber-crime investigations relevant to complaints received by the KYOAG. As part of the Kentucky State Police’s Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, he also receives and responds to cyber tips from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. These tips can turn into prolonged investigations with multiple suspects, victims, and crimes.

In 2021, the KYOAG assisted at least 56 unique agencies, including the Kentucky State Police, with forensic examinations of electronic devices (e.g., mobile devices, computers, and removable media). Specifically, the KYOAG assisted with the examinations of more than 312 mobile devices and 91 computers and other removable media. Of the 312 mobile devices examined, 195 involved iPhones and an extraction tool known as Gray Key. Gray Key is a forensic tool that extracts the most data possible from an iPhone, iPad, or iPod Touch. The turnaround time to complete a data extraction is typically seven days. The turnaround time to complete a full forensic examination is typically less than 30 days. This timeframe is considerably faster than most of the KYOAG’s counterparts.

II. The Role, Contributions, and Limitations of the KYOAG Cyber Lab

The Kentucky State Police Crime Lab is the primary computer forensic laboratory for the Commonwealth. The KYOAG cyber lab, in addition to serving the investigative functions of the KYOAG, helps with overflow and time-sensitive examinations from the Kentucky State Police’s lab.

Since the creation of its Cyber Crime Unit, the KYOAG has invested more than \$200,000 in equipment. This investment does not include the annual license fees for the forensic software. The license fees are in excess of \$50,000 per year. The majority of equipment purchases have been paid using asset forfeiture funds.

The KYOAG cyber lab is used by the KYOAG’s Department of Criminal Investigations, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, and Special Prosecutions Unit, though—as noted above—the KYOAG routinely collaborates with the Kentucky State Police and other agencies on an as-needed basis. For the 10 months of calendar year 2022, the KYOAG cyber lab has assisted 25 local law enforcement agencies, the Kentucky State Police, and two federal agencies with major case investigations. The following chart provides additional information about the assistance that the KYOAG cyber lab provided:

Local Law Enforcement Agencies Assisted	Number of Requests		Local Law Enforcement Agencies Assisted	Number of Requests
Anderson County Sheriff's Office	2		Lancaster Police Department	2
Warren County Sheriff's Office	2		Lawrenceburg Police Department	6

Bullitt County Sheriff's Office	1		Lexington Police Department	1
Columbia Police Department	1		London Police Department	1
Danville Police Department	2		Mason County Sheriff's Office	4
Frankfort Police Department	14		Maysville Police Department	2
Franklin County Sheriff's Office	10		Pikeville Police Department	1
Georgetown Police Department	17		Prestonsburg Police Department	1
Greensburg Police Department	1		Pulaski County Sheriff's Office	8
Harrodsburg Police Department	2		Shelby County Sheriff's Office	2
Jessamine County Sheriff's Office	1		Shelbyville Police Department	2
Johnson County Sheriff's Office	2		Somerset Police Department	2
Lake Cumberland Drug Taskforce	1			
Kentucky State Police	6			
Federal Law Enforcement Agencies Assisted	Number of Requests			
United States Probation & Parole	1			
United States Secret Service	1			

Types of investigation assisted:

Type of Cases	Number of Cases
Crimes Against Children	25
Death Investigations	14

Drug Investigations	14
Human Trafficking/Prostitution	2
Other Criminal Investigations	13
Sexual Investigations	17
Vote Buying	1

Summary of the forensics submitted to the KYOAG cyber lab from other law enforcement agencies:

Agency Name	Suspect Name	Case Type
Anderson County Sheriff's Office	Michael Taylor	Internet Sex Crimes Involving Juveniles
Anderson County Sheriff's Office	Trevor Doty, Kalli Maggard, Conner Murphy	Child Pornography
Bowling Green Police	Portier Goven and Brittany Howard	Human Trafficking
Bullitt SO	Trent Schaaf	Homicide
Columbia Police Department	Xavier Rodriguez	
Danville PD	Gary Ford Sr	Sexual Abuse, Poss of Child Porn, Using minor in sexual performance
Danville PD	Kenneth Cole	Rape 3rd, Sexual Abuse, Sexual Misconduct, UT w/m 1, 2, & 3
Frankfort PD	Gina Palmer	Infant Fatality
Frankfort PD	Roger Gonzalez	CSAM, Rape
Frankfort PD	Charles and Theresa Brown	Drugs
Frankfort PD	Albert Wade Jr	Promoting Prostitution
Frankfort PD	Gary Wilson	CSAM, Rape
Frankfort PD		Child Porn
Frankfort PD	Michael Carrier	Production of CP

Frankfort PD	Christian Hamm	Rape
Frankfort PD	William Jackson	Rape, Sodomy, Incest
Frankfort PD	Tiffany Smith	Production of CP
Frankfort PD	Michael Ball	Child porn
Frankfort PD	Gerson Gutierrez Montoya	Child Pornography, Rape
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Frankfort PD	Melissa Green	TBUT, Wanton Endangerment
Franklin County Sheriff's Office	Charles Hawkins	Attempt Suicide
Franklin County Sheriff's Office	Justin Jennings	Intimidating a participant in a legal process
Franklin County Sheriff's Office	Charles Crawford	Sexual Abuse
Franklin County Sheriff's Office	Christopher Miller	Drug Trafficking
Franklin County Sheriff's Office	Thomas Moore (Juvenile)	Sex Crime
Franklin County Sheriff's Office	Aideu Sparks, Juliana Reyes Bueuzo, Annagail Bratcher	Poss Matter Sex Performed by Minor
Franklin County Sheriff's Office	Jadeu Scott Elliott	Child Porn
Franklin County Sheriff's Office	Charles Crawford	Sexual Abuse
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Sheriff's Office		
Franklin County Sheriff's Office	Jerry Walling	Rape
Georgetown Police Department	Harold Cave	Death Investigation
Georgetown Police Department	Jerome Wayne Johnson	TICS 1st
Georgetown Police Department	Tristan Gaines	TICS 1st Fentanyl
Georgetown Police Department	Unknown	Felony TBUT Construction Site
Georgetown Police Department	Unknown/Victim David Linville	Death Investigation
Georgetown Police Department	Henry Baker Jr	TICS 1st
Georgetown Police Department	Alexis Antonio Paz	Burglary 2nd
Georgetown Police Department	Jacob Stigers	Death Investigation
Georgetown Police Department	Jamel Taylor	Death Investigation
Georgetown Police Department	Marcus Hopkins	TICS 1st
Georgetown Police Department	Paul Keith	Death Investigation
Georgetown Police Department	Nakyira Joyce	TICS 1st

Georgetown Police Department	John Bledsoe	Possess/View Matter Portraying Sexual Performance by Minor U/12
Georgetown Police Department	Daniel Messer	Unlawful Transaction with Minor U/16 (Attempt)
Georgetown Police Department	Russell Lee Olsen	Telephone Harassment/RSO Enticing a Minor
Georgetown Police Department	Chalen Skinner	Death Investigation
Georgetown Police Department	Darron Wilson (also victim)	Arson/Death Investigation
Greensburg Police Department	Jerry York	Rape 3rd Degree
Harrodsburg PD		Overdose death investigation
Harrodsburg PD		Rape
Jessamine County Sheriff's Office	Zachary Ziehm	Rape 2nd Degree
Johnson SO		Suicide
Johnson SO	Stacy Collins	Murder
Kentucky State Police		Death Investigation
Kentucky State Police	Arsenio Gonzalas	Rape
Kentucky State Police	Jonathan Cooper, Sheila Cooper	Criminal Abuse 1st Victim U/12 yr old
Kentucky State Police	Steven White	Assault 1st Degree
Kentucky State Police	Roy Carolos Edwards	Possess/View Matter Portray Sexual Performance by a Minor
KSP - Post 12	Daniel Dillman	Sodomy 1st

Lake Cumberland Drug Task Force	Dustin Boyle	Drug Trafficking
Lancaster Police Department	Thomas Steyton	CP
Lancaster Police Department	Morgan Reynolds, Cruz Juarez-Torres, Mallery Reynolds	Murder
Lawrenceburg Police Department		Death Investigation/Drug overdose
Lawrenceburg Police Department		Death Investigation/Drug overdose
Lawrenceburg Police Department	Patrick Dozler	Drug Trafficking
Lawrenceburg Police Department	Unknown and Jordan Holland	Drugs
Lawrenceburg Police Department		Overdose investigation
Lawrenceburg Police Department	Jaden Simpson	CSAM/CSA
Lexington Police Department		Assault 1st Degree
London Police Department	Victim - Tabitha Johnson	Death Investigation
Mason County Sheriff Office	Ricky Tully	Death Investigation
Mason County Sheriff Office	Janiel Jenkins	Murder

Mason County Sheriff Office	Korey Henry	Burglary 2nd Degree, Stalking 1st Degree, Assault 4th, Violation of EPO, Unauthorized use of a Motor Vehicle 1st Offense
Mason County Sheriff Office	Jonathan Sartin (Juvenile)	Terroristic Threatening 2nd Degree, Disorderly Conduct 2nd Degree, Menacing
Maysville Police Department	Tyler Rice	Traff in CS 1st
Maysville Police Department	Unknown	Death Investigation
OAG - DCI	Lisa Jackson	Vote Buying
Pikeville Police Department	John Douglas Tackett	Rape 2nd
Pikeville Police Department	Kameron Johnson	Use of electronic device to procure Minor
Prestonsburg Police Department	Ellis Hunter	Drug Trafficking
Pulaski County Sheriff's Office	Margaret Belvins	Assault 1st Degree
Pulaski County Sheriff's Office	Austin Gregory	Rape
Pulaski County Sheriff's Office	Samantha Hall	Abuse on child minor
Pulaski County	Nicholas Conguest	Sexual Abuse

Sheriff's Office		
Pulaski County Sheriff's Office	David Ritchie/Arian Davidson	Possible School Investigation
Pulaski County Sheriff's Office	Hayden Swift	Domestic Violence/Homicide
Pulaski County Sheriff's Office	Jeffery Hafendorfer	Exploitation
Pulaski County Sheriff's Office		Death Investigation
Shelby County Sheriff's Office	Robin Herrell	Drug Investigation
Shelby County Sheriff's Office	Oscar Wilfredo Juarez Cash	Dist of Matter Portraying Sexual Performance by a Minor
Shelbyville Police Department	Isaiah Cervantes	Distribution of Sexually Explicit Images w/o Consent
Shelbyville Police Department	Unknown	Video Voyeurism
Shelbyville Police Department	Keisten Murphy, Joshua Howard	Death Investigation
Somerset Police Department	Adrian Barnes	Dangerous Drugs
Somerset Police Department	Joseph Laich	Criminal

United States Probation Office	Eric Westerfield	Possession of Child Porn
USSS	Brandon Dezder/Francisco Brown	Solicitation of a minor/Procure minor

The KYOAG cyber lab works in-house as well. The lab currently has 11 active investigations within the KYOAG. The chart below provides additional information about these in-house examinations:

OAG Case Number	Suspect's Name	Investigation Type
22-304-0031	Robbie Hutchinson	Election Fraud
22-301-0004	Ben Fields	Sexual Assault
22-303-0015	Allison Davidson	Fraud
22-616-0024	Rex Strunk, III	Child Exploitation
22-616-0026	Collin Newton	Child Exploitation
22-616-0056	Thomas Weakley	Child Exploitation
22-616-0023	Clinton Mays	Online Enticement of a Minor
22-616-0089	Steven Heinrich	Child Exploitation
22-616-0093	Cody McCormick	Online Enticement of a Minor
MFCU 21-655	Desaray Wilson	Fraudulent Billing
USSS 209-851-30448	Nathaniel Johnson	Online Enticement of a Minor

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We appreciate the opportunity to update the Committee about the Commonwealth's electronic crimes laboratories. Should you have any questions, feel free to reach out to my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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