

# Illinois State Police Division Of Forensic Service Launch Sexual Assault Kit Tracking

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Springfield, IL - Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Forensic Services (DFS) unveiled the online sexual assault tracking sytem, known as CheckPoint, to allow sexual assault survivors to monitor the progress of evidence taken in their cases.

The CheckPoint system can be found on the Illinois State Police website at <https://paets.isp.illinois.gov/>. The CheckPoint system will allow survivors of sexual assault to monitor the status of their evidence throughout the entire process, from collection at the hospital, through law enforcement pick-up and submission to the forensic lab, and

ultimately to the State's Attorney's office where final results are received. To ensure privacy, the system will use unique case numbers and passwords to limit access to survivors and law enforcement.

“The CheckPoint system will allow survivors to have real-time information about their evidence while protecting their privacy,” said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. “This point-by-point knowledge of the location of their evidence will help to empower survivors and foster public trust in the system. ISP DFS personnel remain committed to supporting survivors of sexual assault through transparency and accountability.”

Currently, any survivor of sexual assault who seeks a forensic medical exam at a health care facility that has implemented the CheckPoint system is able to track the progress of their evidence in the system. Of the health care facilities that offer sexual assault treatment plans, 86% have submitted user agreements to ISP to utilize the CheckPoint system.

“The Illinois State Police's development of the CheckPoint system is a critical step toward the shared goal of prompt data analysis that reduces the amount of time sexual assault victims spend in limbo awaiting results,” said Carrie Ward, Executive Director of the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault. “We believe the continued effort to eliminate the backlog of evidence will lead to more perpetrators being arrested and more victims receiving justice as they recover from sexual assault.”

At the end of FY 20, the ISP completed 6006 assignments on evidence that was submitted for the offense of sexual assault or sexual abuse. As reported in the FY 20 DNA Accountability Report (See <https://isp.illinois.gov/docs/ForensicServices/19dnareport.pdf>) in the Biology section submissions are up 9% from FY 19, the backlog is down by 40% from March 2019, and assignments completed are up 47% from FY 19. This includes offenses such as sexual assault, robbery and homicide.