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## **Phoenix Police Improves Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Tracking**

(April 14, 2025) The Phoenix Police Department takes a significant step forward with implementing the Sexual Assault Evidence Kit tracking function of the survivor's information portal through the Community Connect application.

The activation of the Sexual Assault Evidence Kit tracking function within the CommunityConnect web-based application empowers survivors, giving them the independent ability to check the progress of their case at any time through the online portal without needing a detective to provide that information.

"We are using technology to our advantage," said Ed DeCastro, Assistant Chief of Investigations. "The city has leveraged using CommunityConnect to give victims a way to see where their case is in the investigative process. This will really help make sure the survivor has ownership of a piece of them."

This new tool provides additional resources to support survivors through this difficult process and is an important part of the City's victim centered, trauma-informed approach to sexual assault survivors.

How does a survivor of a sexual assault get updated about their kit? A link will be provided to the survivor via text or email which will allow for automatic communication with the survivor of the status of their case including the status of the SAK testing. The survivor can opt in or out voluntarily to these notifications.

Additionally, the survivor will be able to login to the victim's information portal and track the changes and status of their case as it proceeds through the investigative process.

In addition to the CommunityConnect tool, the Phoenix Police Department is working toward implementation of the statewide Track-Kit program which has received support from the Arizona State Legislature. It's expected to be available later this year.

For more information, see our related article in the [Phoenix Newsroom](#).

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