



Protecting the People of North Carolina: A Report to Buncombe County

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NCDOJ Mission

The North Carolina Department of Justice protects the people of North Carolina through its work

- To prevent crime and support law enforcement,
- To safeguard consumers, and
- To defend the State, its people, and their constitutional rights.



NCDOJ Update

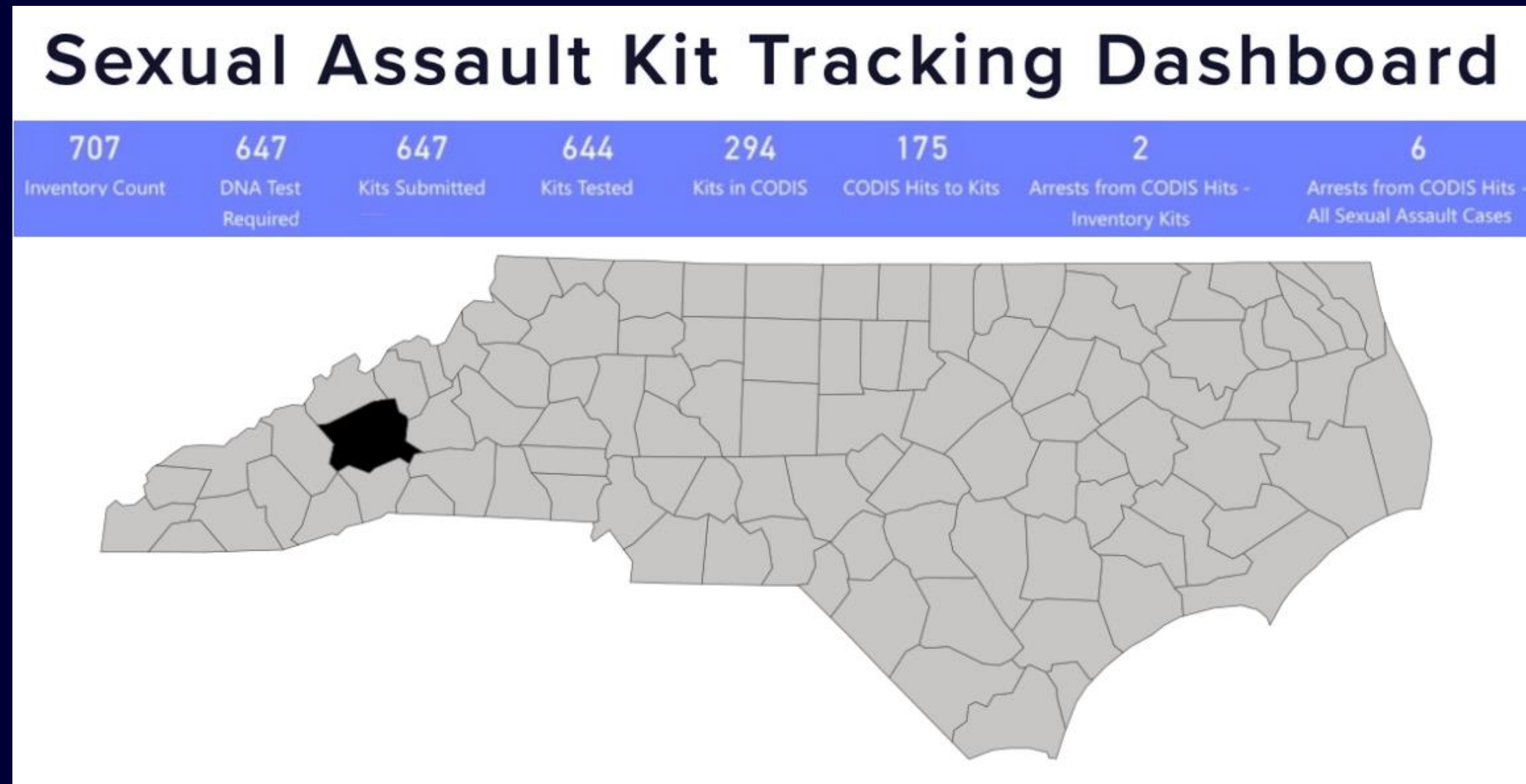
Funds Collected – Buncombe County

- Opioid settlement: \$32 Million
- Funds won for Consumer: \$176,500
- Medicaid fraud: \$42,000
- Taxpayer funds won and grants: \$462,000
- Total Funds returned: \$32.7 million



NCDOJ Updates Sexual Assault Kit Backlog

1. Sexual Assault Kits Tested (TESTTHEKITS)



Asheville PD (447), Black Mountain (PD); Buncombe Sheriff (235); Weaverville (4); Woodfin (6)

www.ncdoj.gov/testthekits



NCDOJ Updates Law Enforcement – Buncombe County

- Crime Lab evidence submitted : 11,178
- Law Enforcement certifications: 757



NCDOJ Wins Affecting Citizens

1. Juul

- \$40 million for NC and commitments to modify their practices with young people

2. Dish Network

- \$14 million settlement for illegal robocalls in NC; money to public schools

3. Duke Energy

- Coal Ash Cleanup – Saving NC customers \$1.1 billion

4. Google Lawsuits

- \$17 million for NC in 2022 (largest multistate privacy settlement)
- Part of \$700M settlement based on Google's conduct with Google Play Store



NCDOJ Actions Affecting Buncombe County Citizens

1. HCA
2. Meta
3. Duke Energy



Opportunities to Work with NCDOJ

- **Lethality Assessment Program**
- **Criminal Justice Fellows Program**
- **Educational Outreach to Public**
 - Internet Safety, Scams and Frauds
 - Protecting the Next Generation of North Carolinians Webinar Series
 - Social Media Town Hall Series



Buncombe County

- Eleven Dogwood Awards to individuals in Buncombe County, including several Buncombe County employees
- Environmental Grants totaling \$426,617 including Southside Community Stormwater Project and conservation of 247 acres in Broad River Watershed
- Criminal Justice Fellows – Buncombe recipient who completed fellowship and currently completing BLEET



Contact Us

- **NCDOJ:**
 - Call: 919-716-6400
 - Ncdoj.gov
- **Medicaid Investigations Division:**
 - ncdoj.gov/MID
 - To report Medicaid provider fraud or patient abuse: 919-881-2320
- **Public Protection Section:**
 - ncdoj.gov/public-protection
 - To request a presentation: ncdoj.gov/outreach
 - Call: 919-716-6780
- **Consumer Protection Division:**
 - ncdoj.gov/protecting-consumers
 - To file a Consumer Complaint: ncdoj.gov/complaint
 - Call: 1-877-NO-SCAM (566-7226) ~En Espanol 919-716-0058



To Learn More

- **NCDOJ Criminal Division:**
 - ncdoj.gov/responding-to-crime
- **State Crime Laboratory:**
 - ncdoj.gov/crime-lab
- **Sheriffs' and Criminal Justice Education & Training Standards Commissions:**
 - ncdoj.gov/law-enforcement-training
- **Justice Academy:**
 - ncdoj.gov/ncja
- **Civil Rights Unit:**
 - Ncdoj.gov/cru
- **Environmental Division:**
 - ncdoj.gov/protecting-the-environment/
 - To apply for an EEG: ncdoj.gov/eeg

