

California Sexual Assault Investigators Association Virtual Webinar Training

Cold Case Sexual Assault Investigations:

Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI)

Presenters: Brent Nibecker, Senior Deputy District Attorney, Ventura County District Attorney's Office; Paul Walsh, DA Investigator, Ventura County District Attorney's Office; Shanin Barrios, Supervising Forensic Scientist, Ventura County Sheriff's Office – Forensic Services Bureau.

The National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) provides funding through a competitive grant program to support the jurisdictional reform of approaches to sexual assault cases resulting from evidence found in sexual assault kits (SAK) that have never been submitted to a crime laboratory. In 2021 Ventura County was awarded nearly \$2.5 million to inventory and test unsubmitted SAKs, investigate unsolved sexual assault cases and prosecute offenders.

Training Topics will include:

- SAKI overview
- Process Ventura County took to apply & receive the funding
- Phases of SAKI (inventory, testing, and investigation/prosecution)
- Ventura County's experience with SAKI so far
- Using SAKI to fund the investigation of any unsolved sexual assault case

DATE: Wednesday, June 14th, 2023

TIME: 10:00am -11:30am

Location: Virtual Webinar Zoom Link will be emailed prior

* Please register at https://csaia.wildapricot.org/ by 06/14/2023