

Date	Action
November 17, 2009	<b>Jim O'Neill sworn in as Forsyth County District Attorney</b>
January 1, 2017	<b>Josh Stein sworn in as North Carolina Attorney General</b>
March 23, 2017	<b>Conference of District Attorneys Meeting</b> AG Stein met with the Conference of DAs, including Forsyth County DA Jim O'Neill, to ask for their help to test old kits, get justice for survivors, and hold rapists accountable.
May 4, 2017	<b>Conference of DAs Email</b> Executive Director sends reminder <a href="#">email</a> to all elected DAs (including O'Neill) asking them to follow-up on Attorney General Stein's request to take action on untested kits
June 28, 2017	<b>Backlog Audit Begins</b> The legislature in coordination with NC DOJ enacted Session Law 2017-57 to require every law enforcement agency to report to the State Crime Lab how many untested kits were in its possession.
February 18, 2018	<b>Attorney General Stein Announces Results of Sexual Assault Kit Inventory</b> The inventory found there were 15,160 untested sexual assault kits in North Carolina in the custody of local law enforcement agencies across the state, including 1,509 untested kits in Forsyth county.
June 25, 2018	<b>Obtained Legislative Approval</b> AG Stein obtained legislative approval to implement a kit tracking system and the legislature authorized creation of a working group to analyze old kits. The legislature failed to provide funding to test old kits.
October 1, 2018	<b>Launched Kit Tracking</b> AG Stein launched a new <a href="#">statewide sexual assault kit tracking system</a> based on barcodes added to all sexual assault evidence collection kits. Survivors and actors in the criminal justice system can now track these kits, in real time, increasing transparency and accountability.

<p>October 4, 2018</p>	<p><b>Awarded SAKI Grant Funding</b>  AG Stein announced \$2 million in grant <a href="#">funding</a> from the US DOJ’s Bureau of Justice Assistance Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) to test untested kits.</p>
<p>January 2019 - present</p>	<p><b>Testing Kits</b>  Attorney General Stein contracts with private DNA lab to test old rape kits and the State Crime Lab works with local law enforcement agencies to begin sending old kits for testing.</p>
<p>January 29, 2019</p>	<p><b>Survivor Act Announced</b>  AG Stein and various bill sponsors unveiled the Standing Up for Rape Victims Act, or <a href="#">SURVIVOR Act</a>, to mandate testing of older kits and prevent future backlogs.</p>
<p>April 11, 2019</p>	<p><b>Conference of District Attorneys send letter supporting Survivor Act</b>  O’Neill’s name appears on that letter of support as a member of the Conference’s Executive Committee.</p>
<p>September 16, 2019</p>	<p><b>SURVIVOR Act Becomes Law</b>  After passing the House and Senate unanimously on September 16, Gov. Roy Cooper signed the <a href="#">SURVIVOR Act</a> into law. The law appropriates \$6 million to outsource kit testing and institutes reforms of the rape kit testing process.</p>
<p><a href="#">October 7, 2019</a></p> <p>also  <a href="#">December 2019</a>  <a href="#">January 2020</a>  <a href="#">February 2020</a>  <a href="#">September 2020</a></p>	<p><b>O’Neill Deceives About AG Stein’s Record</b>  O’Neill <a href="#">falsely claimed</a> “...Stein has stood on the sidelines for almost his entire term while more than 15,000 untested rape kits have sat on the shelves of the lab that Stein is responsible for, collecting dust.”</p> <p>O’Neill continued to mislead voters about Stein’s record, <a href="#">claiming</a> “that the only time that the rape kits became important” to AG Stein was when O’Neill launched his campaign for AG in January of 2019 and that Stein “had done nothing about the rape kits.”</p>
<p>October 7, 2019</p>	<p><b>O’Neill Falsehoods Fact Checked</b>  Then News &amp; Observer reporter Lauren Horsch <a href="#">responds</a> to O’Neill’s claim of 10/7/19: “Well this is false. Literally one of Stein’s top</p>

	<p>priorities since the NCGA-mandated rape kit audit found those 15,000 untested kits has been testing them. And those particular kits weren't even at the state crime lab. Those kits were found to be on the shelves of local law enforcement agencies.”</p>
October 18, 2019	<p><b>UNC’s MediaHub fact checked O’Neill</b> It <a href="#">concluded</a> that O’Neill’s claims about Stein’s record on the rape kit backlog was “misleading at best and false at worst.”</p>
November 7, 2019	<p><b>SAFE Child Act</b> Passes unanimously and is signed into law. The law requires adults to report suspected child abuse, extends the statute of limitations for criminal and civil actions, and protects children from sex offenders online.</p>
September 24, 2020	<p><b>Stein’s campaign airs ‘Survivor’ Ad</b> ‘Survivor’ corrects the record and makes clear Stein’s commitment to testing kits in contrast with O’Neill’s inaction on the more than 1,500 rape kits in Forsyth County.</p>
September 29, 2020	<p><b>O’Neill files a complaint with the State Board of Elections about the ‘Survivor’ ad</b></p>
December 10, 2020	<p><b>AG Stein Provides Kit Testing Update</b> 2,169 total kits tested 4,739 in process for testing 764 samples added to the CODIS database</p>
May 18, 2021	<p><b>AG Stein Provides Kit Testing Update</b> 2,965 total kits tested 5,404 in process for testing 1,055 samples added to the CODIS database 40 arrests</p>
July 14, 2022	<p><b>AG Stein Provides Kit Testing Update</b> 6,640 total kits tested 3,440 in process for testing 2,387 samples added to the CODIS database 66 recent arrests (related to 91 assaults)</p> <p><b>Testing Dashboard Launches</b> AG Stein launched a public statewide sexual assault kit dashboard: <a href="https://ncdoj.gov/testthekits">ncdoj.gov/testthekits</a></p>