

INVESTIGATIVE Operations

The Investigative Division is the largest division of the GBI and is primarily responsible for assisting the nearly 800 local law enforcement agencies in the investigation of crimes committed in Georgia. The deputy director for investigations supervises the division with a command staff of three inspectors.

REGIONAL Offices

Special agents assigned to the 15 regional investigative offices regularly assist local law enforcement and district attorneys with the investigation of major crimes, such as homicide, child abuse, rape, armed robbery, theft

and drug enforcement.

Consistent with recent years, the Investigative Division has placed its greatest concentration of resources on the investigation of violent crimes against persons.

Regional Office Locator

- Region 1, Calhoun
- Region 2, Greenville
- Region 3, Americus
- Region 4, Douglas
- Region 5, Statesboro
- Region 6, Milledgeville
- Region 7, Thomson
- Region 8, Gainesville
- Region 9, Thomasville
- Region 10, Conyers
- Region 11, Athens
- Region 12, Eastman
- Region 13, Perry
- Region 14, Kingsland
- Region 15, Sylvester

Command Staff



Kent E. Wilson
Deputy Director



Robert Hardin
Inspector



Don Robertson
Inspector



Lee Sweat
Inspector

FY'03: Investigative Hours Expended

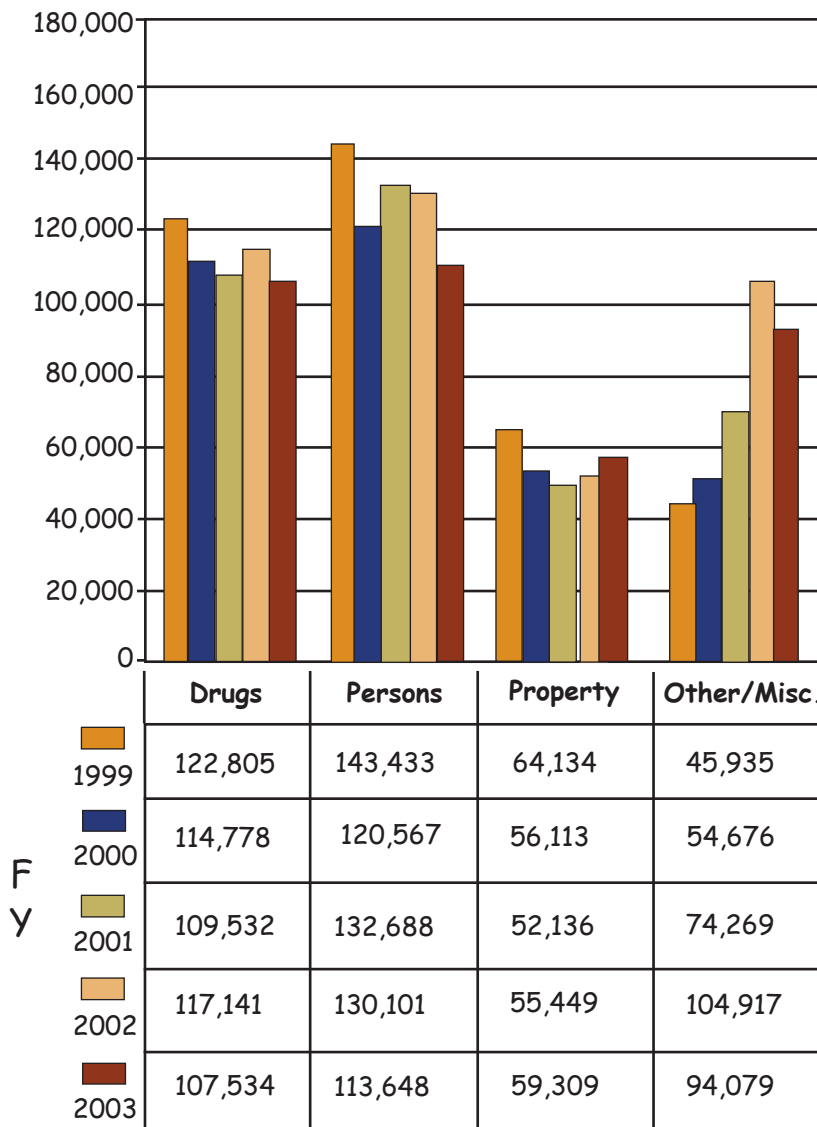
Crimes Against Persons

Death Investigations.....	51,724
Child Abuse.....	27,804
Crime Scene.....	15,981
Assault.....	13,428
EOD.....	7,720
Sex Crimes.....	7,196
Robbery.....	6,787
Terroristic Acts.....	5,835
Public Corruption.....	4,258
Kidnapping.....	872
Crime Analysis.....	450

Property Crimes

Theft.....	46,678
Burglary.....	5,069
Forgery.....	4,913
Arson.....	1,492
Vehicle Theft.....	975
Criminal Damage.....	155

FY'99-FY'03: Investigative Hours Expended



DRUG Enforcement

Three GBI regional drug enforcement offices, along with the High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), the State Drug Task Force, and GBI supervised multi-jurisdictional task forces work to combat illegal drug activity throughout Georgia. Personnel in these offices often work in conjunction with other state, local and federal law enforcement agencies.

REGIONAL DRUG OFFICES

The GBI's drug enforcement efforts are led by three regional drug enforcement offices (RDEOs) located in Gainesville, Savannah and Macon. The offices oversee drug investigations in 79 counties. The drug-related investigative activity generated during FY'03 in the three regional drug enforcement offices, 15 regional investigative offices, and by the State Drug Task Force is depicted as follows:

- Seized \$38,223,969 in contraband
- Initiated 1,272 drug investigations
- Expended 107,534 agent hours.

DRUG TASK FORCES

The GBI participates in 13 multi-jurisdictional task force (MJTF) programs focused on drug enforcement. These work units include traditional drug task force programs statewide, and the High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force, which is located in Atlanta. Drug task forces are staffed by a total of 100 sworn officers/agents and 17 administrative/support staff employees.

During FY'03, MJTFs:

- Initiated 3,628 investigations
- Arrested 3,105 offenders
- Made drug seizures valuing \$52,816,000
- Asset forfeitures are valued at \$159,265.

The Metro Fugitive Squad and the Middle Georgia Fugitive Squad initiated 2,365 investigations and arrested 1,389 fugitives during FY'03.

Drug Enforcement

Gainesville RDEO
Macon RDEO
Savannah RDEO

State Drug Task Force
High-Intensity Drug
Trafficking Area
D.A.R.E. Unit

Appalachian MJTF
Altamaha MJTF
Cherokee Multi-
Agency Narcotics
Squad

East Central Georgia
DTF

West Georgia MJTF
Pataula MJTF
South Georgia DTF
Haralson-Paulding
DTF

Tri-Circuit MJTF
Ocmulgee MJTF

Oconee Dublin MJTF
Piedmont-Northern

Metro Fugitive Squad
Middle Georgia
Fugitive Squad
Juvenile Crimes Unit

D.A.R.E. UNIT

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Unit is responsible for training all of the D.A.R.E.-certified law enforcement officers in Georgia, as well as presenting the D.A.R.E. curriculum in several schools.

The GBI D.A.R.E. Unit trained 48 officers

for certification in FY'03. There are a total of 260 active D.A.R.E. officers in Georgia.

The curriculum was presented in 673 schools in 167 school systems to 142,453 students (grade K-12) in the past year.

SPECIALIZED Units

The GBI specialized work units play vital roles in the daily operations of the Investigative Division. The units support other GBI offices and local criminal justice agencies in specialized areas of expertise.

STATE HEALTH CARE FRAUD CONTROL UNIT

The State Health Care Fraud Control Unit (SHCFCU) is staffed with prosecutors from the Department of Law; auditors from the Department of Audits; special financial investigators, special agents and criminal intelligence analysts from the GBI; and requisite support staff. The unit's function is to identify, arrest and prosecute providers of health care services who defraud the

Medicaid program.

In addition, the unit is tasked with investigating allegations of abuse and neglect involving patients who receive care at Medicaid-funded health care facilities such as nursing homes. During FY'03, SHCFCU was expanded to address the increasing number of patient abuse investigations occurring in the state.

Specialized Work Units

Crime Analysis Unit
(CAU)

Crime Scene Specialists
(CSS)

Behavioral Sciences
Section (Profiling)

Financial Investigations
Unit (FIU)

State Health Care
Fraud Control Unit
(SHCFCU)

Special Operations Unit
(SOU)

Bomb Disposal Unit
(BDU)

Technical Services
Team

Intelligence Unit
Training Unit
Polygraph Unit

Accreditation
Investigative Staff
Services
Communication Center

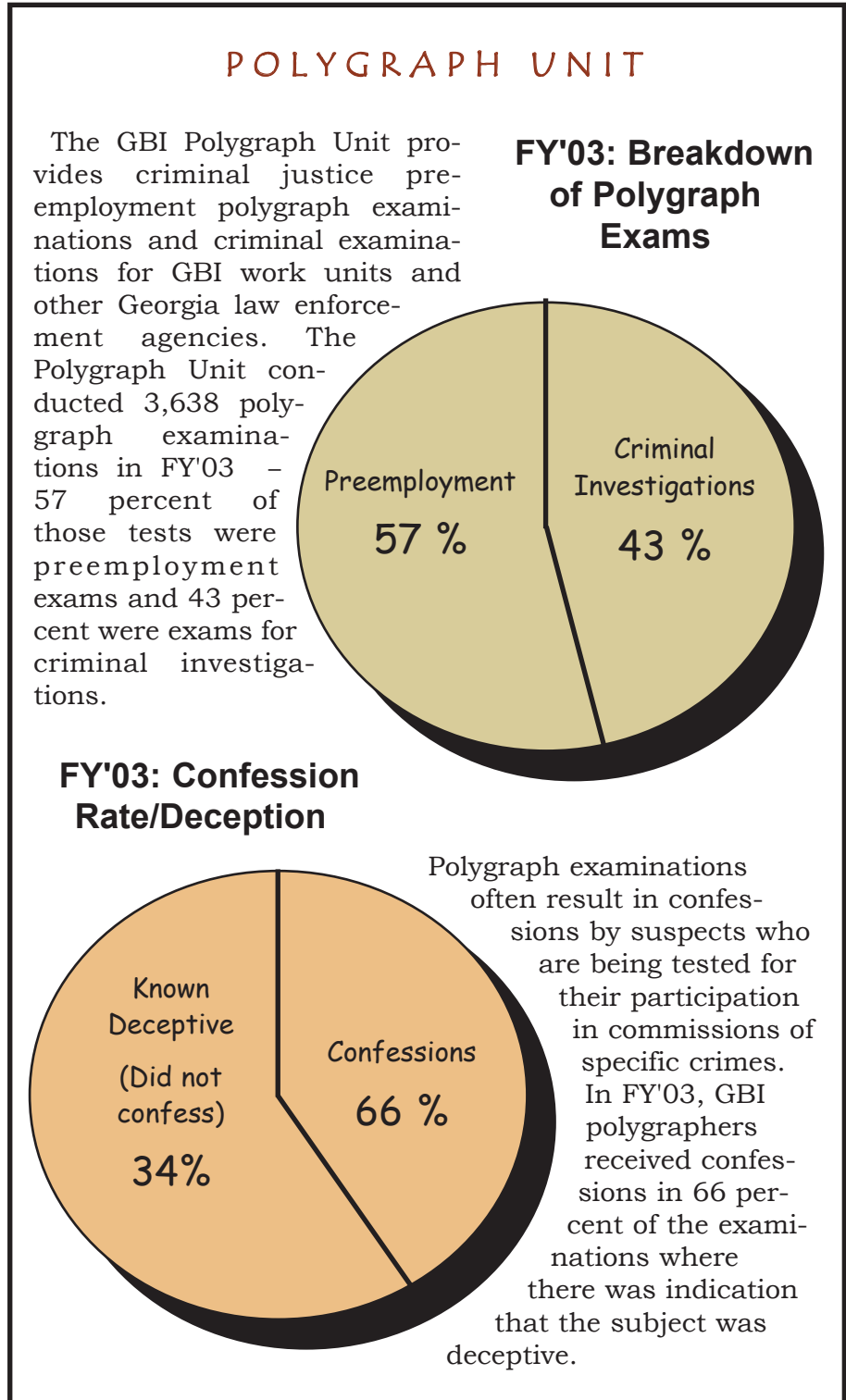
FINANCIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Financial Investigations Unit (FIU) provides investigative support to other GBI work units and criminal justice agencies throughout Georgia in the areas of financial- and computer-related crimes.

Because FIU is primarily an investigative support unit, its statistics relating to arrests, stolen and recovered property, as well as seized contraband are often reported by other GBI work units. Therefore, the statistics are not reported by FIU even though FIU personnel contributed significantly to the resolution of cases. The unit routinely assist in conducting major corruption cases, which often involve public officials. It also conducts evidence retrieval/processing services involving computers that are believed to contain evidence related to various crimes.

FIU initiated 223 cases during FY'03 and continues to lead the state by developing strategies and expertise to combat computer crimes.

The GBI views computer-oriented crimes as a



rapidly emerging and highly technical area of law enforcement that will require significant growth in resources and capabilities. FIU is uniquely positioned to lead this effort

and to develop additional resources aimed at combating these crimes.

ACCREDITATION UNIT

In November of 1998, the GBI was awarded its initial accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), becoming the first and only state law enforcement agency in Georgia to achieve national accreditation.

In August of 2001, the GBI went through its first re-accreditation on-site and was found to be in compliance with all 304 CALEA standards that are applicable by function to the GBI. As a result of this on-site visit, the GBI was re-accredited in November of 2001.

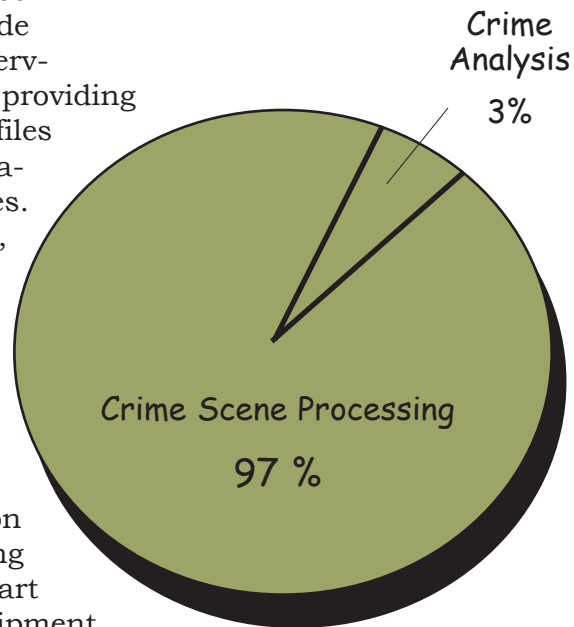
The GBI will seek re-accreditation in 2004. In the interim, the GBI will continue to demonstrate professionalism and excellence in law enforcement by adhering to policies and procedures that have been validated by the accreditation process.

CRIME ANALYSIS UNIT

The Crime Analysis Unit (CAU) provides expert crime analysis (behavioral science) and crime scene examination services to law enforcement agencies on a statewide basis. The services include providing offender profiles and investigative strategies.

In addition, crime scene specialists provide highly technical evidence identification and collection services using state-of-the-art forensic equipment and methods.

**FY'02: CAU
Hours Expended**



INTELLIGENCE UNIT

The Intelligence Unit serves as an analytical criminal information repository and provides intelligence gathering and dissemination services to agencies throughout Georgia. The unit processed 9,518 requests for intelligence information, which included 300 background checks at

the request of the Governor's Office and 1,092 standard background checks during FY'03.

The GBI's forensic artist is assigned to this unit and during FY'03 worked with victims and investigators in gathering information to depict 224 composite drawings of criminal suspects

and produced three three-dimensional reconstructions depicting the likeness of unidentified persons based on skeletal remains.

BOMB DISPOSAL TEAM

The Bomb Disposal Unit (BDU) provides statewide assistance in performing render-safe procedures on explosive devices, chemicals and other volatile substances. The BDU opened 195 cases in FY'03.

The GBI has four specially equipped bomb vans and three remote robots that are used to examine packages, perform render-safe procedures and probe structures.

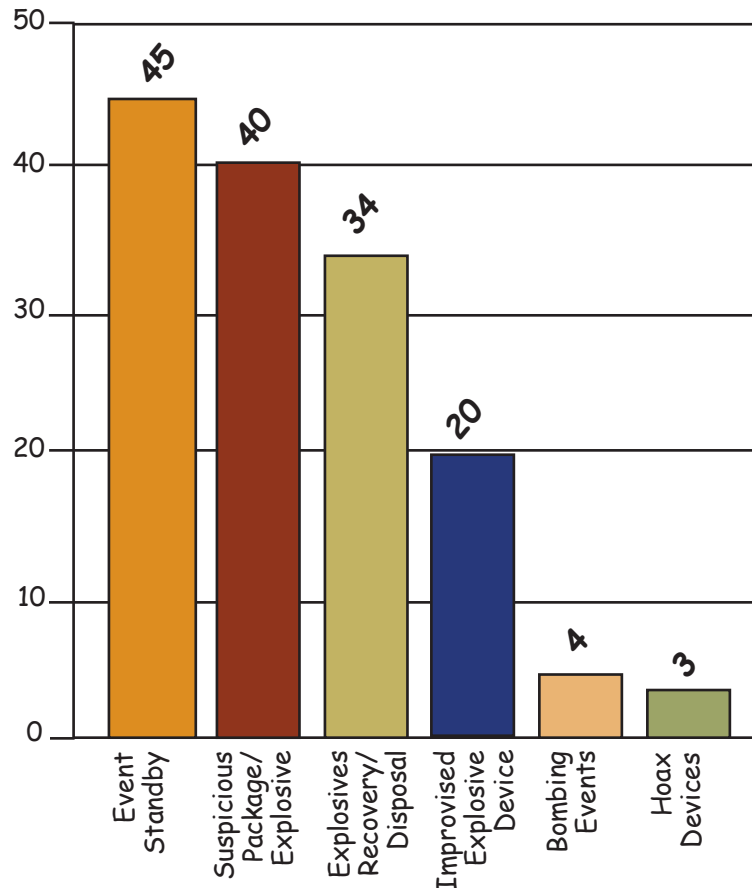
The unit is in the process of enhancing its capabilities with an additional four specialized bomb disposal vehicles, increasing the number of response vehicles to eight.

The program also is being expanded to address the growing threat of weapons of mass destruction (WMD). Bomb technicians are certified to handle bombing situations involving hazardous materials and will expand this capability to address the threat presented by chemical and biological devices. GBI

bomb technicians have all ready received basic WMD training at the FBI Hazardous Devices School. The expansion will involve the acquisition of personal protective equipment and render-safe equipment that, when combined with existing training and knowledge, will form a capacity that has not previ-

ously existed in Georgia. This will serve as a segment of the National Domestic Preparedness Plan with relation to WMD threats.

FY'03: Bomb Disposal-Related Investigations

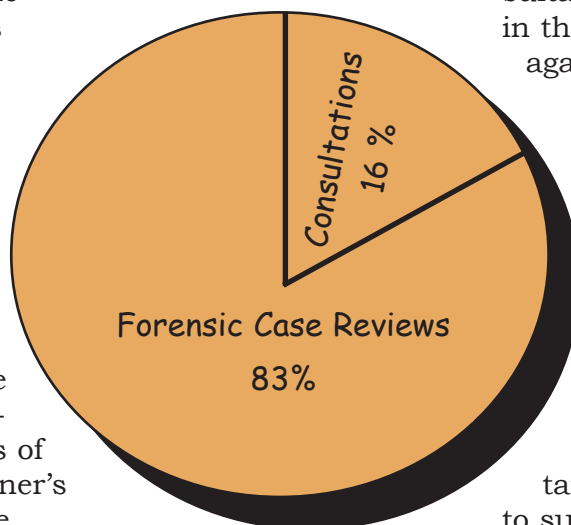


CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT CENTER

The Child Abuse Investigative Support Center was established during August of 2000 to address the needs of the GBI and other agencies involved in child abuse recognition and the investigation of child maltreatment.

The Center currently preforms dual functions by providing consultative assistance and on-site training throughout the state. Forensic pathologists, who are members of the GBI Medical Examiner's Office, provide expertise regarding child pattern injury and

FY'03: Child Abuse Investigative Support Center



wound recognition. Criminal investigative analysts affiliated with the GBI's Crime Analysis Unit provide investigative consultations based upon expertise in the analysis of crimes against children.

Members of the center travel regularly throughout the state upon request to furnish instruction and training concerning topics relating to child abuse and neglect. Statistical information regarding child abuse and child deaths in Georgia maintained by the center is used to support future child abuse curricula and programs.

GEORGIA INFORMATION SHARING ANALYSIS CENTER

Created by an Executive Order in 2003, the Georgia Information Sharing Analysis Center (GISAC) serves as the focal point for the collection, analysis, and

dissemination of information relative to threats or attacks of a terrorist nature, within and against the State of Georgia, its citizens or its infrastructure.

GISAC supports this mission by working in conjunction with local, state and federal agencies as well as members of the private sector.

INVESTIGATIVE Excellence

Every year inspectors with the Investigative Division's Command Staff nominate investigations to be considered for the prestigious GBI Director's Award for Investigative Excellence.

Special Agent Bobby Stanley and his colleagues at the Financial Investigations Unit (FIU) were named the 2003 recipients of

the Director's Award for Investigative Excellence. The unit received the award for its investigation into a case of Internet child

pornography that led to the arrest of a Macon man.

The case was brought to Agent Stanley's attention by the Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC). The Center reportedly received from another law enforcement agency some pornographic images of a female toddler, possibly as young as two years of age. It was believed that the child and the suspect lived somewhere in Georgia. Concerned for the child's safety, NCMEC contacted the GBI for help.

With the aid of Forensic Computer Specialist Vickie Adams and Special Agent

John Harrell (R-13, Perry), Agent Stanley was able to identify the child and trace the pornographic images to Troy Ray Bennett. Bennett's young victim was reportedly the daughter of a friend.

During the course of the investigation, two additional victims were identified. Bennett was charged with 59 counts of child exploitation in Bibb County and three counts of child exploitation and one count of child molestation in Twiggs County. Additional charges are expected.