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**State Auditor Tim Keller Announces Statewide Community Meetings for  
Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Audit**

SANTA FE, NM – Today, New Mexico State Auditor Tim Keller announced meetings around the state with community members and advocates on sexual assault evidence kits, commonly referred to as “rape kits.” The meetings will take place in the areas that have been selected for the Office of the State Auditor’s audit that aims to identify the causes of the statewide rape kit backlog.

“Our state cannot get to the bottom of the backlog of sexual assault evidence kits without talking to the community members and advocates who have been working on this issue for years,” said State Auditor Tim Keller. “We are working in-step with stakeholders and law enforcement agencies to shine a light on the changes that are needed to eliminate the backlog and keep it from happening again, for the sake of survivors and our public safety.”

**If you are a member of the press interested in attending one of the meetings below, please contact Justine Freeman at 505-476-3819 or [justine.freeman@osa.state.nm.us](mailto:justine.freeman@osa.state.nm.us).**

**Clovis, NM**

Monday, June 20, 2016 at 5:00pm  
Clovis-Carter Library North Annex Room  
701 N Main St, Clovis, NM 88101

**Albuquerque, NM**

Monday, July 11, 2016 at 5:00pm  
UNM School of Law, Room 2401  
1117 Stanford NE, Albuquerque, NM 87131

**Gallup, NM**

Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 5:00pm  
El Morro Theatre Event Center  
207 W Coal Ave, Gallup, NM 87301

**Española, NM**

Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 5:00pm  
Northern New Mexico College  
Room 101-102  
921 N Paseo de Oñate, Española, NM 87532

**Las Cruces, NM**

Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 5:00pm  
New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum  
4100 Dripping Springs Rd, Las Cruces, NM  
88011

**Farmington, NM**

Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 5:00pm  
Farmington Civic Center, Room 4  
200 W Arrington St, Farmington, NM 87401

**Hobbs, NM**

Wednesday, June 29, 2016 at 5:00pm  
Lea County Event Center, Banquet Room 3  
5101 N Lovington Hwy, Hobbs, NM 88240

For more information on the audit, please see: [http://osanm.org/media/news\\_pdf/5-6-16\\_State\\_Auditor\\_Launches\\_SAEK\\_Audit.pdf](http://osanm.org/media/news_pdf/5-6-16_State_Auditor_Launches_SAEK_Audit.pdf)