



Response to Questions on the FY 2010 County's Line of Business & Schools Program Review Processes Fall 2008

Request By: Chairman Connolly

Question: What is the number of current Police cold case files, and what percent of all cold cases are eventually solved?

Response: The cold case squad primarily reviews and reopens unsolved rape and homicide cases within Fairfax County. Additionally, the cold case squad is responsible for investigating any police officer shooting or missing persons case.

Rape Cases: Of the total 2,700 potentially prosecutable unsolved rape cases going back to the early 1980s, 636 cases have been reviewed and 142 cases have been officially reopened. Cases are considered potentially prosecutable if the suspect is not deceased or incarcerated for other crimes, and the evidence is still intact. Of the 142 cases that have been reopened, 35 cases, or 25 percent, have been solved.

Homicide Cases: Of the total 109 cases, 24 cases, or 22 percent, have been solved.