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When I picked up the September issue of Marie Claire, my expectations began and ended at the cover--a Mary-Kate Olsen profile, some insights from Tim Gunn, an expose on online dating and, to my slight irritation, "Diet Secrets: What Women Really Eat." Imagine my surprise, then, when I flipped to page 166 and saw the faces of 28 women sitting back at me, each with a caption: "Still waiting after 17 years," "Waited 9 months," "Case closed without testing," "Rape kit destroyed." One of the startling pages detailing the time every woman has waited for her rape kit to be test (photo courtesy of Marie Claire)

MARIE CLAIRE RAPE KIT

[caption] Marie Claire's RAPE KIT

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Lazaro's own, with Jennifer Love Hewitt playing a woman who is the victim of multiple unsolved rapes. The episode airs September 29th, and will hopefully continue the already burgeoning public interest in rape kit testing. The unapologetically bold feature sticks with you far past the confines of your commute, and is thus a definite step towards eliminating rape kit backlog for good. We can only hope, however, that this media moment for the issue becomes a driving force rather than a mere moment; that way, definitive change can be affected, and rape victims can be guaranteed the chance to have the crimes of their assaults solved as is their right. (Read the entire article in its entirety here [http://www.marieclaire.com/sextape/article/rape-kit-testing-voluntary-rape-kits], and then let us know what you think in the comment section below.)

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