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The February 2008 DNA Resource Report is listed below, along with a summary.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: Investigations and prosecutions aided by DNA evidence include:

- California - DNA evidence from ski mask identifies robber. Cold hits lead to a variety of leads in unsolved cases including: murders from 1991 and 1972, and a serial rapist. A cold hit also identified a murder on database for drug charges.
- Colorado - A cold hit led to charges in sexual assault. DNA solved 2 sexual assaults.
- Florida - A cold hit identifies rapist (on database for rape in CT). DNA links two rapes.
- Georgia - A cold hit solves sexual assault on a teacher.
- Hawaii - DNA evidence leads to indictment in 1987 murder.
- Illinois - Cold hits identify murderer in 1989 case (on database for home invasion) and man who committed sexual assault.
- Iowa - A cold hit arrest in a rape case.
- Massachusetts - A cold hit led to life sentence for 1991 rape (on database for robbery).
- Michigan - DNA collected from a stain on an envelope from a wet swab identified a 1983 murderer (on database for rape).
- Missouri - A cold hit led to a conviction in 1987 rape and murder (on database for rape), and identifies rapist (on database for narcotics).
- New Jersey - A cold hit led to sentencing in sexual assault and burglary.
- New York - Cold hits identify rapist (on database for weapons possession) and burglar.
- North Carolina - A cold hit identifies rapist.
- Ohio - Cold hits solve 1989 murder (on database for robbery), led to confession in three murders (on database for felony DUI in Indiana), link man to rape and purse snatching (on database for murder, evidence from soda can).
- Pennsylvania - DNA collected from gun leads to gun possession charges for gang member.
- Washington - DNA from coffee cup identifies bike theft suspect (on Ohio database).
- Virginia - A cold hit led to charges in 1988 double murder (on California database).

POLICY AND FUNDING ISSUES:

Expansion – South Dakota has enacted legislation for arrestee testing. Other DNA database legislation in the news includes proposals in Alabama, Connecticut, Michigan, Maryland, Utah, and Washington. Some Florida communities intend to take DNA upon felony arrest. Missouri DNA laws are lauded by prosecutors (matches being made at 10 per week) but are criticized by defense lawyers. Georgia legislation allows DNA from suspect to be compared against the database.

Funding – Tennessee's arrestee law implemented slowly due to funding restrictions.

Backlog – West Virginia's long backlog is a product of an inability to retain trained analysts. Nevada accepted public donations to reduce backlog. Wisconsin backlog is down for the first time in five years.

LEGAL ISSUES: Kentucky Court of Appeals upholds databasing of DNA samples of juveniles adjudicated for sex offenses.

OTHER FORENSIC DNA ISSUES:

- Post conviction – Mississippi released it’s first inmate due to post conviction DNA testing. Wyoming is considering a post conviction testing bill, and Virginia legislation requires notification if DNA is found relating to a case. Mississippi, Ohio and Colorado are addressing evidence preservation issues.
- Twelve states are considering allowing DNA evidence to influence parole decisions.
- Illinois is creating a task force to determine why DNA samples are not being collected.
- Kentucky Court of Appeals ruled DNA can be collected from juveniles in sexual assaults.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS: Portugal has begun compiling a DNA database, and the Czech Republic is defining rules for its DNA database. Nairobi is using DNA evidence to solve the 1,200 rapes that occurred during post-election violence. Russia completed a network of DNA testing labs. India has set up its first DNA centre.

- Japan - DNA connects a woman to her 3rd killing (on database for murder). A cold hit identifies killer of student (on database for murder).
- United Kingdom - DNA from coke can identified serial burglar. Cold hits led to a guilty plea in the murder of 5 prostitutes (on database for stealing) and a guilty sentence in rape.
- Scotland – DNA match to sentencing in stabbing (on database for possession of knife).

NEWS ARTICLES:

1. “Man indicted in 1987 murder.” AP Alert. February 1, 2008.
In Hawaii, DNA evidence indicted a man already in prison for murder in the killing of a woman in 1987. The woman was walking early in the morning when she disappeared. She was found stabbed to death in a gas station bathroom. DNA evidence from the crime scene matched DNA samples taken from a man in prison for murder through the statewide DNA database.
2. “Authorities say DNA links man to 1989 murder of teenager.” AP Alert-Ohio. January 31, 2008.
In Ohio, DNA evidence linked the 1989 killing of a teenager to a prisoner who was being held on unrelated robbery charges. The teenage girl’s body was found three days after her disappearance in the Hocking River. DNA from her body was matched in the statewide database to the prisoner. The man now faces one count of aggravated murder and one count of murder.
3. “Bill would require DNA info: Felons would have to be told if evidence is found in old forensic-lab files.” Richmond Times-Dispatch. January 31, 2008.
In Virginia, legislation has been introduced that would require felons to be notified if testable DNA is discovered in old state forensic lab files relevant to their case. The department recently searched more than 530,000 old files from 1973 to 1988, before DNA testing was available, looking for those containing testable evidence that might indicate guilt or innocence.
4. “Washoe County seeks funds for DNA testing.” AP Alert-CA. February 5, 2008.
In Nevada, Washoe County authorities are seeking public donations to help clear a backlog of DNA samples. The state recently passed a law requiring DNA to be taken from all convicted felons and gross demeanor sex offenders, however, no additional funding was provided to process the samples. The new law has now created a substantial backlog.
5. “DNA ties woman held in 2 murders to 3rd killing.” Daily Yomiuri. February 7, 2008.
In Osaka, Japan, DNA samples collected from a Chinese woman already indicted on charges of killing two men matched the DNA of hair found in a rucksack containing the dismembered parts of

another man. She now faces murder charges for the 3rd killing. The match was made through Japan's DNA database.

6. "Charges filed in 2005 sex assault after DNA tests." AP Alert-CO. February 6, 2008.
In Denver, Colorado, a DNA match led to charges for a 2005 sexual assault. The suspect faces charges of sexual assault, kidnapping, and auto theft for the 2005 attack. DNA tests suggest he may also be the perpetrator in two other assault cases.
7. "Thief's DNA link." Newcastle Evening Chronicle." February 6, 2008.
In the United Kingdom, DNA collected from a coke can at a robbery crime scene at the National Spiritualist Church identified a burglar who was then linked to a string of robberies. The man has been given an 18-week suspended sentence to run alongside a drug rehabilitation order.
8. "Law enforcement lauds Missouri DNA law, but defense lawyers point out problems." Daily Record. February 4, 2008.
In Missouri, a state law requiring felons to submit DNA samples is being both praised and criticized. Prosecutors argue the law is a godsend for solving old cases. But defense lawyers say it's an encroachment of the government and that people are too quick to assume DNA evidence means case closed.
9. "DNA leads to arrest in 1995 killing." Contra Costa Times. January 20, 2008.
In California, DNA evidence confirmed that a long-time suspect killed a young woman 12 years ago in her apartment. Police collected a DNA sample from the suspect and it was matched with a sample collected at the crime scene. The man had an extensive criminal history including arrests and convictions on violence and drug-related charges.
10. "CBI: DNA evidence links man to 2 sexual assaults." AP Alert-CO. February 7, 2008.
In Colorado, DNA evidence linked a man to two rapes, one in 2004 and another in 2007. The two victims were elderly women who both lived in the same neighborhood and reported finding an intruder in their homes who then attacked and sexually assaulted them. The man is being held on bond.
11. "Daytona Beach police hope DNA will help catch killer of 4." AP Alert-FL. February 7, 2008.
In Florida, the Daytona Beach police will soon take DNA samples from every person they arrest in hopes of catching a serial killer who has slain four women since December 2005. The current Florida law requires people to surrender a DNA sample voluntarily, even if arrested or convicted on a misdemeanor charge.
12. "DNA test leads to arrest in 1989 murder." AP Alert-IL. February 7, 2008.
In Illinois, the state DNA database identified a man who committed murder in 1989. The man was awaiting trial for charges in a 2005 home invasion and assault that he was linked to through DNA evidence found on a beer can when he was connected to the 1989 murder. His DNA matched DNA found at the apartment where the victim was found stabbed to death.
13. "Woman tells of attack: Georgia man on trial on rape charge after DNA match." News & Observer. February 7, 2008.
In North Carolina, a Georgia man is on trial for a 1999 rape after being identified through the DNA database. The victim reported that the man broke into her apartment and raped her while she slept on her couch. The man was being held at the Wake County jail in Georgia when DNA from the rape matched a sample he was forced to submit for earlier charges.

14. "Man charged in 2 rapes." New York Times. February 7, 2008.
In New York, a DNA match in the statewide database led to charges against a man for two rapes. The man's DNA was collected when he was arrested for an earlier weapons possession conviction and was matched to DNA evidence from the crime scene. He was then connected to a second rape. He now faces charges for two counts of rape, unlawful imprisonment, weapons possession, and robbery.
15. "Czech police took DNA samples at odds with law." Czech News Agency. February 2, 2008.
The Czech Republic is considering legislation that would clarify and define under what circumstances DNA samples are taken and inputted into the Czech DNA database. Currently, the Czech police have taken DNA samples from accused and sentenced persons without permission and at variance with the law.
16. "Expand DNA Use." Hartford Courant. February 6, 2008.
In Connecticut, the Governor has proposed legislation to expand the statewide DNA database to include all suspects of serious crimes. The proposal would expand sampling to all Class A and Class B felony suspects and people convicted of certain Class A misdemeanors, including criminally negligent homicide, third-degree assault, third-degree assault on an elderly, blind, pregnant or retarded person, fourth-degree sexual assault, and stalking.
17. "Stain on old envelope yielded DNA for match." Ann Arbor News. January 31, 2008.
In Michigan, a forensic scientist used DNA collected from a storage envelope to make a match and identify the killer in a 1983 murder. There was not enough DNA on the stored Q-tips to make a definitive match, but a forensic scientist noticed a stain on the envelope that the Q-tips were stored in. The stain contained enough DNA to match it to a man who was already in the database for a previous rape conviction.
18. "DNA links gun to three-time felon." Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. February 8, 2008.
In Pennsylvania, DNA evidence was collected from a gun to charge a man with gun possession. Swabs were taken from the gun's trigger, slide, and hammer and matched with the man's DNA. The man was wanted on two outstanding warrants and is considered a member of Tre 8s street gang.
19. "Police use ski mask, help from witness in arrest." The Merced Sun-Star. February 7, 2008.
In California, DNA evidence on a ski mask was used to arrest a man for robbery. The suspect's DNA was collected after his license plate matched the vehicle reportedly used in the crime. His DNA matched DNA evidence from a discarded ski mask left at the scene of the robbery.
20. "Man sentenced to 65 years in prison in Forest Park rape." Pantagraph. February 7, 2008.
In Illinois, a man was matched to a 2006 sexual assault after serving prison time on unrelated criminal charges. The man has now been sentenced to 65 years in prison for the sexual assault.
21. "Police want quicker DNA sharing." Atlanta Journal and Constitution. February 9, 2008.
In Georgia, the legislature is considering loosening the rules to allow agencies to run DNA evidence through state and national databases as soon as it is collected from a suspect. The bill does not expand the number of people who have DNA collected, but changes when that DNA is compared to the database.
22. "Kansas inmate convicted of '87 killing of neighbor." Journal-World. February 9, 2008.
In Kansas City, Missouri, a DNA match led to the conviction of a Kansas prison inmate in a 1987 rape and murder. The man allegedly raped and strangled a woman to death. He was serving time in the El Dorado prison for an unrelated rape when the DNA match was made.

23. "DNA link can haunt inmates at parole." UPI Top Stories. February 8, 2008.
Twelve U.S. states would consider DNA evidence from crimes an inmate wasn't charged with to deny or delay parole. This practice can bring about justice in cases where the statute of limitations has expired.
24. "Arrest made in Iowa City sexual assault case." AP Alert-IA. February 9, 2008.
In Iowa, DNA evidence has led to an arrest in a beating and sexual assault of a woman last year. The man was being held at the Johnson County Jail on unrelated domestic abuse charges when his DNA sample was matched with evidence collected from the crime.
25. "Man convicted in 1996 rape gets 37 years." Ventura County Star. February 12, 2008.
In California, a DNA match led to the arrest of a man in the sexual assault of a woman at a laundromat in 1996. The man was arrested in 2006 for a robbery conviction and his DNA sample was taken and matched with a sample collected at the crime scene. He has now been sentenced to 37 years to life in prison.
26. "Backlog hounds state police lab." Sunday Gazette-Mail. February 10, 2008.
In West Virginia, the state police are experiencing a significant backlog in the processing of DNA and other crime evidence. To examine the evidence currently in the lab, it would take about three years. The backlog slows down how quickly investigators can solve crimes.
27. "DNA tests to help net rapists." AllAfrica.com. February 13, 2008.
In Nairobi, DNA samples have been collected from rape victims of the post-election violence to help identify those who committed the rapes. An estimated 1,200 women and children were raped during the post-election violence, many of them being victims of gang-rape.
28. "Michigan House panel OKs requiring DNA samples in violent felonies." AP Alert-MI. February 13, 2008.
In Michigan, the House panel voted in support of legislation requiring anyone arrested for a violent crime to submit a DNA sample. Supporters say expanding the requirement to arrested suspects would give police another tool to solve cold cases, prevent more crimes, and absolve the innocent.
29. "Four years for racist stabbing." Daily Record. February 13, 2008.
In Scotland, DNA collected from a baseball cap dropped at the crime scene led to sentencing in the stabbing of a man. The crime scene DNA was matched with the attacker's DNA that was collected for a previous charge of possession of a knife. He has now been sentenced to four years in prison.
30. "Controversial DNA database law takes effect in Portugal." El Pais. February 13, 2008.
Portugal has begun compiling a national DNA database. The database will eventually include DNA data from convicted offenders and DNA samples collected from crime scenes.
31. "State seeks to close gap in DNA files." Chicago Tribune. February 14, 2008.
In Illinois, the Attorney General issued a request to convene a task force to determine why some ex-felons have not provided a sample for the state's DNA database as required by law. Authorities plan to identify ex-offenders who have not provided a genetic sample and then compile a list to be distributed to all law enforcement in the state. More than 275,000 ex-offenders have provided DNA samples, but an estimated 30,000 have not.
32. "Man held in 2006 Santa Barbara attack." Los Angeles Times. February 14, 2008.

In California, a match through the state's DNA database identified a man who slipped through an open balcony door at a Santa Barbara waterfront hotel and assaulted a couple as they lay sleeping. The man was convicted on an unrelated sex crime about a month after the attack and was forced to submit a sample to the statewide DNA database. That sample was matched with DNA collected from blood found at the hotel.

33. "Mississippi Senate committee passes a bill to create a DNA task force." AP Alert-MS. February 13, 2008.

In Mississippi, the Judiciary Committee approved legislation that creates a task force to develop a protocol for collecting DNA evidence. The bill now awaits debate in front of the full Senate. According to the bill, the chief justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court would convene a task force that includes prosecutors, defense attorneys, and court officials to recommend policies and procedures to improve how DNA is handled in Mississippi.

34. "Bill seeks DNA in arrests." AP Alert-SD. February 13, 2008.

In South Dakota, the Legislature is considering a bill that would require people arrested for serious crimes to provide DNA samples, prior to convictions, acquittals or dismissals of charges. The bill is in the House Judiciary Committee.

35. "Jury convicts man in '88 double murder." Richmond Times Dispatch. February 8, 2008.

In Virginia, a match made through the statewide DNA database has led to charges in a 1988 double murder. When the match was made, the man who was convicted for the crime was already on death row for the 1990 rape and shooting of a 15-year-old girl.

36. "Washington Senate votes to expand criminal DNA database." AP Alert-WA. February 16, 2008.

In Washington, the Washington State Senate approved a measure to expand the state's collection of DNA samples from people convicted of crimes. The bill would add a list of new crimes, such as soliciting a prostitute and stalking that would prompt DNA collection by authorities.

37. "Man once on Mississippi death row exonerated in 1992 murder case." AP Alert. February 15, 2008.

In Mississippi, DNA evidence exonerated a man sentenced to death for kidnapping and murdering a 3-year-old girl. After DNA confirmed the man's innocence, another man confessed to the crime. This is the first exoneration in Mississippi as a result of post-conviction testing.

38. "DNA on T-shirt leads to arrest." Post Standard. February 15, 2008.

In New York, DNA collected from a t-shirt left at a crime scene at a restaurant robbery led to an arrest. The man had previously been jailed on other unrelated charges and had his DNA collected. The DNA from the t-shirt was matched with the sample he had submitted to the database.

39. "Governor pushes for expansion of DNA database." Daily Record. February 14, 2008.

In Maryland, the Governor has proposed to expand the state's DNA database to include samples taken from people arrested for 15 violent crimes and for burglary. Those who are not actually convicted of a violent crime or who plead to a lesser charge can have their DNA removed from the database if the person applies for expungement.

40. "Over 30 DNA laboratories working in Russia." Russia & CIS Military Information Weekly. February 1, 2008.

The Russian Interior Ministry has completed the establishment of a network of special forensic DNA testing laboratories across Russia. The project to set up a network of DNA laboratories across the country started in 2005.

41. "Man ID'd by DNA evidence gets 17 years in sex assault." The Press of Atlantic City. February 16, 2008.
In New Jersey, DNA evidence leads to sentencing in a sexual assault and robbery that took place more than seven years ago. The man's DNA was entered into a national DNA database for a subsequent offense and then matched with DNA from the crime scene. The man has been sentenced to 17 years for the crime.
42. "DNA testing of arrestees gets off to a slow, confusing start." AP Alert-TN. February 17, 2008.
In Tennessee, the Legislature recently passed a law that would require officials to take DNA samples from everyone they arrest on a violent charge. While the law went into effect in January, the Legislature failed to allocate funding to collect the samples and officials are finding some aspects of the bill confusing.
43. "Bill to expand DNA database." Press Register. February 14, 2008.
In Alabama, the House Government Appropriations Committee approved a bill that would expand the state's DNA database to include those arrested for felony charges and assess an additional \$10 fee levied on municipal, district, and criminal court proceedings to help pay for it. The added fee is expected to bring in an estimated \$8 million.
44. "Man held in killings of 3 women in '01, '04." Columbus Dispatch. February 20, 2008.
In Ohio, DNA evidence has led a man to confess to killing three women. DNA evidence collected from two of the crime scenes match the man's DNA. When detectives questioned the man, he confessed to all three murders. When the match was made, he was serving an 18-month sentence for a felony DUI conviction in Indiana.
45. "DNA match prompts rape charge in KC case from 2000." Kansas City Star. February 20, 2008.
In Missouri, DNA has linked a convicted drug offender to a 2000 rape case. DNA evidence from the rape matched a sample taken from the offender when he served time for possession with intent to distribute illegal narcotics.
46. "DNA links man held over recent killings to '00 death." Daily Yomiuri. February 22, 2008.
In Japan, the DNA of a man arrested on suspicion of killing a man earlier this month matched DNA found on articles left at the scene of the fatal stabbing of a Chinese student in 2000. Police will continue the investigation into both cases.
47. "British man guilty of killing five prostitutes." Agence France Presse. February 21, 2008.
In the United Kingdom, DNA led to a guilty verdict for a man who murdered five prostitutes in late 2006. The victims were all drug addicts who lived in the red light district. Officers found the man's DNA on three of the victims and fibers from his car, home, and clothing on all five bodies. His DNA had been put on a police database after he was found guilty of stealing 80 pounds (106 euros, 157 dollars) from a bar where he worked in 2001.
48. "Senate OKs post-conviction DNA tests." AP Alert-WY. February 21, 2008.
In Wyoming, the legislature is considering legislation that would allow inmates to take DNA tests to try and prove their innocence. The Senate gave preliminary approval of the bill, which needs two more approval votes in the Senate before heading to the House for consideration.
49. "DNA links suspect in '07 killing to 2 crimes." Columbus Dispatch. February 21, 2008.
In Ohio, DNA evidence collected from a man after he was convicted of murdering a woman late last year linked him to rape in 2003 and a purse snatching in 2007. His DNA matched DNA evidence taken from a pop can at the scene of the purse snatching and DNA collected from the rape.

50. "Prosecutors say DNA key: Man admits having sex with woman." The Record. February 21, 2008. In California, a cold hit on the DNA database has put a man on trial for the sodomy and murder of a prostitute five years ago. The man was in and out of state prison from 1999 to 2003 on drug charges when his DNA was collected and put into the statewide database. His DNA matches DNA found on the woman's body.
51. "Man convicted in 1972 murder of San Francisco nurse." AP Alert-CA. February 22, 2008. In San Francisco, a match through the statewide DNA database identified the man who sexually assaulted, strangled, and stabbed a nurse to death in 1972. The man's DNA was submitted to the statewide DNA database after being repeatedly convicted of sexual assaults.
52. "Guilty verdict for 1991 death in shelter's lot." The Daily Review. February 21, 2008. In Hayward, California, a DNA match has led to a conviction in the 1991 death of woman found dead in a homeless shelter parking lot. The man's DNA was found on a bite mark on the victim's chest.
53. "DNA leads police to an unlikely suspect for bike thefts." The Seattle Times. February 21, 2008. In Washington, a man who stole a road bike from a bike shop was captured using DNA collected from a Tully's coffee cup he left at the shop. He has now been connected to a string of high-end bike thefts stretching across the Northwest.
54. "Britain rules out compulsory DNA database." ABC Premium News. February 23, 2008. In the United Kingdom, the Government has ruled out introducing a compulsory DNA database on practical and ethical grounds. Currently, more than 6 percent of Britain's population, or 4.5 million people, are on its national DNA database.
55. "Suspect to be tried in rape of 10 women." Daily Breeze. February 23, 2008. In California, DNA has identified a serial rapist who now faces trial on 53 charges for allegedly attacking 10 women. The man was convicted of a felony and was required to submit his DNA for inclusion in the state's law enforcement database. His DNA was then matched with a string of DNA evidence collected from multiple rapes.
56. "Man who raped Wethersfield woman raped another in Florida." The Hartford Courant. February 23, 2008. The DNA of a man who raped a woman in Wethersfield, Connecticut has now been matched with the sexual assault of a Florida woman. The case had gone cold until DNA evidence taken from the Connecticut case matched the case in Florida.
57. "Juveniles' DNA collection upheld." Lexington Herald-Leader. February 23, 2008. In Kentucky, the State Court of Appeals ruled that officials can continue to collect DNA samples from juveniles convicted of felony sex offenses. However, the appeals court also ruled that DNA cannot be collected from juveniles convicted of burglary.
58. "Bill on preserving DNA coming today." Denver Post. February 22, 2008. In Colorado, the legislature is considering a bill requiring police departments to preserve DNA evidence in major crimes. The legislation also contains the recommendations of a governor's commission urging better methods for retention of crime-scene specimens to protect the wrongfully convicted. It would create a 20-member task force to develop uniform policies on retention methods. The bill also would require training of officer cadets on proper DNA collection and storage.

59. "Group seeks reform of DNA testing program for Ohio inmates." AP Alert-OH. February 24, 2008. In Ohio, the Governor submitted a proposal on behalf of the Ohio Innocence Project that calls for 42 recommendations to the preservation of DNA. Under the recommendations, the state would establish standards for preserving crime-scene evidence and put police crime labs under greater oversight.
60. "Man accused in 1991 rape gets life sentence." AP Alert-MA. February 23, 2008. In Massachusetts, DNA has led to a guilty plea and life sentence in a 1991 rape. The man had submitted a DNA sample because of an unrelated armed robbery conviction. His DNA matched a sample taken from the rape. When police confronted the man, he confessed and pleaded guilty to the crime.
61. "Wait for DNA testing decreases slightly." AP Alert-WI. February 25, 2008. In Wisconsin, the number of criminal cases waiting for DNA testing at the State Crime Lab is down slightly for the first time in five years. The backlog for forensic scientists fell from 1,785 at the end of 2006 to 1,735 in 2007.
62. "5 years jail for rape charge man." ThisisLancashire.co.uk. February 25, 2008. In the United Kingdom, a match in the DNA database has led to a guilty sentence and 5 years in prison for a man who attempted to rape a woman in Leigh. He was identified after a DNA swab he provided for an unrelated matter matched DNA from his victim who was assaulted after a night out at a nightclub.
63. "Resolution urges against DNA funding cuts." AP Alert-VT. February 26, 2008. In Vermont, the Senate has introduced a resolution to urge Congress to reject the Bush Administration's calls for cuts in funding for a program designed to clear up backlogs in the maintenance of DNA databanks managed by states.
64. "India's first dedicated DNA centre set up in Bangalore." India Business Insight. February 26, 2008. The Government of India and the Government of Karnataka have put in Rs3.5 crore and Rs50 lakh respectively to build India's first dedicated DNA centre in Bangalore.
65. "DNA links 2 Pompano rapes to one man." Miami Herald. February 26, 2008. In Florida, DNA has linked two sexual assaults together with DNA. Police are still looking for the man who committed the two rapes.
66. "Bill that would force assault convicts to submit DNA." AP Alert-UT. February 25, 2008. In Utah, the state legislature is considering a bill that would require people convicted of assault to submit a DNA sample. The bill was already voted down once this legislative session, however, the bill's sponsor was able to get the bill reconsidered.
67. "DNA is crucial piece of evidence in rape case." Macon Telegraph. February 28, 2008. In Georgia, a DNA match in the statewide database solved the sexual assault of a teacher in 2001. During the attack, the teacher had pulled a handful of hair from her assailant's head. Investigators collected DNA from the hair and found a match in the statewide DNA database. The man had previously been sent to prison for unrelated offenses and was required to submit DNA to the database.