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

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

- Arizona – a cold hit led to sentencing in a sex assault (match with California database).
- California – DNA identified serial bank robber (collected from motorcycle helmet). A cold hit solved a sexual assault (on database for assault).
- Florida – Cold hits identified a rapist (on database for driving without a license) and a murderer (on Georgia database).
- Hawaii – DNA linked a man to Japanese exchange student murder.
- Illinois – DNA confirmed suspect in 1981 murder and solved a murder (collected from glove).
- Indiana – A cold hit solved 1989 strangulation (on Florida database).
- Maryland – Cold hits identified a murderer (on database for murder) and solved a 1985 murder (on database for rape).
- Massachusetts – A cold hit led to sentencing in rape of young boy (on database for rape).
- Missouri – Cold hits led to sentencing in a rape and cutting, solved a 1992 sexual assault (on database for robbery), and led to three life sentences for rape (on database for rape).
- Nebraska – DNA led to arrest in 1977 rape and murder.
- New York – DNA solves 1974 murder (collected from sidewalk spit). Cold hits identified suspects in a sexual assault (on database for rape) and a 1983 rape and murder (on database for manslaughter).
- Oklahoma – A cold hit led to rape charges (on database for robbery and drug possession).
- Pennsylvania – A cold hit identified potential killer in 1978 rape and homicide (on Virginia database for rape and malicious wounding).
- Tennessee – DNA solves 1975 rape and murder of student.
- Texas – A cold hit linked a man to a third murder (on database for murder).
- Vermont – A cold hit led to sentencing in 1991 rape and murder.
- Virginia – DNA exonerated teenager of sexual assault. A cold hit led to charges in 1993 rape.
- Washington – DNA led to 41-year sentence for murder (collected from hair & cigarette butt).
- Wisconsin – A cold hit identified rapist (on Illinois database).

POLICY AND FUNDING ISSUES:

Expansion – Missouri legislation includes some juvenile offenders' samples in database. Proposed Florida legislation would expand the database to arrestees. Oklahoma arrestee legislation passed House. Maryland Legislature debates final approval of arrestee bill. Georgia legislation allows police to compare suspect's DNA with databases.

Backlog – Nevada lab clears backlog of 3,000 with private funds. Understaffing in Idaho's three crime labs is creating backlogs. Washington's new database expansion will cause backlogs.

OTHER FORENSIC DNA ISSUES:

- Post-conviction – Wyoming and South Carolina act on bills allowing post-conviction DNA testing, and a Michigan bill allows exonerated inmates to sue the state. Colorado wrestles with

legislation allowing DNA preservation for convicts.

- Georgia legislation allows police to compare suspect's DNA with databases.
- Kansas Supreme Court ruled arrest warrants cannot be issued with only a DNA profile.
- A New Jersey convict looks to a new type of DNA testing to be exonerated.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS: The Philippines and South Korea are planning new databases, and West Australia intends to expand its database. The United Kingdom is using DNABoost to process samples quicker. South Australian Forensic Science Centre is asked to explain its backlog.

- Canada – A cold hit led to a 3-year sentence for attack (collected from fingernail scrapings).
- United Kingdom – Cold hits led to sentencing for two rapes (one on database for assault).

NEWS ARTICLES:

1. "Man convicted of 1992 assault using DNA evidence." Canadian Press. March 1, 2008.
In Canada, a match through the DNA database linked a convicted offender to an attack on a woman 15 years ago. Police recently sent DNA collected from fingernail scrapings immediately following the attack to the forensic lab. When the DNA from the fingernail scrapings was compared with the DNA database, it matched a convicted offender's DNA sample that had been submitted on previous unrelated charges. The man was arrested and sentenced to three years in prison for the attack.
2. "Woman's killer pleads guilty, gets 41-year term." The News Tribune. March 1, 2008.
In Washington State, DNA evidence connected a man to the killing of a 76-year-old woman. The woman was raped, beaten, and strangled before she finally died. DNA samples were collected from two hairs and a cigarette butt at the crime scene and matched with the suspect. The man was sentenced to 41 years in prison for the murder.
3. "Convicted child rapist gets 7 to 9 years behind bars." AP-Alert Massachusetts. March 1, 2008.
In Massachusetts, a match through the national DNA database linked a known sex offender to the rape of a six-year-old boy at a pool restroom of a Cape Cod hotel. When the rape occurred, the man was on probation for a 1997 rape of a young girl. The man has now been sentenced to 7-9 years in prison.
4. "Easton Police sample DNA for 1978 case: Virginia man was living in city at time of rape, homicide." The Morning Call. March 1, 2008.
In Pennsylvania, a preliminary match was made through the national DNA database, identifying the potential killer in a 1978 rape and homicide. The suspect submitted a DNA sample to the database when he was convicted in Virginia of rape and malicious wounding in 1982. He is also a registered sex offender. Police plan to pursue the preliminary DNA match.
5. "Senators endorse bill to take DNA samples from some juveniles." AP-Alert Missouri. March 5, 2008.
In Missouri, Senators have endorsed a measure to expand the DNA database to include people convicted in juvenile court of offenses that would be considered felonies if they were adults. The legislation was given only initial approval by the Senate and will need to pass both the Senate and the House before the Governor would sign it into law.
6. "Hawaiian man on trial for murder of Japanese." Daily Yomiuri. March 6, 2008.

In Hawaii, DNA evidence has linked a man to the murder of a Japanese exchange student. The student disappeared last April. The student's DNA and glasses were found in the suspect's vehicle, in addition to a lot of other circumstantial evidence suggesting his involvement in the murder. The man is currently on trial for the murder.

7. "81 Killing solved by DNA." Chicago Sun Times. March 5, 2008.
In Illinois, DNA evidence positively identified a long-time suspect in the 1981 murder of a deaf teenage girl. The suspect was the girl's high school boyfriend and is also deaf. Advances in technology have matched DNA collected from the teenage girl's body with her former boyfriend, who was the original suspect in the case. In 2005, he was convicted of a misdemeanor for unlawfully videotaping his own stepdaughter in her bathroom. He now faces first-degree murder charges.
8. "Lynn pushes bill to collect DNA of all suspects." Daytona Beach. March 4, 2008.
In Florida, a bill sponsored by Senator Evelyn Lynn requires DNA testing on those arrested for various violent and sexual offenses, including juveniles. If it becomes law, the new testing mandate also would extend to suspects already locked up, those found mentally incompetent to stand trial and convicts no longer jailed but still on probation or some other type of court-ordered supervision. In order to pass, a companion bill also needs to be introduced in the House.
9. "DNA clears teenager of sexual assaults." Virginia Pilot and Ledger Star. March 7, 2008.
In Virginia, DNA evidence exonerated a teenager of sexually assaulting two teenage girls. Since both girls had picked the suspect out from photographs, he has served two months in jail. However, forensic tests indicated that his DNA did not match the samples collected from the two rapes. The prosecutor reportedly called the state lab repeatedly to check on the results for the case. The young man has been in jail since January 10, part of the time was spent with adult inmates.
10. "House votes to include felony arrests in DNA database." AP-Alert Oklahoma. March 6, 2008.
In Oklahoma, legislation that would add felony arrests to the statewide DNA database was approved by the House. The bill's sponsor, Representative Lee Denney, said expanding the database will help solve crimes. Last year, DNA solved 113 criminal cases in Oklahoma.
11. "Man sentenced in rape case." Kansas City Star. March 8, 2008.
In Missouri, a DNA match led to a 25-year sentence in rape of a woman. DNA from the man sentenced for the crime was matched with DNA from a condom at the scene of the crime through the database. He was on parole for other crimes when he committed the rape.
12. "Post-conviction DNA bill passes." AP-Alert Wyoming. March 7, 2008.
In Wyoming, the Legislature passed a bill allowing inmates to apply for DNA tests to prove their innocence. Once signed by the Governor, the bill will give some inmates the opportunity to be exonerated by taking a post-conviction DNA test.
13. "PNP to have terrorists DNA on file." Philippine Daily Inquirer. March 10, 2008.
In the Philippines, the National Police are planning to establish a DNA databank for all known members of the al-Qaida terrorist network. They intend to work with their counterparts in Indonesia to compile the database.
14. "Virginia man arrested in 1993 sexual assault." AP-Alert DC Daybook. March 11, 2008.
In Virginia, DNA evidence has led to an arrest and charges in the sexual assault of a 9-year-old girl more than a decade ago. Evidence collected from the sexual assault was recently resubmitted for

testing and matched with a previously convicted offender through the national DNA database. The man is now charged with abduction with the intent to defile for the 1993 assault.

15. "Puerto Rico to create DNA database for law enforcement." AP-Alert Financial. March 11, 2008. Puerto Rico is planning to create its first DNA database using federal money that became available when its forensic laboratory was certified. The island's database will be modeled after the U.S. system. The accreditation of the forensic lab also means that the U.S. can now use DNA samples taken in Puerto Rico for cases prosecuted in the states.
16. "Inmate charged in '98 rape." The Daily Oklahoman. March 11, 2008. In Oklahoma, DNA evidence led to charges in the rape of an elderly woman almost a decade ago. DNA taken from the sexual assault was compared with the DNA database and matched a sample submitted by a man serving time on robbery and drug possession charges. The man has now been charged with first-degree rape and first-degree burglary.
17. "Man charged in robbery, rape from 1992." Kansas City Star. March 13, 2008. In Missouri, DNA evidence has solved a 15-year-old sexual assault. A woman was sexually assaulted by a group of men while her boyfriend was held at gun point. The man was arrested and convicted on several other robbery charges shortly after the attack. He was released in 2002 and his DNA sample was added to the database. However, only recently was the rape evidence reanalyzed using new technology and added to the database where the match was made. The man has now been charged with two counts of robbery, two counts of forcible rape, and six counts of sodomy.
18. "Murderer connected to Baltimore woman's rape, murder 12 years ago." AP-Alert Delaware. March 12, 2008. In Maryland, DNA connected a convicted murderer to a woman's rape and murder 12 years ago. He was serving a 30-year sentence for murdering another woman when investigators discovered his DNA matched that recovered from a second murder in 1996. He will go on trial for the second murder while carrying out his 30-year sentence for the first murder.
19. "DNA ties suspect to rape 10 years ago." Capital Times. March 12, 2008. DNA evidence has linked an Illinois man to a rape in Wisconsin 10 years ago. DNA from the rape case matched a man who had been required to submit a DNA sample to the nationwide DNA database on unrelated charges. The man is now being held for the trial for the rape.
20. "Man gets three consecutive life sentences." Kansas City Star. March 15, 2008. In Missouri, a DNA match through the database identified a serial rapist. The man was first convicted for raping a 12 year old girl and was required to submit a sample to the database. His DNA then matched evidence collected from the raping and murder of an 88-year-old woman in 1987. He has now been sentenced to three life sentences for the two rapes.
21. "Florida's DNA index links suspect to '96 Loxahatchee rape case." South Florida Sentinel. March 15, 2008. In Florida, a DNA match identified a man who raped a woman while holding her three children at knife point twelve years ago. The man was arrested for habitually driving with a suspended license (a felony) and was required to submit a DNA sample to the nationwide database. His sample was matched with evidence collected from the 1996 rape. He is currently awaiting trial.
22. "Convicted rapist faces new charges." Albany Times Union. March 14, 2008. In New York, a DNA match through the database has indicted a serial rapist in a sex assault at knife point three years ago. When the DNA match was made, he was serving a 25-year sentence for two

rape convictions. He has also been linked to three additional knife point attacks. If convicted of these latest charges, he could face up to 50 years in prison for all of the crimes he has committed.

23. "Reno killer's DNA not among backlog of DNA samples." AP-Alert California. March 14, 2008. In Nevada, police recently cleared a backlog of nearly 3,000 DNA samples to find the killer of a young girl. The backlog was reduced using public donations; however, none of the DNA samples matched evidence collected at the scene of the young girl's death. Thirty unsolved crimes were linked to known offenders as a result of the backlog reduction.
24. "Buffalo man convicted in 34-year-old killing of sister-in-law." AP-Alert New York. March 14, 2008.

In New York, police investigators collected a DNA sample from saliva spat on a sidewalk to confirm that a long-time suspect indeed murdered a woman 34 years ago. The suspect was a brother-in-law to the victim who was killed in 1974. The case was reopened in 2003 at the request of the family, and the man had been a suspect throughout the years. He was followed one day until he spat on the sidewalk, and the saliva was collected and matched to DNA found at the murder scene. The man is now waiting sentencing. He has two other felony convictions for forgery and robbery.
25. "Police want more power to take DNA." West Australian. March 17, 2008.

In West Australia, the police commissioner is requesting that the threshold for compulsory DNA collection be lowered. The police can currently only take samples from people charged with or suspected of committing an offense with a minimum jail sentence of 12 months. There are discussions to begin including those who are charged with committing less serious offenses. The WA DNA database contains more than 80,000 DNA profiles and is linked nationally. Since it was established in July 2002, it has matched nearly 9000 profiles to offences and in more than 5600 of those matches police had no prior reason to suspect a connection.
26. "Staff shortages leave Idaho state crime labs struggling to keep up." AP-Alert Idaho. March 16, 2008.

In Idaho, the state's three crime labs are experiencing long backlogs due to severe understaffing. Now, police are looking elsewhere for lab services. The Bonneville County sheriff's office has even paid private, out-of-state labs to test evidence because they can't wait for the free state services. Similarly, the Idaho Falls police Department is looking at doing its own testing. The Legislature recently approved money for two positions in the labs, but the ISP asked for eight new scientists.
27. "Mosque alibi rape man gets 10 years." Express. March 18, 2008.

In the United Kingdom, DNA evidence led to a 10-year sentence in the rape of a woman. The man was arrested on an unrelated matter, requiring him to submit a DNA sample to the database. His sample was then matched to a sample taken from the rape. He has now been sentenced to 10 years in jail for the crime. The man is an Islamic leader who claimed he was preaching when he was actually raping the woman in her home.
28. "Baltimore inmate sentenced in cold case of 1985 murder." AP-Alert Delaware. March 17, 2008. In Maryland, a DNA match identified a man who murdered a young woman in 1985. When the match was made, the man was serving a 40-year sentence for a rape conviction. The man pleaded guilty to second-degree murder, carrying a deadly weapon, and a first-degree sex offense and was sentenced to 25 years in prison.
29. "House tries to broaden DNA evidence standards." AP-Alert Georgia. March 19, 2008.

In Georgia, the Legislature is considering a bill that would allow police to compare DNA collected from some suspects to state of national databases. The measure has passed the house and must now be reconciled with a similar measure that earlier passed the Senate.

30. "A man who raped a prostitute has been jailed." Manchester Evening News. March 18, 2008.
In the United Kingdom, a DNA match led to a six and half year sentence in the raping of a prostitute. The man had punched a prostitute earlier in the year, prompting police to collect his DNA sample. His DNA sample was matched with a sample taken from the raping of a prostitute. The man, also an illegal immigrant, was sentenced to six and a half years for the crime.
31. "Man serving life for murder now accused in third case." AP-Alert South Dakota. March 22, 2008.
In Texas, a DNA match led to a life sentence in the 1985 murder of a young woman. The man was serving time for another murder charge and on trial for a second murder, when the match was made through the DNA database connecting him to the third crime. The man is already serving one life sentence.
32. "Reil wants criminal database expanded." Advocate. March 22, 2008.
In Connecticut, the Governor is backing legislation to expand the state's DNA database to include people arrested for felonies. The state's current law requires DNA samples to be taken from convicted only when they are released from prison, rather than when they are convicted. The new law also would expand the DNA sample requirement to convicts of more crimes, including certain misdemeanors, such as criminally negligent homicide, third-degree assault and stalking.
33. "DNA tests lead to arrest in a 25-year-old killing." New York Times. March 22, 2008.
In New York, DNA evidence has identified the killer in a 25-year-old sexual assault and murder. Police investigators matched DNA evidence from the 1983 crime scene to a convicted felon. The man is now facing charges for the crime. He has two previous convictions, one of which is for first-degree manslaughter.
34. "Serial bank robber sentenced to 16 years in prison." The Sacramento Bee. March 22, 2008.
In California, DNA evidence led to a 16-year sentence for a serial bank robber. Police investigators used DNA evidence from a motorcycle helmet left at the scene of a bank robbery to identify the robber. He has now confessed to three armed bank robberies.
35. "Los Angeles man gets 3.5 years for South Side rape a decade ago." Arizona Daily Star. March 4, 2008.
In Arizona, DNA has led to the sentencing of man for committing a rape nearly 10 years ago. DNA evidence was collected from the victim and entered into the DNA database. A match was made after the man had submitted a sample to the database in California for being arrested on an unrelated felony charge.
36. "Georgia man convicted in 1997 Daytona Beach killing." AP-Alert Florida. March 25, 2008.
In Florida, DNA evidence has led to a guilty plea in the sexual assault and murder of a woman in 1997. The murder remained unsolved until 2003 when DNA evidence identified the killer. The man is currently waiting sentencing.
37. "Police to use DNA 'unraveller' to crack cold cases." Daily Mail. March 24, 2008.
In the United Kingdom, police are using a new technique called DNABOOST to process DNA samples more quickly. The technique separates samples of blood and other fluids that have been mixed together from a numbers of people at a crime scene. The technique is being rolled out nationwide,

but is not without controversy as some experts claim it needs more scientific review. The procedure has already been independently validated by experts at the University of Edinburgh.

38. "Mysteriously added phrase changes intent of DNA bill." Denver Post. March 23, 2008.
In Colorado, the Legislature is considering a bill on DNA preservation. The bill is being discussed in the Judiciary committee and potential amendments will likely allow current prisoners to have their DNA evidence preserved.
39. "Inmate indicted in '77 death." Lincoln Journal Star. March 20, 2008.
In Nebraska, DNA evidence has led to an arrest for a sexual assault and murder that occurred 30 years ago. In 1977, a retired teacher was attacked and killed. Her killer remained a mystery until DNA technology advanced enough to make a match between a long-time suspect and evidence collected from the crime. The man has now been arrested and faces charges.
40. "Florida man convicted in 1989 Indianapolis strangling." AP-Alert Indiana. March 27, 2008.
DNA evidence has solved the 1989 strangulation of a teenager in Indiana. DNA evidence was collected from the crime scene from clothing and saliva on a cigarette butt found near the victim's body. This DNA was matched with a suspect, leading to his arrest. The man has now been convicted of the murder.
41. "House votes on payment to wrongly convicted man." Bradenton Herald. March 27, 2008.
In Florida, the House of Representatives unanimously voted to award \$1.25 million to a man who spent more than 24 years in prison for two rapes that DNA exonerated him from committing. He is the fourth man to be exonerated by DNA evidence in Florida.
42. "Transient suspected in assault on Hayward woman." The Daily Review. March 26, 2008.
In California, DNA evidence linked a man to a recent sexual assault. The victim was walking her dog when she was assaulted. DNA evidence submitted by the victim was matched with a man who was serving time for violating parole for charges of injuring an emergency services provider.
43. "Please explain over DNA." Advertiser. March 29, 2008.
The South Australian Forensic Science Centre will be asked to explain why it is taking so long to produce crucial DNA evidence in a major murder case. DNA evidence from the murder of woman will reportedly not be available until October.
44. "TN Vanderbilt Cold Case." AP-Alert Tennessee. March 28, 2008.
In Tennessee, DNA evidence linked a man to the 1975 rape and murder of a Vanderbilt student. DNA was collected from bedding where the victim was found. The sample was matched with a sample police collected from the man. He had previously served 26 years in prison for raping another student and was released in 2002.
45. "Government to see DNA database of sex offenders." Yonhap News Agency of Korea. March 27, 2008.
In Seoul, South Korea the Justice Ministry announced that it will seek the creation of a DNA database to prosecute sex offenders. The Ministry plans to push for legislation to collect and manage genetic information from inmates or suspects to use in investigations or trials involving sex crimes.
46. "Maryland Senate OKs bill on DNA collection." Daily Record. March 26, 2008.
In Maryland, the Senate approved a bill that required people who committed a violent crime or breaking into a car to submit a DNA sample to police. The bill had been amended to address racial

profiling concerns brought up by the Legislative Black Caucus. The bill will now be compared with the House version of the bill to resolve differences between the bills.

47. "Man convicted in Stow killing to be sentenced in May." AP-Alert Vermont. March 29, 2008.
In Vermont, a match through the statewide DNA database led to sentencing for a 1991 rape and murder. The match remained unsolved until the DNA database was created and was matched with a man who was convicted of a previous crime.
48. "DNA in glove link man to '05 killing." Chicago Tribune. March 29, 2008.
In Illinois, DNA evidence collected from the inside of a glove left at the crime scene identified the man who murdered an elderly man during a robbery at his home. He has now been charged with first-degree murder.
49. "Bill would allow more DNA tests for convicts." Myrtle Beach Sun News. March 30, 2008.
In South Carolina, the General Assembly is considering a bill titled the Post-Conviction DNA Procedures Act that would allow prisoners to have access to DNA testing after they have been convicted. South Carolina is one of six states that have no state law giving convicts a path to possible exoneration through DNA testing.
50. "Supreme Court strikes down DNA-base rape warrants." AP-Alert Kansas. March 29, 2008.
In Kansas, the Supreme Court dismissed a series of arrest warrants for a rape suspect known only by his DNA. The warrants would have allowed prosecutors to preserve the five-year statute of limitations for charging someone in a rape case. The warrant was ruled invalid because it did not fully detail the DNA profile's makeup.
51. "DNA Backlog in Washington." KUOW Program Archive. March 24, 2008.
In Washington, a new state law requiring more sex offenders to submit DNA samples to the statewide database will add to an already existing backlog in the state's lab. Despite the growing backlog, the number of matches being made has jumped from an average 7-10 a month to nearly 40 matches last month.
52. "Legislation would allow compensation for wrongfully convicted." AP-Alert Political. March 31, 2008.
In Michigan, legislation would allow those who have been exonerated to sue the state for at least \$50,000 for each year they spend in prison. The bill would also provide the wrongfully convicted with up to 10 years of physical and mental health care through the state employee system.
53. "New DNA test gives a convict new hope." The Star-Ledger. March 30, 2008.
In New Jersey, a convicted murderer is fighting to get a DNA sample retested that he insists will free him. In retesting the sample, they want to try a new technology offered by Applied Biosystems that is able to identify specific genetic markers from smaller fragments of DNA. This new test could provide the certainty needed to end the case.