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

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

- California – Cold hits solved two murders (one with Washington State). DNA clears illegal immigrant of rape.
- Connecticut – A cold hit identified murderer (on database for bank robbery).
- Florida – A cold hit identified a home invader.
- Illinois – DNA led to a conviction in armed robbery (collected from cigarette).
- Maryland – A cold hit led to sentencing for rape (on database for rape, kidnapping, & battery).
- Massachusetts – A cold hit solved 1984 murder (on database for sexual assault).
- Minnesota – Cold hits identified a murderer (on database for drunk driving); and two sex assault suspects (one a match with Texas offender).
- Missouri – DNA led to a confession in nine murders. A cold hit led to a guilty plea in 1985 murder (on database for burglary).
- New Jersey – DNA led to sentencing in sexual assault (collected from bandanna).
- New York – Cold hits led to an arrest for 1980 homicide (on database for sexual assault), sentencing for rape (on database for drug-related crime), and a guilty plea for rape (on database for car theft). DNA identifies jewel robber (collected from baseball cap). DNA from chewing gum crucial evidence in rape trial.
- North Dakota – A cold hit led to guilty plea in rape (on database for attempted sexual assault).
- Ohio – A cold hit led to an arrest in 1991 murder (match with North Carolina). DNA secured a conviction in 1985 murder.
- Oregon – A cold hit led to a conviction in 1971 murder (on California database).
- Pennsylvania – Cold hits led to charges in rape and murder cases. DNA identified burglar (collected from wooden chair leg). DNA connected four different rapes.
- Texas – DNA connected man to multiple sexual assaults (collected from shotgun shell belt).
- Washington – DNA from fingernail scrapings identified murder suspect.
- Wisconsin – DNA identified the man who raped two students.

**POLICY AND FUNDING ISSUES:**

**Expansion** – FBI rules for arrestee and detainee DNA collection have been posted. Mothers of murdered children advocated for arrestee collection. Kentucky passed a bill to require DNA from all convicted felons. New York work on all convicted misdemeanors continues, as does a more limited misdemeanor bill in Oklahoma. Missouri legislation requires DNA from all registered sex offenders (regardless of conviction date).

**Funding** – Maryland budget includes \$1 million to expand DNA collection. In Texas, the Dallas County Commissioners approved \$830,000 for post conviction review. An Ohio town hopes to receive \$100,000 in federal funds for DNA review of unsolved crimes.

**LEGAL:**

The Vermont Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of requiring DNA from convicted offenders, and the Minnesota Supreme Court is considering the matter. The California Supreme Court is considering a case regarding calculations of random match probabilities on the DNA database ([LA Times article](#), [People v. Nelson](#))

### ***OTHER FORENSIC DNA ISSUES:***

- Post-conviction – Michigan, Louisiana, and Florida are considering legislation to compensate exonerated prisoners. DNA exonerates wrongly convicted prisoners in Michigan, Virginia, New York, and Georgia. Ohio is testing DNA for 30 inmates to prove innocence.
- Colorado legislation would allow a new trial for cases where DNA was lost or destroyed.

***INTERNATIONAL NEWS:*** The United Kingdom is collecting DNA from law enforcement officials. An Australian territory is reviewing and may expand its database program.

- United Kingdom – A match to a female relative identifies a rapist in 1989 case. DNA secured conviction against a rapist and murderer and identified car thief (collected from runny nose). A cold hit identified a murderer (on database for rape & assault arrest)
- New Zealand – DNA exonerated a man in prison for rape.

### ***NEWS ARTICLES:***

1. “Governor releases supplemental budget.” AP Alert – Delaware. April 1, 2008.  
In Maryland, Governor Martin O’Malley’s supplemental budget contained funding for processing DNA samples. The budget includes \$1 million to expand DNA collection to those arrested for violent crimes and burglary. The expansion would also be supported by \$400,000 in federal funds.
2. “Inmate linked by DNA to 1980 strangling in Rochester.” AP Alert – New York. March 31, 2008.  
In New York, the DNA database linked a New York inmate to the 1980 rape and murder of an elderly woman. The man now arrested for the murder submitted a DNA sample to the database after being convicted of sexually assaulting a dozen girls and women in the mid-80s. Through the database, his sample was matched with semen found at the crime.
3. “Bill aims to right wrongful conviction.” The Grand Rapids Press. March 31, 2008.  
The Michigan House of Representatives is considering legislation that would allow prisoners exonerated by DNA to sue the state for at least \$50,000 for each year they spent in prison for the wrongful conviction. The bill also would provide the wrongfully convicted prisoner with up to 10 years of physical and mental health care through the state employee system.
4. “Cops’ DNA to be kept on file.” News of the World. March 30, 2008.  
In the United Kingdom, DNA samples from service personnel, police, and spies are reportedly being collected by the government and submitted to the nationwide database. The samples will help identify those killed in conflicts and clarify forensic evidence at crime scenes.
5. “DNA proposal headed to Maryland Governor.” AP Alert – DC Daybook. April 1, 2008.  
The Maryland House of Representatives has approved a bill requiring that DNA be collected from those arrested for violent crimes. The Senate has already passed the measure. The two chambers will meet to smooth out differences between the bills before sending it the Governor for final approval.
6. “Dallas County approves funding for DNA project.” AP Alert – Texas. April 1, 2008.  
In Texas, the Dallas County Commissions approved two additional years of funding for the Conviction Integrity Unit in the district attorney’s office. Commissioners approved more than \$830,000 for attorney and investigator salaries. A grant from the Justice, Equality, Human Dignity and Tolerance Foundation will contribute more than \$457,000 toward post-conviction DNA testing.
7. “DNA links inmate to 2005 rape, police say.” Pittsburgh Tribune Review. April 1, 2008.  
In Fayette County, Pennsylvania, a match through the DNA database led to rape charges. The accused was linked to the rape after he submitted a DNA sample after begin convicted for an unrelated crime. He has now been charged with rape, three counts of robbery, two counts each of aggravated indecent assault, aggravated

assault, and terroristic threats, and one count each of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse and theft by unlawful taking.

8. "FBI looks at adopting west police's DNA technique." Western Morning News. April 1, 2008.  
The Federal Bureau of Investigation may begin using familial DNA searches to crack unsolved cases. At present, familial searching has been rarely used in the US because crime labs do not have the sophisticated software for such searches. This technique was first adopted in the United Kingdom.
9. "DNA link in attack, court told." The Sydney Morning Herald. April 4, 2008.  
In Australia, DNA collected at the crime scene of an attempted murder matches a suspect's DNA sample. The victim was found semi-conscious and covered in blood in her garage. The case involves several charges, including malicious damage.
10. "40-year prison term for Madison man in UW student rapes." AP Alert – Wisconsin. April 3, 2008.  
In Madison, Wisconsin, DNA evidence has led to a 40-year prison sentence for a man who kidnapped two University of Wisconsin students at knifepoint and raped them in a vacant apartment. DNA evidence from the two rape cases were given priority by the state crime lab and led to the arrest of the attacker within a week of the second abduction. The attacks occurred in November and December of 2006.
11. "Police to get grant for unsolved crimes." Akron Beacon Journal. April 2, 2008.  
In Akron, Ohio, the city council has approved a request to apply for a \$100,000 grant to conduct "cold case" investigations where DNA evidence is involved. The money is being distributed by the Ohio Attorney General's and originates from the US Department of Justice. Without the grant, the city would have to absorb the cost of overtime pay associated with the investigations.
12. "Georgia Senate votes to compensate man cleared in 1985 rape." AP Alert – Georgia. April 2, 2008.  
The Georgia State Senate voted to provide \$1.2 million to a man who spent 22 years in prison after being wrongfully convicted of rape. The man was found guilty of aggravated sodomy, kidnapping and rape and was sentenced to 45 years. He was cleared after the Georgia Innocence Project took on his case. Seven Georgia convicts have been cleared by DNA evidence. In every case, the men were wrongly convicted based on eyewitness accounts.
13. "Senate panel approves expanding DNA criminal database." AP Alert – Kentucky. April 2, 2008.  
A Kentucky Senate panel approved legislation to allow authorities to collect and store DNA samples from all convicted felons. Officials estimate the plan would add between 15,000 and 20,000 DNA samples to the database each year. The panel's action sends the legislation back to the full chamber for consideration.
14. "Spokane man with record linked to 1989 homicide." The Spokesman Review. April 3, 2008.  
DNA taken from the murder scene of a homeless woman in Southern California in 1989 matched a DNA sampled submitted to the database by a Spokane, Washington man with a lengthy criminal record. The man had more than 32 previous convictions, including drug possession, assault, and probation violations.
15. "Buffalo man exonerated after 22 years in prison suing state." AP Alert – New York. April 5, 2008.  
In New York, a man recently exonerated with DNA is suing the state of New York for being wrongfully imprisoned for 22 years for multiple rapes that he did not commit. He hopes to win \$41 million in the lawsuit.
16. "State Senator Aronberg's fight for wrongfully incarcerated Floridian wins Senate approval." US State News. April 3, 2008.  
The Florida Senate passed a bill that provided monetary compensation to a man recently exonerated by DNA after serving 24 years in prison. The legislation would provide the man with \$1.25 million – approximately \$140 for each day he spent in prison.
17. "DNA evidence clears Mexican man jailed on rape charges." AP Alert – California. April 5, 2008.  
In California, DNA cleared a Mexican immigrant who was jailed for more than three months on rape charges. He was arrested three days before Christmas and charged with felony forcible rape after the alleged victim

identified him. However, upon DNA testing, it was determined that his DNA did not match the sample from the rape kit.

18. "Man charged in 1984 Worcester murder." AP Alert – Massachusetts. April 5, 2008.  
In Worcester, Massachusetts, a match through the DNA database identified the murderer of a 79-year-old woman nearly 24 years ago. The man was required to submit a DNA sample to the database after being convicted of sexually assaulting a 12-year-old girl. His sample was then matched with a sample collected from blood found at the crime scene.
19. "Krajcir eluded detection by luck, not skill." AP Alert – Illinois. April 6, 2008.  
In Missouri, DNA led to a confession from a man who committed nine murders in four states. DNA from one of the murders identified him as the killer, and then linked him to the additional eight murders. He has already received an 80-year sentence for two of the killings, and will continue to receive sentences for the other murders. He was included on the database for a 1983 sex assault conviction, and has been in prison ever since. He was finally connected to the cases when Illinois police resubmitted evidence in one case. The match prompted new submissions of evidence from several other cases in the late seventies which were connected to the man.
20. "Police: Suspect's DNA was on slain woman." Seattle Times. April 6, 2008.  
In Washington, DNA found under a victim's fingernails helped identify her murderer. The elderly woman was murdered outside a nursing home. Police collected DNA from multiple employees of the nursing home, and one employee's sample matched DNA found under the victim's fingernails. The man has no other criminal record.
21. "DNA of bank robbery suspect linked to New Haven murder." AP Alert – Connecticut. April 8, 2008.  
In Connecticut, DNA has linked a bank robber to a homicide. The man's DNA was collected when he was arrested for robbing a bank. When compared with the DNA database, his sample matched one collected at a murder scene in January.
22. "Bill requests compensation for a man wrongly imprisoned." AP Alert – Louisiana. April 8, 2008.  
The Louisiana Legislature is considering a bill that would provide \$150,000 in compensation for a wrongfully convicted man. DNA evidence recently exonerated the man after he served 26 years in prison after being found guilty for rape.
23. "Plano police say DNA linked man to string of assaults." AP Alert – Texas. April 8, 2008.  
In Plano, Texas, DNA collected from a shotgun shell belt linked a man to seven sexual assaults. The shotgun shell belt was left at the crime scene of a rape. DNA collected from the belt was matched with multiple sexual assault cases. The shells were later connected with a shot gun purchased by the suspect, identifying the man. The man became a suspect after responding to a report of an attempted robbery of the man's car. Upon arriving at the scene, police noticed the man matched a composite drawing of the home invasion suspect. He is now waiting for a trial.
24. "DNA links thief with gem heist." New York Post. April 8, 2008.  
In New York, DNA evidence collected from a baseball cap at a burglary scene led to the indictment of a 2004 jewel robbery. He allegedly stole more than \$300,000 worth of gems and baubles during the robbery. The crime was committed in the early hours of Jan. 1, 2004 while he was out on bail for a similar theft in 2003. He is thought to be part of a sophisticated band of thieves from Eastern Europe.
25. "Gum could provide DNA evidence in New York rape case against cop." AP Alert – New Jersey. April 7, 2008.  
In New York, DNA collected from chewing gum may serve as crucial evidence in proving rape charges against a police sergeant. The rape victim said her attacker put gum into her mouth during the rape and forced his tongue into her mouth as she chewed it. A request for the officer's DNA has been approved by a judge, who has said that arguments regarding the relevance of the tests should be held for the trial.
26. "Justice at last in 1993 rape case." New York Post. April 5, 2008.

In New York, a match made through the DNA database led to a 107-year prison sentence for a man who raped a woman on her rooftop. The man's DNA sample was submitted to the DNA database when he was convicted for a drug-related crime spree. The database sample was matched with a sample collected from the victim.

27. "Man pleads guilty to raping elderly West Fargo woman." AP Alert – North Dakota. April 9, 2008.  
In North Dakota, DNA led to a guilty plea in the rape and burglary of a 73-year-old woman. Acting on tips, police arrested the man in September in New York and later confirmed his match to the crime through DNA testing. The man was released from a New York jail a year ago after serving a nine-month sentence for trying to sexually assault a 22-year-old woman in the hallway of an apartment building.
28. "Man charged in attack on Kensington woman, 81." Philadelphia Inquirer. April 9, 2008.  
In Pennsylvania, DNA identified a man who attacked and burglarized an 81-year-old woman in her home. Police collected the DNA from a wooden chair leg that the victim hit her assailant over the head with before he fled. He now faces charges of robbery, burglary, theft, and related offenses. The victim was hospitalized in critical condition, she sustained bleeding in her brain, facial fractures, and a broken jaw during the 90-minute ordeal. A few days later the burglar pulled a knife on a man entering his car, demanded money, and began slashing at the car owner before fleeing. The victim later spotted the assailant, who had tears tattooed on his face and distinctive tattoos on his neck. The victim flagged down police and was arrested.
29. "Rapist found guilty 19 years after his crime." Gloucester Citizen. April 8, 2008.  
In the United Kingdom, DNA taken from a female relative identified a man as the attacker in the rape of a woman 19 years ago. The sample taken from the suspect's female relative closely matched a sample taken from the victim's clothing after the rape. He has been found guilty in the crime and will soon face sentencing.
30. "Missouri measure would ensure DNA samples allowed." Daily Record. April 7, 2008.  
In Missouri, a bill requiring sex offenders to retroactively submit personal information if they were convicted before the sex offender registry was created in 1995 was expanded to include the collection of DNA samples. The bill requires a constitutional amendment to pass.
31. "Minnesota Supreme Court: DNA collection challenged as an unreasonable search." Minnesota Lawyer. April 7, 2008.  
The Minnesota Supreme Court is currently considering a challenge to the state statute requiring a DNA sample from anyone convicted of a felony. The U.S. Supreme Court has not decided the question, and every state and federal court that has considered the issue has found similar practices to be constitutional. The case in question involves a man convicted on burglary charges who was later connected to a murder through a hit on the DNA database.
32. "City man convicted of armed robbery." Springfield State Journal-Register. April 3, 2008.  
In Illinois, DNA collected from a cigarette led to the conviction of a man for armed robbery. The cigarette was left at burglary scene and was still smoldering when the police arrived. The man now faces from 6 to 60 years for the crime.
33. "California man convicted of Oregon woman's 1971 murder." AP Alert – Oregon. April 10, 2008.  
A match made through the DNA database has led to a conviction in the murder of an Oregon woman 37 years ago. The man now convicted of the crime was serving an 18-year prison term in California for a series of kidnappings and rapes when his DNA was matched with the homicide.
34. "Philadelphia police release sketch of park rape suspect." AP Alert – Pennsylvania. April 10, 2008.  
In Pennsylvania, a man known as the "Fairmount Park rapist" has been linked to four separate attacks on women through DNA (including a murder). The man remains at large, but police are confident that with the substantial DNA evidence he will be identified.
35. "DNA brings arrest in '91 rape, killing." Columbus Dispatch. April 10, 2008.  
In Ohio, a match through the DNA database has led to an arrest in the murder of a high school student 17 years ago. DNA collected from the victim's body was matched with a DNA sample submitted by a man who had

been convicted in 1991 on two counts of rape, kidnapping, and robbery. He was released in 2000, but it is unclear when the database match was made.

36. "HEART founder urges Congress to reduce DNA case backlogs by reauthorizing the Debbie Smith Act." PR Newswire Europe. April 10, 2008.  
In Washington, DC, the founder of Hope Exists After Rape Trauma (HEART), Debbie Smith, is advocating for the federal reauthorization of the Debbie Smith Act. Without reauthorization, state and local governments will lose federal financial support for forensic DNA analysis after 2009.
37. "DNA ties Texas boy, 15, to rape." St. Paul Pioneer Press. April 10, 2008.  
A match through the DNA database has linked a Texas teenager to a rape in Minnesota. DNA collected from the rape victim was matched with a sample the 15-year-old boy had submitted to the DNA database after confessing to raping another stranger in Texas.
38. "South Beach man gets 12 years for rape." Staten Island Advance. April 11, 2008.  
In New York, a match through the DNA database has led to a guilty plea in the raping of a homeless woman. The man now convicted of the rape is a prolific car thief and was required to submit a DNA sample to the database for a conviction in 2000. His sample was matched with DNA collected from the rape case. The man was previously convicted seven times on a variety of grand larceny counts for stealing cars, and currently is serving two to four years on a separate rap. He was out on parole for six days on July 17, 2006, when he spotted the woman, who was asleep.
39. "Phillipsburg sex assault, robbery get persistent offender 30 years." The Star-Ledger. April 12, 2008.  
In New Jersey, DNA collected from a bandanna has led to a 30-year sentence in the sexual assaulting and robbing of a woman in 2001. The man had tied the victim's hands with the bandanna during the sexual assault. He also had previous sex crime convictions.
40. "Heavy slog on DNA for Virginia's crime lab." Washington Post. April 12, 2008.  
Virginia's state crime lab has spent \$1.4 million searching 534,000 old case files to review DNA evidence that could potentially free wrongfully convicted inmates. The state is testing 316 crime scene DNA samples from the files. Thus far, 10 crime scene samples do not match the DNA of the convict currently in jail for the crime. A budget amendment, passed by the General Assembly last month, directs the state Forensic Science Board to notify felons when physical evidence is found in their files. If Gov. Timothy M. Kaine (D) signs the amendment, the Department of Corrections will be responsible for locating the felons, most of whom have completed their sentences.
41. "States expand taking of DNA." USA Today. April 14, 2008.  
States are dramatically expanding controversial DNA sampling beyond convicted felons to include tens of thousands of suspects arrested on felony charges before they are tried. Twelve states have laws that permit sampling for some or all felony arrests, up from five in 2006. Another 21 are considering such proposals.
42. "DNA match leads to charges in Roland Park home invasion, rape." AP Alert – Delaware. April 15, 2008.  
In Maryland, DNA evidence has linked a man to the rape of an elderly woman. The man was being held at a state treatment facility for mentally ill prisoners when the warrant for his arrest was served. Another man who was a suspect in the case was exonerated when his DNA failed to match samples collected from the victim.
43. "Detroit man out of prison after DNA tests clear him of rape." AP Alert – Michigan. April 15, 2008.  
In Michigan, a man wrongfully convicted of raping a young woman was released from prison after serving 12 years for the crime. He was seen driving the victim's car, which he confessed to stealing; however, said he knew nothing about the rape. The Innocence Project worked to process his DNA sample and prove that he had not raped the young woman, but simply found the car and stole it.
44. "House Judiciary Subcommittee review reauthorization and improvement of DNA initiatives of the Justice for All Act." US Federal News. April 11, 2008.  
In Washington, DC, the House Judiciary Subcommittee conducted a hearing on "the Reauthorization and Improvement of DNA Initiatives of the Justice for All Act of 2004."

45. "Crime Watch." Baltimore Sun. April 16, 2008.  
In Maryland, DNA led to a 20-year sentence for a man who raped a young woman he met at a light rail station. The man had previous convictions in second-degree rape, kidnapping, and battery.
46. "Mothers of Victims Applaud Federal Effort to Collect DNA Upon Arrest." AP Alert – Medical. April 17, 2008.  
Several mothers of murdered children joined together to praise the efforts of US Attorney General Michael Mukasey in bringing forward a rule that will allow forensic DNA testing provisions enacted by Congress in late 2005 to be implemented.
47. "DNA samples to be taken in more arrests." Chicago Tribune. April 17, 2008.  
The U.S. government plans to begin collecting DNA samples from all citizens arrested for federal crimes and many illegal immigrants detained by U.S. authorities. DNA samples from more than a million individuals a year will be added to the federal law-enforcement DNA database.
48. "DNA links man to slaying in 1985." Los Angeles Times. April 17, 2008.  
In California, DNA linked a man to the 1985 stabbing death of a small-time drug dealer. DNA collected from the crime scene was matched to the man now arrested for the murder. The DNA technology was unavailable in 1985 when the crime had occurred.
49. "Lost-DNA-evidence bill clears hurdle." Denver Post. April 23, 2008.  
The Colorado House of Representatives approved a bill allowing new trials in cases where DNA evidence was lost or destroyed. Senate Bill 205 says that in cases where authorities "negligently" lose or destroy biological evidence that was ordered to be tested, a judge must hold a hearing to determine whether a remedy - which could include a new trial - is needed.
50. "Remains identified as woman missing since '05." Morning Call. April 23, 2008.  
In Pennsylvania, the remains of a woman missing since 2005 have been identified and a DNA database match has brought charges in the woman's murder. The man's DNA evidence was found in the victim's car, which was stolen the day she disappeared. His DNA sample had been previously submitted to the DNA database for an unrelated crime. He now faces murder charges.
51. "Inmate, 2002 crime linked." Orlando Sentinel. April 23, 2008.  
In Florida, a match through the DNA database identified a man in a 2002 home invasion case. The man's DNA had been submitted to the database on a previous unrelated convictions; he had been in prison eight times since 1979. His sample was matched with DNA collected from the crime scene.
52. "Bill would widen use of database." The Augusta Chronicle. April 22, 2008.  
The Georgia Legislature has approved a bill that would substantially broaden how law enforcement uses DNA. Currently, prosecutors and crime labs only have the authority to compare DNA from a suspect with DNA evidence collected in that particular crime. Senate Bill 430 would allow the sample to be compared to the statewide DNA database, which currently includes 6,850 unsolved cases. The law allows the comparison to be completed only once per case, and only if requested by a law enforcement agency or a prosecutor. The bill is currently waiting for Governor approval.
53. "Improvements recommended for state crime labs." Seattle Post-Intelligencer. April 22, 2008.  
In Washington, the state's crime labs recently were under investigation. The state's Forensic Investigations Council stated that an employee who falsely certified toxicology test results cast "a cloud of doubt" over the workings of the entire laboratory system. But after making six recommendations for improvement, the group of local government representatives and pathologists who make up the council praised the majority of lab workers as "dedicated, hard-working" and honest.
54. "State DNA files connect suspect to woman's slaying in '05." Star Tribune. April 18, 2008.  
In Minnesota, a match through the DNA database led to charges in the 2005 killing of a woman. The man was required to submit a DNA sample to the database after a felony drunken driving charge. His DNA sample was

then matched to a sample found on a fingernail clipping taken from the victim's body. The man has now been charged with second-degree intentional murder.

55. "Man, 27, admits to sexual assault of 12-year-old girl." Star Tribune. April 17, 2008.  
In Minnesota, a match through the DNA database identified a man who sexually assaulted a 12-year-old girl. Police matched a sample of the man's DNA to traces of DNA on a cigarette butt and bloodstain found at the victim's home. He was previously convicted on other charges involving another 12 year old girl, and still faces charging involving some 14 year olds. He has pleaded guilty to this charge.
56. "Girl of 14 killed by rapist who befriended her family." Daily Mail. April 25, 2008.  
In the United Kingdom, DNA secured a conviction against a man for sexually assaulting and killing a young Polish girl who had just moved into the country. The man had a long criminal record for sex crimes and violence. DNA collected from the man's home matched DNA found at the crime scene.
57. "State widens DNA scanning in cold cases." San Francisco Chronicle. April 26, 2008.  
In California, the Department of Justice will begin to scan its DNA database for near-matches to crime scene samples after an attempt to find an exact match fails. A partial genetic match could suggest to police that the person they're looking for is a relative of a past lawbreaker whose genes are already in the system. The new program contains rules designed to protect genetic privacy, but civil rights organizations raised concerns that the enforcement tool would expose innocent family members to police surveillance and investigation.
58. "WA pushing for stronger DNA laws to fight crime." ABC Premium News. April 28, 2008.  
The state government of Western Australia has announced a review of the Criminal Investigation Act with the aim of strengthening the use of DNA in fighting crime. More than 8,000 criminals have been directly linked to a crime scene through DNA since the Act was introduced in 2002. There have been concerns with DNA samples not being processed, with a 2006 report showing a backlog of 37,000 DNA samples. But the Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan says that has been addressed. "Where we've had DNA introduced in any Western country there have been large amounts of DNA, and there have been backlogs," he said. "We've worked very hard to reduce that, and we've also, as a police service, spent a lot of time trying to reduce the number of non-effective samples that we take."
59. "Joyrider is banned from even touching any car in England after he is caught out by DNA from his runny nose."  
In the United Kingdom, a joyrider has been banned from touching any car in the country after being caught through DNA taken from deposits of his runny nose found on a vehicle. After forensic scientists used the DNA sample to identify him, he was arrested and confessed to 45 more offenses.
60. "Implicated by DNA, KC man admits 1985 murder." Kansas City Star. April 28, 2008.  
In Missouri, a match through the DNA database has led to a guilty plea in a 1985 stabbing murder. The man submitted a DNA sample to the database in 1991 for burglary and theft convictions. His DNA matched DNA from the crime scene. He has now been charged with first-degree murder.
61. "Kyl seeks DNA testing for detained illegal immigrants: Plan would have caught Chandler rapes suspect sooner, Senator says."  
An Arizona U.S. Senator recently sponsored legislation to expand the federal DNA database by having federal agencies collect samples from people arrested under federal authority and from illegal immigrants in federal detention. Sen. Kyl cites a case from Arizona in which several attacks on children could have been prevented if law enforcement had collected DNA from a previous deportation of the suspect. Local police investigating that case said, "We would not be opposed to DNA testing for anyone in police custody for any reason. It could be used much like fingerprinting for all arrested."
62. "30 inmates hope DNA sets them free, Ohio prisoners request new tests." Cleveland Plain Dealer. April 27, 2008.  
In Ohio, there are 30 inmates who are seeking new DNA tests of evidence to prove their innocence. Their requests were filed in common pleas courts across the state in February and March by the Ohio Innocence Project at the University of Cincinnati. Many of the inmates applied for DNA testing under a 2003 law that



allowed tests for felons. It expired in 2005. Only 15 of the more than 300 inmates who applied were approved. Concerns over the old law and the continued need for DNA tests led to a new, broader law with no expiration date.

63. "DNA offers a break in 1985 cold case, man now charged in killing of teen from Ashtabula." Cleveland Plain Dealer. April 27, 2008.  
In Ohio, DNA has confirmed a longtime suspect in a 1985 murder case as the killer. Police found the man with her bank card and her "G" keychain in his pocket, but blood type tests available in 1985 didn't definitively tie him to the rape and strangulation of the 19-year-old. But in 2007 new DNA tests were completed on the evidence and the man is now linked to the crime. The man had been convicted in 1986 of a sexual assault and was released from prison in 2004. Police had been unaware that he was released, but when an officer saw him on the street, the murder case was reopened. He will now go on trial for the murder.
64. "DNA clears man of rape count." New Zealand Press. April 26, 2008.  
In New Zealand, DNA exonerated a man who served two years in prison for the rape of a young woman. Traces of DNA obtained from the victim's cervical swab and fingernail scrapings were re - tested this year using more sensitive techniques , excluding the inmate as the source of the DNA. The Appeal Court highlighted that in a taped interview with the suspectg, the detective gave the impression that DNA evidence implicated him when it did not.
65. "Leahy concerned with proposed DNA database rule." Congressional Documents. April 25, 2008.  
In Washington, DC, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) is urging policy makers to scrutinize a proposed Federal rule that will sanction the collection of DNA from all citizens arrested for Federal crimes. Under the proposal, the personal, genetic information of arrested or detained individuals would be included in the federal DNA database.
66. "DNA bill advances to the Senate." Oklahoman. April 25, 2008.  
The Oklahoma House of Representatives passed legislation that would expand the state's DNA database. Senate Bill 2041 requires a DNA sample be collected from convicted sex offenders or anyone arrested on a felony complaint but found guilty of at least a misdemeanor or any of 20 specific violent misdemeanors. Samples SB 2041 is called "Juli's Law," named for Juli Busken, the University of Oklahoma student killed in 1996 in Norman. The measure passed 94-3. It goes back to the Senate.
67. "DNA match in '96 slaying." Worcester Telegram & Gazette. April 25, 2008.  
In the Massachusetts , a man under arrest for rape and assault submitted a DNA sample and is now connected with a 1996 murder of another woman. The DNA from the rape case was a match in the database to DNA from the murder case. Over the course of the 11 year murder investigation, two other men became suspects in the case but both were excluded through DNA tests.