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The July & August 2008 DNA Resource Report is listed below, along with a summary.

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

- Alabama A cold hit led to an indictment for kidnapping and rape (on database for sexual battery).
- Arizona A cold hit solves a rape and murder.
- California Cold hits identified burglars, and solved rape/murder cases from 1980 (match with Florida felon) and 1985. DNA also led to 4 life sentences for sexual attacks.
- Colorado Cold hits bring charges in a murder (1997) and a sex assault. DNA solves multiple commercial burglary cases. .
- Connecticut A cold hit solves armed robbery of bank (on database for weapons charge).
- Florida A cold hit led to a life sentence for murder (on Georgia database), identified a mother who abandoned infant (on database for driving without a license), linked a man to robbery and murder (on database for drug charge), and identified rapists (1985 crime on database for burglary; on database for drug distribution).
- Illinois DNA linked a man to sex assaults, and identifies underwear thief.
- Iowa A cold hit led to an arrest in home invasion robbery.
- Kansas DNA led to sentencing for 1996 rape of 9-year-old and solved teenage killing.
- Louisiana DNA solved murder and confirmed child rape.
- Maryland Cold hits linked man to 1980 rape (on database for previous rape case) and led to arrest in 1987 rape.
- Massachusetts A cold hit exonerated man and implicated another in rape, led to guilty plea in 1980 murder (on database for breaking and entering). DNA solves jewel robbery.
- Michigan A cold hit leads to rape conviction (on database for assault).
- Minnesota A cold hit identified murderer (on database for drunk driving). DNA touch evidence solved murder (on database for motor vehicle theft).
- Missouri A cold hit identified rapist (on database for rape).
- Nebraska A cold hit solved 1999 murder (on database for sexual assault).
- New Jersey DNA led to a conviction in 1996 stabbing death and identified robber.
- New York A cold hit solved a 1981 murder and a 1986 murder (on database for parole violation)
- North Carolina DNA solves sexual assault case (collected from cigarettes)
- Ohio A DNA match led to murder conviction. A cold hit solved 1996 murder, 1982 murder, and 1990 rape; and connect one man to five separate rapes.
- Oklahoma Cold hits solve a rape (on Arkansas database for burglary), lead to sentencing for rape case, and solve murder (on database for drug conviction).
- Pennsylvania Cold hits led to a life sentence for rape and murder (on database for rape), identified a rapist (on database for intent to deliver drugs), identified killer in 1978 murder (on Virginia database).
- Texas A cold hit solves burglary.

- Washington DNA identifies man in child rape and solves liquor store theft. A cold hit identifies rapist (on California database for auto theft).
- Wisconsin Cold hits identified suspects in stabbing death, 1990 murder, mugging (on database for burglar), and bank robberies (on database for burglary).

POLICY AND FUNDING ISSUES:

Expansion – South Carolina Governor vetoed a bill to require DNA from all felony arrests bill. *Backlog* – Backlogs made headlines in California (San Bernardino County crime lab), and backlogs are seeing decreases in Wisconsin and Maryland.

Funding –The US House of Representatives passed the Debbie Smith Reauthorization Act of 2008. Dallas County, Texas received funding for post-conviction DNA testing; and California and Colorado have received funding for new crime labs. A new lab in South Carolina will be completed soon.

OTHER FORENSIC DNA ISSUES:

- Statute of Limitations Prosecutors in Wisconsin, Oklahoma, and Massachusetts charge John Doe DNA samples with crimes. Texas inmate is exonerated but new suspect cannot be prosecuted because the statute of limitations has passed.
- Exonerations An 18th Texas inmate is cleared through DNA testing. A Tennessee inmate is freed based on DNA testing. Colorado Greeley Police Department stores more DNA evidence to comply with new legislation.
- Task Forces Mississippi created a task force to recommend statewide DNA processing standards. A Texas panel met to discuss lessons learned from recent exonerations from DNA testing.
- The Orange County Sheriff Department's crime lab recently became internationally accredited.
- Urban Institute Justice Policy Center releases report on DNA successes in solving property crimes.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS: Russia may start forming a DNA Databank in 2011. In West Australia, police are building a new lab and seek the authority to collect DNA at arrest, while the national DNA database has doubled in size. In the United Kingdom, there is a bid to remove non-convicted persons' DNA from the database. Uganda has a backlog of 400,000 cases (not necessarily DNA).

- Australia –DNA solves 1984 double murder, and leads to 24-year sentence in brutal attack.
- United Kingdom DNA identified car thief and vandals. A cold hit identified 1981 rapist.
- Taiwan DNA led to arrest of man who committed six sexual assaults.

NEWS ARTICLES:

- "Man indicted in rape." Baton Rouge Advocate. July 1, 2008.
 In Alabama, a cold hit through the national DNA database identified a man who kidnapped and raped a woman. The woman was standing alongside the interstate when the attacker kidnapped and raped her. DNA from the rape kit was submitted to the national database and matched the offender. The man had a previous sexual battery conviction that required him to submit a sample to the database.
- "Sentencing set in cold case homicide." Dayton Daily News. July 1, 2008.
 In Ohio, a DNA match through the database led to the conviction of a man in the murder of a woman. He had previously submitted a DNA sample for sexually assaulting the same woman many

- years earlier. DNA from the murder was matched with a sample the offender submitted to the database for previous charges.
- 3. "Marino suspect in county custody." The Wisconsin State Journal. July 1, 2008. In Wisconsin, a DNA match led to an arrest in the stabbing death of a man. DNA from a knife and other items at the crime scene was matched with a sample submitted by the man now charged with homicide.
- 4. "Police want to take DNA of all suspects." West Australian. July 7, 2008. In West Australia, the police asked the state government for the authority to take DNA from anyone who is arrested, including for minor offenses such as trespassing or disorderly conduct. Police can now take samples only from people charged with or suspected of committing a serious offence that carries a minimum jail sentence of 12 months.
- 5. "County crime lab understaffed: the SID also needs a new facility to keep up with the caseload." Daily Press. July 6, 2008.

 In California, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Scientific Investigation Division has a current backlog if 1,000 cases and the numbers are increasing. The Division provides assistance to investigations by taking photos, conducting ballistic tests, doing chemical analysis, and processing DNA. The SID's current DNA staff can only work on 240 cases a year.
- 6. "Bigger DNA database leads to 1,000 arrests." Advertiser. July 5, 2008. In Australia, the criminal DNA database has doubled in size to 40,000 samples in less than two years, leading to more than 1,000 arrests over the past 12 months. The expansion of the database comes after controversial new laws were introduced enabling police to permanently keep DNA.
- "Great progress at state crime lab." Capital Times. July 4, 2008.
 In Wisconsin, the state crime lab is steadily decreasing its backlog cases by increasing efficiency. In May, the crime lab completed 321 DNA cases, more than three times what was being done during an average month in 2006.
- 8. "DNA cle ars 18th inmate." Dallas Morning News. July 4, 2008.

 In Texas, an 18th inmate has been cleared through DNA testing. The wrongly convicted man was sent to prison 16 years ago when a jury wrongly convicted him of kidnapping, robbery, and rape. The man was incorrectly identified in police lineups as the perpetrator in the crime.
- 9. "DNA helps convict man who stole car." Northern Echo. July 4, 2008.

 In the United Kingdom, DNA evidence from the inside of a stolen car confirmed a conviction against a man who had previously been convicted of three burglaries. The man later admitted to stealing the car and possessing amphetamines.
- 10. "Convicted rapist gets 18 years in separate assault." Kansas City Star. July 3, 2008. In Missouri, a DNA match through the database linked a convicted rapist to another rape. The convict already served 18 years in jail when his DNA was matched to the second rape through the database. He has now been sentenced to an additional 18 years.
- 11. "S. Jersey man sentenced to life in rape and beating." Philadelphia Inquirer. July 3, 2008. In Pennsylvania, DNA evidence linked a man to the stabbing death of a woman. The man stabbed the woman in the lawn of her townhouse, raped her, and then left her to die. He has not confessed to the murder, and an unrelated attempted murder. He has been sentenced to life in prison, plus 51 years.

- 12. "Suspect arrested in brutal August rape." Philadelphia Daily News. July 8, 2008. In Pennsylvania, a DNA match through the national database linked a man to the rape of a young woman who was waiting for the bus. The man was forced to submit a DNA sample for previous charges of possession with the intent to deliver drugs.
- 13. "Murder victim's mother to push DNA bill." Aiken Standard. July 4, 2008. In South Carolina, the Governor vetoed a bill that would have allowed police officers to take DNA from a suspect at the time of an arrest. The mother of a victim has been a strong advocate for the bill, and says they will work on the legislation again next year.
- 14. "Tennessee inmate freed after 22 years on death row." Charleston Gazette. July 4, 2008. In Tennessee, an inmate was freed after the court found that he would not have been convicted based on DNA evidence that emerged years after his trial. However, the inmate still had to make bail, which was paid by an anonymous donor.
- 15. "Governor O'Malley announces 1,000th DNA database hit, unveils new armored tactical vehicle for state police." US State News. July 8, 2008.
 In Maryland, Governor Martin O'Malley announced that a more efficient DNA database has resulted in the 1,000th positive comparison. This is a substantial step in eliminating the backlog of over 24,000 DNA samples.
- 16. "DNA implicates man in 2005 burglary." The Orange County Register. June 28, 2008. In California, a match through the DNA database identified a man who burglarized an electronics manufacturing company, taking approximately \$15,000 worth of electronic equipment in 2005. DNA from blood found at the scene was submitted to the database, where it was matched with the suspect. The man was in custody at the Orange County jail after being convicted for unrelated burglaries.
- 17. "Accused robber's DNA on cable ties, court told." Western Australian. July 10, 2008. In Australia, DNA evidence identified a man who committed armed robbery against a restaurant. The men tied the staff up with plastic cables and stole \$6,000. DNA found on the plastic cable ties identified one of the robbers.
- 18. "State acts to fix DNA system Task force to study collection of evidence." Memphis Commercial Appeal. July 9, 2008.
 In Mississippi, lawmakers created a 23-member task force that's expected to present a report by Dec.
 1. The members will recommend statewide standards for identification, collection and preservation of DNA, as well as training for law enforcement officers and others who handle that kind of evidence.
- 19. "Man pleads guilty in 1998 rape." Worcester Telegram & Gazette. July 8, 2008. In Massachusetts, a DNA match through the database identified a man who raped a college student in 1998. DNA evidence collected from the rape was matched with the DNA profile of a convicted felon. The man was required to submit a DNA sample after being convicted of unarmed robbery. The man was in prison when the match was made.
- 20. "Backlog hinders DNA tracking system." Virginia Pilot and Ledger-Star. July 11, 2008. The nationwide DNA database is hindered by a substantial backlog. An estimated 200,000 to 300,000 DNA samples from convicted offenders nationwide were still waiting to be added to the federal government's database in 2003. Since then, the total number of offender profiles in the FBI's

- Combined DNA Index System has grown nearly fourfold, from 1.5 million to 5.8 million. But experts believe the backlog is still as big as ever because more states have begun requiring DNA samples from defendants.
- 21. "More than 80,000 on DNA database." Torquay Herald Express. July 10, 2008. In the United Kingdom, a bid has been launched at Westminster aimed at forcing the Government to remove details of law-abiding residents from a controversial DNA database. There are currently more than 80,000 people, including nearly 3,200 children who have their genetic details held on a national archive despite many never having been convicted of a crime.
- 22. "Man in prison accused of slaying jeweler in 1991." Chicago Tribune. July 12, 2008. In Illinois, a DNA match through the database identified the man who killed a prominent jewelry store owner while robbing his home. The man had multiple previous convictions, having spent only a year and a half out of prison since he was 17. He was serving a 22-year sentence for armed robbery when his DNA was matched with DNA collected at the murder scene.
- 23. "Man charged in Rogers Park rape." Chicago Tribune. July 11, 2008.

 In Illinois, DNA linked a man to the rape of one woman and the attempted rape of a second woman.

 The man attacked the first woman in the laundry room of her building, and forced his way into the residence of the other. He has now been charged with the crimes.
- 24. "DNA evidence leads to suspect in '96 slaying ex-resident of Trenton charged in stabbing." The Times. July 11, 2008.
 In New Jersey, DNA evidence identified the killer in the stabbing death of a woman in 1996. The killer was allegedly an acquaintance of the victim and had previously been a person in question. However, recent DNA evidence matched him to the crime, securing a conviction for the crime.
- 25. "DNA leads to rape arrests." Appeal-Democrat. July 12, 2008.

 In California, DNA evidence led to the arrest of two men in the kidnapping and rape of a women.

 The two men removed the woman from her apartment and raped her over several hours. They have both been charged with multiple crimes relating to the incident.
- 26. "Georgia man gets life after DNA ties him to murder." Orlando Sentinel. July 12, 2008. In Florida, a match through the DNA database linked a Georgia man to a brutal murder in 1997. The victim's nude and battered body was found by her son. DNA from semen found at the scene was connected with a Georgia man who had previous unrelated convictions. He has been sentenced to life in prison for the crime.
- 27. "Senate passes State Sen. Defrancisco's bill to allow law enforcement officials to collect DNA upon arrest." US State News. June 10, 2008.

 In New York, State Sen. John A. DeFrancisco announced that his bill (S6726A) to allow for the collection of DNA samples upon an individual's arrest, has passed the New York State Senate.
- 28. "DNA test snares thug in '83 slay." New York Daily News. July 13, 2008.

 In New York, a match through the DNA database led to charges in a 1983 murder of a mother of four. DNA evidence from the crime scene was matched with a man who had served time for previous crimes. He violated his parole and was forced to submit a DNA sample, which was then matched with this murder, and an additional murder in 1986.
- 29. "Rapist jailed indefinitely for savage 1981 attack." Bristol Evening Post. July 11, 2008.

In the United Kingdom, a DNA match identified a man who raped a woman in 1981. The man broke into the woman's apartment and subjected her to a sex attack in which he pressed his thumbs into her eyes. DNA from the rape was matched 26 years later to the attacker, who pled guilty to the crime. He has been sentenced with a discretionary life sentence.

30. "Lone Tree arrests man in rape of teen, citing DNA hit." Denver Rocky Mountain News. July 15, 2008.

In Colorado, a DNA match identified a man who sexually assaulted a teenage girl while she was returning a library book. He shoved her into a car and assaulted and robbed her. DNA from the attack was matched to the man's DNA submitted to the database from previous convictions. Police had arrested him on an unrelated offense later the night of the attack and was in ja il when the match was made.

- 31. "Bar criminal history, man asks: He is charged in woman's slaying in Easton in 1978." The Morning Call. July 15, 2008.
 - In Pennsylvania, a DNA match identified a man with a lengthy criminal record to the 1978 murder of a woman. The woman was found face down, with her hands bound behind her back and her mouth and nose covered with masking tape. The DNA database matched DNA from the crime scene to the man. He had submitted a DNA sample after being convicted as a violent sex offender in Virginia.
- 32. "Congress passes Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee's DNA Reform Amendment." Congressional Documents. July 14, 2008.

Congress passed H.R. 5057 Debbie Smith Reauthorization Act of 2008. This legislation included an amendment, which requires the Comptroller General to evaluate the integrity and security of DNA collection and storage practices and procedures at a sample of crime laboratories throughout the country to determine the extent to which DNA samples are tampered with or are otherwise contaminated in such laboratories.

- 33. "Man sentenced to 26 years for strangling woman in 2005." Star Tribune: Newspaper of the Twin Cities. July 11, 2008.
 - In Minnesota, a DNA match through the database identified the man who strangled a woman to death in 2005. DNA collected from the fingernails of her body was collected and submitted to the database. The man who killed her had a previous drunk driving conviction and was required to submit a DNA sample. The database matched the man to the crime.
- 34. "DNA links defendant to 2 rapes, DA says." Boston Globe. July 18, 2008. In Massachusetts, DNA exonerated one man in a rape case, and implicated another. The man who committed the rape, and an additional three rapes, submitted a DNA sample when he served time for previous unrelated convictions.
- 35. "DNA database finds vandal one year on." Frome and Somerset Standard. July 17, 2008. In the United Kingdom, a resident was targeted by vandals and had windows broken in their home. DNA from the crime scene was collected and inputted into the DNA database. The database eventually matched the crime with the offender.
- 36. "Crime lab first in state to get world ranking." The Orange County Register. July 17, 2008. In California, the Orange County Sheriff Department's crime lab recently became the only internationally accredited full- service crime laboratory in the state. Accreditation is a voluntary program, but it demonstrates the crime laboratory meets establishment standards for its operational, technical and documentation procedures.

- 37. "KC man sentenced in '96 rape of 9-year-old." Kansas City Star. July 18, 2008. In Kansas, DNA led to sentencing in the 1996 rape of a 9-year-old girl. The girl was abducted, sexually assaulted, and then returned. The man was convicted of four counts of sodomy and rape and has been sentenced to 20 years in prison.
- 38. "Local DNA exonerations come under microscope Conference included cleared convicts, lawmakers, judge, DA." Dallas Morning News. July 20, 2008.

 A panel organized by U.S. Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson addressed the use of DNA testing to clear those wrongfully convicted of crimes and the lessons that have been learned through the 18 exonerations that have recently taken place in Dallas County.
- 39. "DNA swoop breakthrough in mother-daughter murder 24 years on." Herald Sun. July 22, 2008. In Australia, a match through the DNA database identifies the killer of a mother and daughter 24 years ago. DNA could not be collected from the crime scene in 1984 when they were killed; however, with advances in DNA technology the evidence was reanalyzed and DNA extracted. The crime scene DNA was then matched to a man through the nationwide database.
- 40. "Slain woman, 90, was robbed: St Paul ex-con charged with murder." St Paul Pioneer Press. July 19, 2008.
 In Minnesota, the murder of a 90-year-old woman is solved using touch DNA evidence. The woman was stabbed to death by a man who broke into her home to rob her. DNA evidence could be lifted from the victim's elbow and submitted to the database. The sample was matched with a man who has previously served time for motor vehicle thefts.
- 41. "Police face huge backlog of cases." Financial Times Limited. July 18, 2008. In Uganda, police have accumulated a backlog of over 400,000 cases in the last seven years, according to police statistics. A total of 418,000 complaints registered since 2000 were still under investigation by the end of 2007.
- 42. "Witness, DNA lead to shooting suspects." Miami Herald. July 23, 2008.

 In Florida, a drive-by shooting in 2007 is solved with the help of DNA evidence. The car used in the shooting was a rental; when it was returned to the rental place a Gatorade bottle was found inside and DNA evidence was extracted from saliva on the bottle. The sample was linked to a convicted drug peddler.
- 43. "DNA links inmate to '80 rape." Baltimore Sun. July 22, 2008. In Maryland, a DNA match links an inmate to the 1980 rape of a woman. The man broke into the woman's home and held a knife to her throat while sexually assaulting her. DNA from the crime was matched to a DNA sample in the database. The man who submitted the DNA sample had a previous rape conviction. He was serving prison time when the match was made.
- 44. "DNA tests can solve property crimes." Seattle Post-Intelligencer. July 22, 2008.

 Researchers say they've shown DNA analysis could revolutionize property crime investigations, bringing the technology's benefits to far more people than are touched by headline-grabbing violence.
- 45. "Cold case killer gets like without parole." The Orange County Register. July 4, 2008. In California, a DNA match linked an inmate to the 1985 rape and murder of a young woman. The woman's body was found bruised and battered in a nearby industrial area. DNA from her body was collected, but DNA technology was not available in 1985. With advances in science, the DNA could

- finally be extracted from the evidence and submitted to the database. It was matched to a convicted sex offender who has now been charged with the murder.
- 46. "Condom, cigarette linked to suspect." New Orleans Times Picayune. July 24, 2008
 In Louisiana, DNA evidence helped secure a conviction in the 2001 murder of a woman. The woman was found murdered in her home. DNA evidence from a condom at the scene matched the DNA of a suspect, a man whose wife left him at the encouragement of the victim.
- 47. "DNA found on hat leads to arrest of suspected car thief." The News Tribune. July 24, 2008. In Washington, DNA evidence helped identify one of two car thieves who stole a car and then pointed a rifle at a tropper during a pursuit. The thief is expected to soon be charged.
- 48. "Nebraska inmate charged in 1977 homicide." Omaha World-Herald. July 24, 2008. In Nebraska, a DNA match linked an inmate to the sexual assault and murder of a young woman. The state crime lab in 1999 determined that hairs found on the woman's nightgown were similar to hair samples from a man who was serving time on unrelated sexual assault case.
- 49. "Man pleads guilty to KC teen's murder." Wichita Eagle. July 24, 2008.

 In Kansas, DNA evidence identified a man who abducted, sexually assaulted, and killed a teenage girl. The man's DNA was found on a stain inside the zipper flap of the victim's shorts. He had previous charges of engaging in consensual sex with a 14-year-old. The man pleaded guilty to the crime and was sentenced to life in prison.
- 50. "Sex offender tied to 1990 murder by DNA is guilty." Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. July 23, 2008. In Wisconsin, a match in the DNA database identified an inmate as the killer in a 1990 strangulation murder. DNA was collected from semen found on the victim's body and was submitted to the database. It was matched with an inmate who has been in prison since 1992 for sexually abusing a child. He faces up to 20 years in prison for murder.
- 51. "Man pleads guilty to robbing KFC manager." The Press of Atlantic City. July 23, 2008. In New Jersey, DNA helped identify a man who attacked a KFC employee who was headed to the bank to deposit \$5,200. DNA from blood collected at the scene of the attack linked the man to the crime. He has pleaded guilty to the robbery.
- 52. "DNA leads to arrest in 1996 rape case." San Francisco Chronicle. July 25, 2008.

 In California, a match through the DNA database led to an arrest in a 1996 rape case. The victim was sleeping in her home when a man broke in and raped her repeatedly. DNA evidence at the crime scene was matched to man who has now been charged with 6 counts of rape, one count of sodomy and sexual assault.
- 53. "Serial sex offender arrested for six assaults in Taoyuan." China Post. July 26, 2008. In Taiwan, DNA evidence led to the arrest of a man who committed six sexual assaults. The victim of the most recent sexual assault reported to police immediately following the attack, allowing DNA evidence to be collected from saliva he left on her body. Police then arrested the suspect and he has been charged in six sexual assaults.
- 54. "Man, 48, is indicted in '96 strangulation." Cleveland Plain Dealer. July 25, 2008. In Ohio, a DNA match in the database identified a man who strangled a woman in 1996 and left her body lying under some bushes on a cushion like those used by homeless in the area. Police collected DNA from vaginal swaps and piece of tissue. This was matched to a man who had previously

- submitted a sample to the DNA database for a drug possession, felonious assault, and domestic violence.
- 55. "Man arrested in 2005 home invasion." Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier. July 25, 2008. In Iowa, a DNA match led to an arrest in a 2005 home invasion robbery. The man's DNA was matched to a ski mask in May 2008. Police recently apprehended him after stopping him for a traffic violation.
- 56. "New state law requires more evidence storage." Greeley Tribune. July 27, 2008. In Colorado, the Greeley Police Department stores 30,000 pieces of evidence a year, and with new legislation requiring DNA evidence to be stored for the lifetime of a defendant, that number could go up and cost taxpayers a little more.
- 57. "Arrest made in 1987 rape." Baltimore Sun. July 29, 2008.

 In Maryland, a DNA match led to an arrest in a 1987 rape. The man had been convicted of first-degree rape in 1988 and was required to submit a DNA sample to the database. He was later linked to the case through DNA evidence that had been preserved from the crime scene. He has now been charged with first-degree rape and three counts of first-degree sex offense.
- 58. "Crime labs received an estimated 2.7 million cases in 2005." Justice Department Documents. July 29, 2008.

 Federal, state and local forensic crime labs received evidence from an estimated 2.7 million criminal investigations during 2005, according to a report by the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS). These cases included requests for a variety of forensic services, such as DNA analysis, controlled substance identification and fingerprint examination.
- 59. "DNA busts UW robbery suspects 2 years later." Capital Times. July 28, 2008. In Wisconsin, a DNA match on the database led to the arrest of a man and woman in a 2006 campus mugging at University of Wisconsin. The DNA was recently matched to one of the suspects through a previous burglary conviction.
- 60. "Rapist jailed for seven years." Gloucestershire Echo. June 5, 2008.

 In the United Kingdom, a familial DNA match linked a man to the rape of a woman in 1989. A DNA sample from a relative submitted after committing a motoring offense, was a close match to DNA collected from the rape victim's skirt, leading police to the man. Once the man was located, the DNA was confirmed as a match. He has now been sentenced to seven years in prison.
- 61. "DNA match leads to suspect in '82 slaying." Columbus Dispatch. June 6, 2008. In Ohio, a DNA match through the database identified an inmate as the killer in a 1982 fatal shooting. The man was serving time for the 1984 murder of a teenage girl in West Virginia when DNA from the 1982 shooting was reanalyzed and submitted to the DNA database and matched with the inmate's sample. He is waiting extradition to be tried for the crime.
- 62. "Dallas County DA's office gets grant for DNA tests." The Dallas Morning News. June 6, 2008. In Texas, the Dallas County district attorney's office received a \$453,900 grant to aid its review of requests for post-conviction DNA testing. The grant will fund DNA testing, three positions at the Innocence Project of Texas, computers and travel expenses.
- 63. "Richland man's DNA linked to rape of girl." Post Standard. June 5, 2008. In Washington, DNA identified a man who raped a child. The man allegedly had sex with a girl multiple times when she was only 10 or 11 years old. Police investigated the crime for nearly two

- years before DNA evidence identified the man. He has been released on bail and will face trial for the crimes within the month.
- 64. "DNA on bottle led to charge." Sentinel. June 5, 2008.

 In the United Kingdom, DNA evidence collected from a milk bottle led to burglary charges. The burglar stole 12 ornamental horses from a house and took a swig from a milk bottle on the doorstep before leaving the crime scene. Through the database, police linked DNA from the milk bottle. He has been sentenced for two years for the crime.
- 65. "DNA evidence leads to charges against Benton Harbor man in 2003 rape of teenager." Kalamazoo Gazette. June 4, 2008.

 In Michigan, a DNA match through the database linked a man to the 2003 rape of a teenage girl. The man submitted a DNA sample in 2006 when he was convicted of assault with a dangerous weapon. His sample was matched with DNA evidence from the crime scene. Since being confronted with the DNA match, he has confessed to the rape. He will be sentenced within the month.
- 66. "Man guilty of 1980 slaying." The Orange County Register. June 3, 2008.

 In California, DNA identified a Florida convict as the attacker in the 1980 rape and murder of a woman who was feeding her neighbors' cats. DNA from the victim's body was matched with the inmate's DNA sample that he submitted for previous convictions. He has now been convicted of first-degree murder and is awaiting sentencing.
- 67. "DNA match leads to arrest in baby's death." Tampa Tribune. May 23, 2008.

 In Florida, a match through the DNA database identified a mother who abandoned her newborn child in a trash bin in 2006. Police matched DNA from the placenta with a sample the mother had submitted to the database after driving without a license. She has now been charged with aggravated manslaughter for the infant's death.
- 68. "Circleville man indicted in 1990 slaying of woman, 83." Columbus Dispatch. June 7, 2008. In Ohio, a DNA match through the database confirmed a suspect in the 1990 rape and murder of an elderly woman. The woman was found dead in her bedroom; she had been beaten, raped, strangled, and her breast had a bite mark. The man is one of two suspected attackers, and was identified after he submitted DNA to the database for numerous crimes, including burglary and theft. Police will continue to look for the second perpetrator.
- 69. "Shoe fits the crime." Albany Times Union. June 6, 2008.

 In New York, DNA collected from sneakers left at the crime scene led to an arrest in a home burglary. A burglar left his shoes at the crime scene after removing them before entering the home. Police matched DNA from the sneakers with a sample the offender had submitted on previous burglary charges, when he was caught through muddy footprints he left at the crime scene.
- 70. "Felon tied to pistol by DNA gets 6-year prison term." Albany Times Union. June 6, 2008. In New York, following a tip, police recovered a gun from a convicted felon's grandmother's home. DNA from the gun was matched with a sample the convicted felon had previously submitted. He has now been sentenced to six years in prison for weapons possession.
- 71. "DNA links inmate to five rapes in '90s" Cleveland Plain Dealer. June 6, 2008. In Ohio, DNA linked a felon previously convicted of sex crimes to five separate rapes. He was originally convicted of raping a teenage girl. Once his DNA was submitted to the database, it was matched with 5 additional rapes.

- 72. "Man given 10 years in '05 rape." Tulsa World. June 6, 2008.

 In Oklahoma, DNA identified the attacker in a 2005 rape of a teenager. The girl was sleeping in her room when her attacker broke in and raped her. Her attacker was identified through the database after submitting a DNA sample in 2007 after being convicted of burglary in Arkansas. His DNA was matched with evidence from the crime scene.
- 73. "City man sentenced for assault." The Daily News. June 7, 2008.

 In North Carolina, DNA helped identify a man who sexually assaulted a woman last year. He allegedly followed her down a walking trail and then drug her to a more secluded area and forced her to perform sexual acts. His DNA was found on cigarettes in the secluded area where the woman reported being raped.
- 74. "Man found guilty of raping girl, 9, gets 500 years." The Daily Oklahoman. June 7, 2008. In Oklahoma, a match in the DNA database solved the 1999 rape of a 9-year-old girl. The man submitted a sample to the database in late 2006 and it matched evidence collected from the crime scene. He has now been sentenced to 500 years for the crime.
- 75. "More DNA sampling ahead: Plans by state, U.S. to test felony suspects will aid justice, prosecutors say." The Sacramento Bee. June 8, 2008.

 In California, DNA collection is changing. California will begin collecting DNA from arrestees of serious crimes, include familial searches in the database, and increase the number of crime scene samples in the database.
- 76. "DNA on victim's body led Sarasota officials to arrest a suspect." Sarasota Herald Tribune. June 7, 2008.
 In Florida, a match through the DNA database linked a man who was going to trial on unrelated shoplifting charges to a robbery and murder. The man allegedly robbed a home and in the process killed the owner. DNA collected from under the victim's fingernails matched a DNA sample submitted to the database by the robber for previous crimes.
- 77. "Authorities say inmate is serial rapist." Akron Beacon Journal. June 10, 2008. In Ohio, a match through the DNA database linked an inmate to 6 separate rape cases involving elderly women. He is now charged with six counts of rape, six counts of aggravated burglary, felonious assault, seven counts of attempted rape, four counts of gross sexual imposition and disrupting public service.
- 78. "DNA links man to 1992 rape." Miami Herald. June 11, 2008.

 In Florida, a match through the DNA database led to an arrest in a 1992 kidnapping, rape, and armed sexual assault. The man had a criminal history for domestic battery and battery on an elderly person, and was in the convicted offender database from previous arrests. His DNA sample was matched with crime scene evidence.
- 79. "Rape victims relive ordeal on first day of testimony." Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. June 11, 2008. In Pennsylvania, a match through the DNA database has identified the "East End Rapist" who attacked five women after breaking into their homes. The man had served time in prisons for a burglary charge, however, at that time, DNA was not collected from burglary felons. After he broke his parole and was sent back to prison, the law had changed to include all felons and his DNA was collected and matched to the East End Rapist samples.
- 80. "Lewisville police use DNA to identify burglary suspect." The Dallas Morning News. June 10, 2008.

In Texas, a DNA match through the database identified a suspect in the continuous burglary of a boat dealership. The boating store has been burglarized three times in the three months prior to the final burglary. Finally, the burglary left behind a DNA trail that allowed police to identify a previously convicted felon as the burglar. Police have been unable to locate the felon thus far.

- 81. "John Doe faces rape trial." Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. June 10, 2008.

 In Wisconsin, a DNA match through the database identified a man in four separate rape attacks dating back to 1994. In 2000, the district attorney charged the John Doe DNA profile with the rapes to extend the statute of limitations. Now, the rape samples have been matched to a convicted felon in Chicago through the DNA database.
- 82. "DNA links inmate to old rape case." Miami Herald. June 11, 2008.

 In Florida, a match through the DNA database implicates an inmate in a 1985 rape case. The DNA match was made when the man was serving prison time for drug, burglary, and grand theft convictions. He has now been charged with kidnapping, sexual battery, and robbery for the 1985 attack.
- 83. "DNA evidence saves millions in Denver crime costs." Denver Business Journal. June 17, 2008. In Denver, Colorado, DNA has been used in the prosecution of commercial and residential burglaries, resulting in higher prosecution rates and significantly longer sentences for convicted burglars. In Denver's commercial burglaries, prosecutions using DNA evidence resulted in average prison sentences 27 times longer than in cases without DNA evidence -- a 4.6-year average with DNA versus 2 months without.
- 84. "DNA helps crack two crimes." Island Packet. June 17, 2008.

 In South Carolina, DNA evidence linked a man to two store robberies and stealing a car. Police apprehended the man in one burglary and took a DNA sample from him. His DNA sample was then matched with crime scene samples from two additional burglaries. His accomplice was later identified through DNA after being caught in Virginia for another crime.
- 85. "Vitter introduces DNA bill." Baton Rouge Advocate. June 16, 2008.

 In the United States Congress, U.S. Sen. David Vitter introduced legislation that would require every state to collect DNA samples from convicted felons. The evidence could then be put into a state or federal database.
- 86. "DNA profile in 1993 rape case stops clock on statute of limitations." Worcester Telegram & Gazette. June 15, 2008.

 In Massachusetts, the statute of limitations was extended for the rape of a woman in 1993 by charging a John Doe DNA sample. If the documented DNA profile in question is matched to a specific person, whether it's tomorrow or 30 years from now, the defendant will be arraigned and the case will take its course. The same DNA profile is linked to a 1992 murder.
- 87. "Panel approves bill to create federal DNA program." CQ Committee Coverage. June 11, 2008. In the United States Congress, the House Judiciary Committee approved a bill aimed at convicting rapists based on DNA evidence, after adopting a contentious amendment that would provide incentives to states to collect DNA samples from anyone arrested for murder or a sex crime.
- 88. "U.S. to wide collection of crime suspects." International Herald Tribune. April 18, 2008. The U.S. government plans to collect DNA samples from every citizen arrested in connection with a federal crime and from many immigrants detained by federal officers. The government's current

- practice is to collect DNA only from those convicted of federal crimes. Thirteen states now collect DNA samples upon arrest and turn them over to the federal government.
- 89. "MP in law-abiding DNA database removal call." South Wales Evening Post. June 14, 2008. In the United Kingdom, a proposal has been launched aimed at forcing the Government to remove the details of law abiding South Wales citizens from the controversial DNA database. The details of more than 111,000 people in South Wales, including almost 3,000 children, are currently being held on the DNA database despite many never having been convicted of a crime.
- 90. "Plea deal looks possible in Chase murder in Colorado." Advocate. June 14, 2008. In Colorado, a DNA match through the database linked a man to the 1997 murder of woman. He now faces charges of first-degree murder, kidnapping, and sexual assault for the death.
- 91. "24-year jail term for horror attack." Mercury. June 14, 2008.

 In Australia, DNA collected from a 2005 attack led to a 24-year jail term for attempted murder. The man bludgeoned the victim with a pair of fibrocutters and left her for dead in a pool of blood, doused in petrol. He then lit the house on fire, hoping it would destroy any evidence. But tiny swabs of DNA found on a petrol tin lid in the garage and on the victim's bed rails, that were eventually linked the man. The victim is now permanently brain damaged and unable to study, work or live independently.
- 92. "Killer of 4 Missouri women admits to Pennsylvania death." St-Louis Dispatch. June 14, 2008. A serial killer who was identified in Missouri, has confessed to killing another woman in Pennsylvania. He has been in prison for sex crimes since 1983 and confessed to the murders after receiving assurances he wouldn't face the death penalty.
- 93. "DNA leads to '04 rape arrest." Bradenton Herald. June 20, 2008.

 In Florida, a match through the DNA database identified a man who kidnapped, raped, and robbed a teenage girl in 2004. The man was convicted for selling cocaine and was forced to submit a DNA sample to the database. His sample was matched with DNA evidence collected from the rape.
- 94. "Man convicted of robbing bank twice." Wisconsin State Journal. June 19, 2008. In Wisconsin, a man was convicted of robbing a bank twice after DNA evidence from the crime scene was matched with a sample he was forced to submit. DNA from a pink glove he was seen throwing away, matching gloves he wore during the second robbery, linked him to the crimes. He now faces up to 82 years in prison.
- 95. "Suspect in attack on girl, 12, tries to explain DNA." Buffalo News. June 18, 2008. In New York, DNA has identified a suspect in the recent rape of a 12-year-old girl. The girl was abducted while walking home and taken to a vacant building, where she drank a fluid and passed out. When she woke up, she was half naked and alone. A man's DNA has been found in the vacant building. He is currently on trial for the crime.
- 96. "Terrytown man found guilty of child rape." New Orleans Times Picayune. June 19, 2008. In Louisiana, DNA helped confirm that a man raped a 6-year-old girl. The man was an acquaintance of the girl's mother; the mother woke up from a nap and found the man raping her daughter. DNA found on the girl confirmed the mother's story that the man had raped her.
- 97. "DNA sample implicates inmate in 1985 rape." Houston Chronicle. June 18, 2008. In Texas, a DNA sample that freed a wrongly convicted man has now implicated another man in the 1985 rape of a woman. While the man has confessed to the rape, he will not be charged because the

- statute of limitations has expired. He was convicted in a separate case of aggravated sexual assault after a 1986 rape and burglary and sentenced to 30 years in prison. He served 20 years before being paroled in January 2006.
- 98. "Gunman in Jewelry heist gets 21 years." Advocate. June 18, 2008.

 DNA has linked a man to multiple jewelry robberies in Massachusetts and Connecticut. During one robbery he filled a backpack with nearly \$5 million worth of jewels. When he fled the crime scene, he dropped the backpack containing the stolen jewelry. The backpack provided investigators a DNA sample that eventually linked him to the crime, as well as multiple other jewelry store robberies.
- 99. "28 victims, 14 years for rapist." Herald Sun. June 18, 2008.

 In Australia, police have identified a rapist and sexual assaulter who has 28 victims, ranging from ages 12 to 89. Police linked him to the crimes through DNA left on a hair tie found in the yard of a nursing home. He has pleaded guilty for 46 charges and has been sentenced to 14 years in jail.
- 100. "Man pleads guilty in Camas liquor store robbery." Columbian. June 17, 2008. In Washington, DNA led to a guilty plea for first-degree theft in the robbery of a liquor store at gunpoint. A car used in the crime was found after the theft, and cash and clothing left in the car contained DNA evidence. The DNA was linked to a man who had moved to Nebraska since the robbery.
- 101. "DNA more effective than fingerprints in solving property crimes." US Federal News. June 16, 2008.

Researchers from the Urban Institute's Justice Policy Center find analyzing DNA evidence from property crime scenes helps identify suspects in twice as many cases, yields twice as many arrests, and leads to prosecution more than twice as often, compared to cases built only on more traditional evidence, such as eyewitness identification and fingerprints.

- 102. "Murder chard filed in 1985 El Reno killing." The Daily Oklahoman. June 20, 2008. In Oklahoma, DNA has led to murder charges in the stabbing death of a 95-year-old man. DNA taken from blood at the crime scene matched that of a convicted felon. The man had previously been convicted on second-degree murder and was required to submit a DNA sample.
- 103. "\$500,000 earmarked for regional crime lab." Greeley Tribune. June 20, 2008. In Colorado, the federal government earmarked \$500,000 toward building a regional crime lab. Sen. Wayne Allard, R-Loveland, along with Weld Sheriff John Cooke and other regional law enforcement officials have been working to create a northern Colorado regional crime lab to test DNA evidence and other more complicated procedures for the cities and towns of northern Colorado.
- 104. "CSI Lowcountry style: Sheriff's office will open its own DNA lab this fall." Island Packet. June 21, 2008.

In South Carolina, the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office is on pace to create its own DNA lab by the fall, becoming just the second local law enforcement agency in the state with the ability to analyze DNA.

105. "DNA nicks pervert thief, 14 years on." Lincolnshire Echo. June 21, 2008.

In Illinois, a man who broke into 35 homes and stole women's underwear and using it to gratify himself has been caught through a match in the DNA database. The man was recently arrested on an unrelated matter and submitted a DNA sample the database. His sample matched samples collected from the crime scenes. He has been sentenced to three years in jail.

106. "Man caught by DNA two years after attacking Bellingham woman." Bellingham Herald. June 24, 2008.

In Washington, a match through the DNA database linked a California man to a rape. The man was serving time in jail for unrelated charges of auto theft, receiving stolen property, and possessing stolen tools when the match was made. He has now been sentenced to 45 months for the crime.

107. "Rapist gets 18 years." Capital Times. June 23, 2008.

In Wisconsin, a DNA match through the database led to an 18-year sentence in the rape of a woman. He raped her multiple times, physically abused her, and demanded she shower to make sure none of his DNA would be left behind. However, police were able to extract DNA from a dress and bra ripped from the victim. This DNA was matched to the man's DNA sample through the database. He has previously submitted a sample on a charge of burglary and another rape.

108. "Massive forensic centre to tackle six-month DNA test backlog." West Australian. June 26, 2008.

In West Australia, police are planning to create a massive forensic science centre in a bid to reduce the current backlog of DNA testing which has seen officers wait up to six months for the return of samples.

- 109. "Teenager gets 4 life terms for sexual attacks." The Orange County Register. June 14, 2008. In California, DNA evidence confirmed the identity of a teenage boy who sexually attacked four younger and smaller boys in his neighborhood. All four boys identified Avina as their attacker. His DNA matched samples in two sexual assaults. He has now been sentenced to four life terms for the attacks.
- 110. "Man charged in 2004 slaying." The Daily Oklahoman. July 1, 2008. In Oklahoma, DNA evidence led to charges in the killing of a man in 2004. The man was beaten to death in his apartment. DNA was collected from cigarette butts at the crime scene and was matched through the DNA database. The man had previously submitted a DNA sample for a drug conviction.
- 111. "Plea deal made in rape-slaying." Worcester Telegram & Gazette. June 27, 2008. In Massachusetts, a DNA match led to a guilty plea in the raping and killing of a woman more than 20 years ago. DNA evidence from the crime scene was matched to the killer's DNA through the database. The man previously submitted a DNA sample to the database for a breaking and entering conviction.
- 112. "DNA profiles are keeping cases alive." The Daily Oklahoman. June 30, 2008. In Oklahoma, prosecutors have filed four cases over the past two months, substituting DNA profiles for names on the charges because the perpetrators' identities are still unknown. This extends the statute of limitations for these crimes if the perpetrator is ever caught.
- 113. "A backlog in the testing of rape kids in Los Angeles means that many crime victims still wait for answers." Los Angeles Times. June 30, 2008.

 The National Institute of Justice estimates that at least 400,000 rape kits are sitting untested in police

stations and crime labs across the country. In the city of Los Angeles alone, more than 7,000 sit in refrigerated storage in a city warehouse facility and a trailer behind police headquarters. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department likely has its own backlog, but the sheriff has never disclosed its size.

114. "DNA points to homeless man in May murder case." Arizona Daily Star. June 25, 2008.

In Arizona, a DNA match through the database identified a homeless man in the rape and murder of an 81-year-old woman. A sample from the crime scene was matched with a sample the man had submitted for a previous unrelated offense.

- 115. "Ex-student charged in death." Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. June 28, 2008. In Wisconsin, DNA confirmed murder charges against a student in the stabbing of a man. DNA evidence from the crime scene found on a knife, knit cap, and backpack, was used to confirm that the student, originally a suspect, committed the crime.
- 116. "Russia may start forming DNA Databank in 2011." Russia & CIS Military Daily. June 26, 2008.

In Russia, a law passed allowing for the creation of a DNA databank. The law defines categories of citizens liable for genome registration: that would be indicted detainees, convicts, missing people, unidentified dead bodies, foreign citizens and so on. It also says which federal agencies will register particular categories of people and submit their DNA samples to the databank.

- 117. "DNA singles out suspect in 2007 rape." Philadelphia Daily News. June 28, 2008. In Pennsylvania, a DNA match through the database identified a man who raped a woman. DNA evidence from the crime has matched DNA that the suspect submitted to the database after being convicted of another crime. Police are still trying to locate the man.
- 118. "Predator given 8-year sentence in office attack." Toronto Star. June 28, 2008. In Canada, a match through the DNA database linked a man to three sexual attacks. He was convicted of raping a 7-year-old girl, and then upon submitting his DNA sample to the database, he was linked to two additional sexual assaults; one in 2004, the other in 1990.
- 119. "Bridgeport man sentenced to seven years in Federal prison." US Federal News. June 27, 1985. In Connecticut, a DNA match through the database led to a guilty plea in the armed robbery of a Bank of America, stealing approximately \$19,000. Police collected DNA samples from a T-shirt and latex glove at the crime scene and submitted it to the DNA database. The crime scene samples were matched to a man who had previously submitted DNA samples for an unrelated weapons charge.
- 120. "Rep. Schiff secures funding for local law enforcement to help improve safety, investigation efforts." US Federal News. June 26, 2008. For California, Representative Adam Schiff announced that the House Appropriations Committee approved funding for several local law enforcement initiatives to establish a local forensic DNA laboratory and institute, to purchase protective equipment for SWAT team members and to upgrade investigation equipment.
- 121. "DNA identifies cold case burglar." US State News. June 26, 2008. In California, a match through the DNA database solved a 2005 commercial burglary. DNA from blood found at the crime scene was inserted into the DNA database and in 2008 was matched with an offender who was arrested on an unrelated commercial robbery.