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

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

DNA CASES OF NOTE:

Arrest made in 1981 murder using DNA police collected from **eating utensils** (Illinois).
 DNA collected from **victim's breast** led to arrest made in rape (Iowa).
 DNA collected from **steering wheel** solves hit and run case (Missouri).
 A robber was sentenced after police matched DNA from the victim to **pocketbook** in suspect's possession (Maryland).
 DNA collected from **sweaty boots** solves burglary (United Kingdom).
 DNA from a **handgun** linked a man to multiple rapes (New York).

COLD HITS BRING:

- **Arkansas** - Arrest in 2005 murder (on database for battery)
- **California** - Identifies serial murder (on database for murder), solves stabbing
- **Colorado** - Charges in 1997 murder (on database for burglary)
- **Connecticut** - Arrest of copper thief (collected from cigarette butt), identifies rapist
- **Georgia** - Charges in rape (on database for burglary)
- **Illinois** - 100+ year sentence for serial rapist (on database for misdemeanor charges)
- **Louisiana** - Arrest in beating death
- **Michigan** - Solves 1970 murder and identifies rapist (on database for domestic violence)
- **Missouri** - Arrest in 2001 rape and identifies rapist (both on database for rape)
- **New Jersey** - Identifies burglar (collected from t-shirt)
- **Ohio** - 44-year sentence for rape (on database for felony assault) and linked unrelated rape and murder cases
- **Oklahoma** - Sentencing for 1996 rape and unrelated murder
- **Pennsylvania** - Solves sex attack (on database for burglary and assault), solves rape, and identifies burglar (collected from blood on broken glass)
- **South Carolina** - Solves 2006 murder (on database for rape), links man to restaurant burglary (on Virginia database for breaking into police cruiser)
- **Utah** - Life sentence for 1982 murder (on database for unrelated murder)
- **Virginia** - Identifies suspect in 1975 murder, links man to two murders (on database for murder)
- **Wisconsin** - Identifies copper thief (on database for burglary) and rapist (on Illinois database for battery)

POLICY AND FUNDING ISSUES:

Expansion - Kentucky DNA database has begun collecting samples from ALL convicted felons. News on legislative proposals for 2009 database expansion made news in Virginia, Vermont, Connecticut and

Colorado.

Backlog - Idaho state crime labs are backlogged and receiving less than half of requested funding.

Funding - As part of budget cuts, Georgia plans to shutdown two crime labs, and Arizona is back-billing for forensic services supplied to local jurisdictions.

OTHER FORENSIC DNA ISSUES:

- **Exonerations** - Inmates in Texas and Ohio exonerated by DNA. The NACDL wanted Virginia to notify inmates that DNA from old case files will be analyzed.
- **Preservation** - Most states lack requirements to preserve DNA.
- **Successes** - The Virginia database obtained its 5,000th hit. Federal, state, and local crime labs received evidence from 2.7 million cases in 2005. California Forensic Sciences Laboratory was granted accreditation.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS: Canadian database has backlog of cases of up to 2 months. Malaysia is debating a DNA database bill.

- United Kingdom - A cold hit led to a 10-year sentence for rapist (on database for shoplifting) and teenage car thief (on database for burglary). DNA confirmed arrest in stabbing murder (collected from roof of vehicle) and identified bakery burglar (on database for multiple offenses).
- Australia - DNA links serial rapist to two additional rapes.

NEWS ARTICLES:

1. "Suspects arrested in 3 separate N.O. slayings." New Orleans Times Picayune. July 31, 2008.
In Louisiana, DNA led to an arrest in beating death of man in June 2007. Police say that the death resulted from a drug deal, and that the killer was likely solicited by a third party who has not yet been charged. The man arrested has now been booked on one count of first-degree murder.
2. "Laughing rapist is jailed for 10 years." Birmingham Mail. July 30, 2008.
In the United Kingdom, a cold hit led to a 10-year sentence for a man who raped a young woman in 2004. The man allegedly laughed while he and another man raped the woman repeatedly. He was linked to the crime through DNA when he was forced to submit a DNA sample after being arrested for shoplifting. He has now been sentenced to 10 years in prison for the crime; his accomplice remains unknown.
3. "DNA used to link man to Syracuse slaying." Albany Times Union. July 31, 2008.
In New York, DNA led to charges against a man in the murder of a woman. The man was hired by the victim to complete odd jobs around her house. After attempting to rob the woman, he killed her. She was found beaten, stabbed, and asphyxiated.
4. "23-year term in attack on woman, 82." Baltimore Sun. July 31, 2008.
In Maryland, DNA led to sentencing against a man for robbing and attacking a woman outside a restaurant. The man attacked the woman, demanding her pocketbook. After he refused to give up her pocketbook, he stabbed her six times in the chest until she finally let go of the pocketbook. Police found the woman's DNA on the pocketbook in the man's apartment, confirming that he committed the crime. The man has now been sentenced to 23 years in prison.
5. "N. Side rapist on trial for 3rd attack." Chicago Sun Times. July 31, 2008.
In Illinois, matches through the DNA database linked a man to six different rapes. He submitted a DNA sample to the database when he was arrested in 2004 for misdemeanor charges. He had a

pattern of breaking into his victims' apartments, standing over them while they were sleeping until they awoke, and then raping them and ordering them to take a shower. He has now been sentenced to over a 100 years in prison for just one of those rapes.

6. "Cheryl Hall's family rejoices as Aurora police arrest longtime suspect in her 1981 murder." Chicago Sun Times. August 2, 2008.
In Illinois, police recovered DNA to make an arrest in 1981 murder. Officers followed the suspect to a restaurant and then collected DNA from the utensils he used to eat the food. The DNA samples collected by the police matched DNA found in the woman's apartment, where she was murdered and hung from a doorknob.
7. "KC police make arrest in unsolved 2001 rape case." Kansas City Star. August 2, 2008.
In Missouri, a match through the DNA database led to the arrest of a convicted inmate for rape. The man was in prison serving time on an unrelated rape conviction when his DNA was matched with an unsolved rape from 2001. In 2001, the woman was walking home after fighting with a friend when he grabbed her and raped her several times under the threat of a knife.
8. "Forensic lab backlogs still slow local cases." Times-News. August 3, 2008.
In Idaho, state forensic lab backlogs have slowed down how quickly rapes and other crimes can be solved. In 2009, the state labs are slated to be funded for less than half of what they requested for additional staff.
9. "Utah man pleads guilty to 1982 Boise slaying." Deseret Morning News. August 5, 2008.
In Utah, a match through the DNA database led to a life sentence in the 1982 murder of a young girl. The man allegedly kidnapped the girl on her way to school, sexually assaulted and strangled her, and left her body in a field to later be found by pheasant hunters. The man submitted a DNA sample in 1991 after being convicted of an unrelated murder. In 2007, police took DNA from the victim's underwear and submitted it to the database, matching the man to the murder.
10. "OSU-area rapist gets 44 years." Columbus Dispatch. August 6, 2008.
In Ohio, a match through the DNA database led to a 44-year sentence for a man in the 2007 rape of an Ohio State University student. The victim was abducted at knifepoint, forced to withdraw \$200 from an ATM, and was then raped repeatedly. DNA from the assault matched a sample the man submitted to the database for felony assault in 2006.
11. "DNA tests cleared many after 25 years." Dallas Morning News. August 6, 2008.
In Texas, a man who spent most of the last 25 years in prison for sex crimes has been exonerated through DNA. The original conviction based on eyewitness identification has been proven incorrect. The real perpetrator of the crimes died in a Texas prison a decade ago. Since 2001, 18 men have been cleared by DNA in Dallas County.
12. "Williamsburg man arrested for sexual assault of 21-year-old." The Gazette. August 6, 2008.
In Iowa, DNA led to the arrest of a man for raping a young woman. During the assault on the woman, the man licked the victim's breast. DNA obtained from the victim matched the samples from a suspect police identified early in the investigation. He has now been charged with third-degree sexual abuse, first-degree burglary, and first-degree kidnapping.
13. "Criminal bar urges VA to notify convicts of existence of DNA evidence in 1973 to 1988 case files." US Federal News. August 5, 2008.

The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers issued a statement that Virginia's forensic laboratory system should notify people that biological evidence in their cases has been found in the laboratory's files that could be suitable for DNA analysis.

14. "DNA not kept in half of the states." USA Today. August 6, 2008.
Half the states lack requirements to preserve DNA evidence, despite a series of dramatic exonerations. Supporters of retaining DNA evidence point to a growing list of wrongly convicted prisoners who have been freed. But some prosecutors and lawmakers cite concerns ranging from cost to expanding DNA collections from individuals who have never been convicted of crimes.
15. "Gov. Kaine announces 5,000th DNA databank hit." US State News. August 5, 2008.
In Virginia, Governor Timothy M. Kaine announced that the Virginia Department of Forensic Science (DFS) has obtained its 5,000th hit to Virginia's Offender DNA Databank. The 5,000th hit involved evidence retrieved from an April 2008 burglary in Northern Virginia. The offender sample for the hit was submitted to the Databank in the mid-1990s, and came from a female with several prior burglary and larceny convictions.
16. "Crime labs received an estimated 2.7 million cases in 2005." Life Science Weekly. August 12, 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). An estimated 359,000 cases were backlogged (or not completed within 30 days) at the end of 2005--a 24 percent increase from the estimated 287,000 cases backlogged at yearend 2002.
17. "DNA from gun links Queens man to pair of '97 rapes." New York Daily News. August 7, 2008.
In New York, a match through the DNA database led to the arrest of a man who raped two women in 2007. During one of the attacks, he forced a woman into a building and raped her at gun point. In the second attack, he posed as a delivery driver. After police raided his home, finding two handguns, one which had his DNA on it, he was linked to the rapes.
18. "Police say DNA match solves 38-year-old MSU slaying." Detroit Free Press. August 8, 2008.
In Michigan, DNA identified a man who killed a Michigan State University student in 1970. The victim's remains were found in a wooded area of campus. Police suspected a man early in the case, but DNA technology was not advanced enough to identify the man. The suspect later committed suicide and police were able to obtain a DNA sample from the suicide, which matched evidence taken from the crime.
19. "County sheriff's crime lab recognized." Ventura County Star. August 10, 2008.
The Ventura County Sheriff's Department Forensic Sciences Laboratory was granted accreditation last week under a new international program managed by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/ Laboratory Accreditation Board.
20. "Police seek public's help in cold-case rapes, slaying." Cleveland Plain Dealer. August 8, 2008.
In Ohio, DNA linked a rape and murder case together. Police submitted DNA of the perpetrator to the national database, however, the sample had not matched to an offender.
21. "Using DNA evidence in property crime is part of a new trend in police work." Kansas City Star. August 11, 2008.
Compared to conventional techniques, DNA evidence in property crimes got twice as many suspects identified, arrested and accepted for prosecution, according to an Urban Institute study released this

year. Police in Topeka; Denver; Los Angeles; Phoenix; and Orange County, Calif., participated in the research.

22. "DNA test frees Ohio man after 18 years in jail." Los Angeles Times. August 12, 2008.
In Ohio, DNA exonerated a man who served nearly 18 years in prison for raping a 10-year-old girl. After further analysis of the case, his DNA profile failed to match evidence collected from the crime scene.
23. "Arrest made in '75 slaying: DNA leads to new suspect in killing of Emporia teacher; man now dead was convicted." Richmond Times-Dispatch. August 12, 2008.
In Virginia, the DNA testing of evidence found in forensic files from 1973 to 1988 led to a new suspect in a 1975 murder. DNA evidence from the killing a school teacher was linked with a convicted sex offender who had submitted a DNA sample in 1991 for abduction and forcible sodomy. Another man had been wrongfully sentenced for the crime, and died after being committed to the state hospital.
24. "Two crime labs could close." Columbus Ledger-Enquirer. August 13, 2008.
In Georgia, as part of a required reduction for the 2010 state budget, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation has submitted a proposal that would shut down busy crime labs in Midland and Moultrie, Georgia. The two labs service 40 different counties throughout the state.
25. "Student who stabbed doctor 56 times jailed." Daily Telegraph. August 22, 2008.
In the United Kingdom, DNA evidence assisted in confirming an arrest against a law student who stabbed a doctor 56 times in a car outside her home because he feared she was about to tell his family that he had failed his exams. His DNA was found mixed with her blood on the inside of the vehicle's roof.
26. "Rape suspect has a long criminal past, record shows." Detroit Free Press. August 22, 2008.
In Michigan, a match through the DNA database identified a man who raped a woman in 1994; however, the statute of limitation on the rape had run out. The man was forced to submit a DNA sample after being convicted of a domestic violence charge. The man faces additional charges for a 2004 sex crime against a child and will likely be sentenced to prison for that crime.
27. "Copper thief charged again." Hartford Courant. August 22, 2008.
In Connecticut, a match through the DNA database identified a copper thief. The thief left a cigarette at a mill where he stole 500 pounds of copper. DNA from the cigarette butt was matched to DNA the man had submitted for previous felony convictions. He has now been arrested for the theft, which he admits to doing in order to feed his heroin addiction.
28. "Westport rapist draws 12 life sentences plus 120 years." Kansas City Star. August 22, 2008.
In Missouri, a match through the DNA database linked a convicted felon to a sting of rapes. The felon was already serving a 115-year sentence for a 1987 conviction for rape and seven other crimes when his DNA was matched to an additional 12 rapes, 2 attempted rapes, seven sodomies, four assaults, and three robberies. He has now been sentenced to 12 consecutive life sentences plus 120 years.
29. "2 month DNA delay too long." Toronto Star. August 22, 2008.
In Canada, the Center for Forensic Sciences has a backlog of cases that can prevent cases from being processed for up to 2 months.
30. "Norwalk teenager to serve 10 years for 2007 rape of a child." Advocate. August 21, 2008.

In Connecticut, DNA led to a conviction against a teenage boy in the rape of a 10-year-old girl last year. DNA evidence collected from the girl matched samples collected from the teenager, leading him to confess to the crime. The teenager will be sentenced to 15 years in jail and will be added to the sex offender registry.

31. "Author of state DNA testing law wants to expand it." Columbus Dispatch. August 21, 2008.
In Ohio, Senator David Goodman is proposing changes to legislation he passed five years ago. Sens. David Goodman, R-New Albany, and Bill Seitz, R-Cincinnati, will introduce a bill to improve investigations and prosecution of felony offenders, and help those who may be wrongly imprisoned.
32. "Inmate linked to 1999 rape by DNA." Macon Telegraph. August 21, 2008.
In Georgia, a match through the DNA database led to charges against a man for the 1999 rape of a teenager. The man was forced to submit a DNA sample after he was sent to prison for a 2006 burglary conviction. The victim was abducted and taken to a warehouse where she was raped and then thrown out of a truck at a gas station.
33. "DNA leads to charge in burglary cold case." The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. August 21, 2008.
In Wisconsin, a match through the DNA database identified a man who stole \$150 worth of copper piping from a home in 2006. A drop of blood left on the frame of a dropped ceiling at the crime scene was matched to the offender through the database. He had previously submitted a DNA sample for a 2006 burglary. He could face up to six years in jail for the crime.
34. "Man says he raped and strangled S.C. student." Charlotte Observer. August 20, 2008.
In South Carolina, a match through the DNA database links a man to the 2006 murder of a student whose body was found raped and murdered in her apartment. DNA from her apartment was matched to a man who had previous rape convictions. He has now admitted to the crime.
35. "Thirsty burglar caught by DNA." Daily Post. August 20, 2008.
In the United Kingdom, DNA found on a milkshake bottle identified a burglar who raided a bakery. The perpetrator is a drug addict with a lengthy record and had previously submitted DNA samples for a multitude of offenses. He was sentenced to a 12-month community order with a drug rehabilitation requirement.
36. "Serial rapist given longer jail term." ABC Premium News. August 19, 2008.
In South Australia, a serial rapist was linked to two additional 1991 rapes through DNA. He has now been sentenced to 12 years in jail.
37. "State launches DNA database." The Daily News. August 19, 2008.
In Kentucky, DNA is now being taken from people convicted of felonies in Kentucky and juveniles convicted of some crimes. The DNA database probably is still some time from generating charges.
38. "Convicted murderer foes on trial in 1974 homicide." The Fresno Bee. August 19, 2008.
In California, a match through the DNA database linked a serial murderer to a 1974 murder. The man was forced to submit a DNA sample to the database when he was given a life sentence for a 1977 kidnap, rape, and murder. He is currently on trial for the 1974 murder.
39. "Frankford rape suspect ID'd by DNA." Philadelphia Daily News. August 23, 2008.
In Pennsylvania, DNA linked a man to a sexual attack. Through photo identification, he is now charged with three additional attacks through photo identification. He had previous charges of burglary and assault.

40. "Man gets 25 years in fatal I-270 crash." St Louis Post-Dispatch. August 23, 2008.
In Missouri, DNA collected from a steering wheel identified a man who stole a pickup truck and killed a the driver of another vehicle . The man smashed his forehead against the steering wheel of the truck before fleeing the scene, leaving a splotch of blood. DNA collected from the blood led police to the driver.
41. "DNA tests link suspect to city murders." Richmond Times Dispatch. March 19, 1988.
In Virginia, a match through the DNA database linked a man previously convicted of murder to two additional murders. He has been charged with capital murder, rape and burglary for one of the killings.
42. "DA won't seek death penalty for Chase suspect." Advocate. August 23, 2008.
In Colorado, a match through the DNA database led to charges in 1997 murder. The victim was beaten with a baseball bat, dragged down a sidewalk near her home, sexually assaulted, and dumped in an alley. The man's DNA was linked to a sample found on her body. He was required to submit a sample to the database for a burglary conviction.
43. "Blood in car led police to burglar." Derby Evening Telegraph. August 23, 2008.
In the United Kingdom, DNA identified a teenager who broke into and stole a car. After being arrested for the crime, he admitted to burglary and nine other offenses.
44. "DNA links Virginia man to island burglary." Island Packet. August 25, 2008.
In South Carolina, a match through the DNA database linked a Virginia man to the 2007 burglary of Nick's Steak and Seafood. He had been previously arrested in Virginia for breaking into a police cruiser and other charges, requiring him to submit a DNA database. His sample was matched with blood found at the burglary of the restaurant. He will be extradited back to South Carolina when he is released from prison in Virginia.
45. "Arrest made in '05 Arkansas killing – DNA evidence links new suspect." Memphis Commercial Appeal. August 24, 2008.
In Arkansas, a match through the DNA database identified the man who killed an Arkansas Tech University student in 2005. The man had previously submitted DNA to the database when he was convicted of battery after attacking a woman on a jogging trail in 2003. His DNA was match with a sample collected from a condom wrapper found at the crime scene.
46. "Bill undermines court's jurisdiction." New Straits Times. August 27, 2008.
In Malaysia, the bar council wants the government to withdraw the Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) Identification Bill 2008, arguing that it removes the court's jurisdiction to determine the validity of DNA information tendered as evidence.
47. "Texas man sentenced in 1996 rape." The Daily Oklahoman. August 26, 2008.
In Oklahoma, a match through the DNA database led to sentencing for the 1996 rape of a woman, and stabbing of another woman. DNA from the 1996 rape linked the perpetrator to the crimes. He has now been sentenced to 20 years in prison, a term that will begin after he completes a 60-year sentence for cocaine charges in Texas.
48. "DNA match leads to break in Glen Ridge burglary case." The Star-Ledger. August 26, 2008.
In New Jersey, a match through the DNA database identified the man who committed a 2007 burglary of a residence. At the crime scene, a backpack was found containing a shirt that the perpetrator left behind. DNA collected from the shirt was matched to the man through the database.

49. "California attack revives interest in '93 killing." Chicago Tribune. August 29, 2008.
In California, a match through the DNA database linked a man to the stabbing of a California woman and is now a suspect in a 1993 killing. He is now being investigated for multiple stabbings and murders.
50. "Sweat nabs burglar and his booty." Mirror. August 29, 2008.
In the United Kingdom, a match through the database with DNA collected from sweaty boots left at the scene of a burglary identified the perpetrator. The teenage boy who burglarized the home left behind sweaty boots in lieu of a pair of trainers he found in the home. DNA from sweat in the boots identified the teenager who had submitted DNA samples for earlier convictions of burglary and shoplifting.
51. "7 to 16 years given in sex assault case." Times Leader. August 28, 2008.
In Pennsylvania, a match through the DNA database linked a man to a 2000 rape. DNA taken from the woman's clothing was matched to a man who is a convicted offender. The man will now spend the next seven to 16 years in state prison after pleading no contest to involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, a first-degree felony.
52. "DNA points to suspect in 2-year-old burglary case." The Tribune Democrat. August 28, 2008.
In Pennsylvania, a match through the DNA database identified a man who broke into a home and stole eight firearms, three boxes of ammunition, 12 knives, and other items. In committing the crime, the perpetrator cut himself on some broken glass, leaving behind blood containing his DNA. The DNA identified the man using the database.
53. "Prison term ordered for 1998 rape." Wisconsin State Journal. August 29, 2008.
In Wisconsin, a match through the DNA database identified a convicted prisoner as the man who kidnapped and raped a woman in 1998. The man was serving a five-year sentence for aggravated battery in Illinois when he was charged with the crime.