

**JUNE 2009 DNA RESOURCE REPORT
NEWS ARTICLES**

- 1. “Man convicted of murder in '90 case.” Boston Globe, April 4, 2009**
In Massachusetts, DNA evidence from a 1990 murder case was instrumental in securing a conviction against a Boston man accused of killing an 18-year-old mother. The victim was discovered beaten and stabbed to death next to her two-year-old son, who was spattered with her blood. The case had been shelved for 15 years because of insufficient evidence, but fingernail clipping saved in the original investigation recently provided a DNA match. The Suffolk District Attorney observed how satisfied the family was now that their loved one's slaying had closure.
- 2. “Support the ‘Jogger Rapist’ victims.” The Oregonian, April 4, 2009.**
Editorial supporting the enactment of legislation to eliminate for four sex offenses. Under current law, the statute of limitations on first degree sex crimes is 25 years if DNA evidence is available, but the editorial argues that “this is not enough.” In the case cited, the “Jogger Rapist” has been linked to at least 8 rapes, but was only able to be prosecuted for one, and is currently eligible for parole.
- 3. “Imprisoned man to serve 18 years in '01 rape.” Arizona Daily Star, April 3, 2009**
In Arizona, a match on the DNA database to a man convicted of forgery has solved a 2001 rape and brought an 18 year prison sentence. The man posed as a police officer to get inside a woman's house, and raped her. Years later, the woman saw the man at her place of employment, and gave her a business card but the police never did a follow-up investigation until the DNA database match was made.
- 4. “Robber, hat in hand, jailed.” Newsday, April 7, 2009.**
In New York, a man known as the “Bad Hatter” was sentenced in federal for a string of bank robberies after DNA from a discarded bandaid identified him as a suspect. The man was convicted of 9 bank robberies and 5 attempted robberies occurring between 2004 and 2006. . He was sentenced to the maximum 8 years.
- 5. “Man arrested after 25 years.” Evening Gazette, April 8, 2009**
In England, DNA evidence has brought an arrest of a 50-year-old man in connection with the murder of a teenager 25-years-ago. The 16-year-old girl was found dead in October 1983, but a recent DNA breakthrough allowed police prove that the girl was in a red Ford Fiesta stolen on the day she died. The man was seen in a bar later that night with some blood on his hands.
- 6. “Trial set for man accused of killing woman '91.” Associated Press, April 10, 2009**
In Kansas, DNA evidence is central in the trial of a 42-year-old man who is accused of killing a woman at her home 17 years ago. The man was awaiting deportation in Georgia when DNA evidence not available at the time of the murder was used to place the suspect at the scene of the crime. The 23-year-old

was brutally strangled in 1991, and now thanks to DNA the man will stand trial before leaving the country.

7. **“New evidence stops rapist going free.” Sunday Telegraph, April 12, 2009.**
In Australia, a serial rapist was six months from freedom when detectives matched his DNA to two unsolved rapes dating back almost 15 years and laid fresh charges against him. The new cases date back to a period in the mid-1990s when he was already known to have raped at least two other women in their homes and, by his own admission murdered his aunt. Investigators think that he still may have committed other rapes. The new rape charges were for crimes committed against teenagers – one was solved through a DNA match, and the other case was reopened after a victim saw the suspect’s aunt on a 60 Minutes program.
8. **“DNA database to catch ‘regular offenders’.” ABC Premium, April 14th, 2009**
In Australia, nationwide access to the national DNA database is finally being implemented. Until now, legislative differences in some states have prevented the sharing of DNA profiles to help solve crimes. The national database is maintained by the Commonwealth’s Crimtrac agency and includes DNA profiles from crime scenes and some offenders.
9. **“In ‘07 rape, verdict is guilty.” St Petersburg Times, April 23, 2009**
In Florida, DNA evidence was critical in the conviction of a man accused of raping and robbing two women, on separate occasions. 66-year-old woman was awakened in her home, threatened with a knife and raped twice. Thanks to DNA evidence, a suspect was matched with the vicious attack and has been convicted of his crime. An accomplice testified that he drove the perpetrator to a parking lot, and when they returned from an adjacent building they were bragging about having succeeded at a robbery. The elderly woman was raped twice, and then kicked in the face. A second woman was attacked in a similar fashion several weeks later.
10. **“DNA from baseball bat can be used.” Associated Press, April 25, 2009**
In Colorado, a cold hit with a Wyoming felon has resulted in a murder trial for a 1997 murder case. A judge recently ruled that DNA evidence from a baseball bat can be used in a murder trial. Police arrested the man last year after saying that DNA samples taken from him have linked him to the crime scene. Defense attorneys tried to keep the evidence from the bat out of court. They contended there wasn't enough evidence to run more tests and challenged previous tests of the DNA. The man served time in Wyoming for an attempted kidnapping.
11. **“DNA ‘cold case’ rapist admits crime.” ABC Premium News, May 1, 2009.**
In Australia, a man extradited to Tasmania after a cold case DNA match has pleaded guilty to raping an Adelaide woman in her home. He broke into the women’s house in 1989 and held a knife to her throat as she was sleeping next to her four-year-old son. He robbed the woman, put a pillowcase over her head and

forcibly raped her. He threatened to kill the woman if she went to the police, but the case will now proceed to sentencing, leaving the woman and her son safe.

- 12. “LA PD Detectives Find a Suspected Serial Killer – Just Not the One They Were Looking For.” Los Angeles Times, May 30, 2009**
In California, police believe that a 72-year-old insurance claims adjuster arrested last month is the most prolific serial killer in the city’s history, who may have committed 30 murders and “dozens” of rapes. The break in the cold case came in October, when the man who owed a DNA sample as part of sex offender registration requirements was located and a DNA sample was collected. The effort to collect these samples was undertaken as part of the investigation into another serial killer who has attacked at least 10 women. That offender still has not been identified, but the “Westside rapist” will stand trial in August. His attacks occurred over several decades, with gaps occurring due to various prison sentences.
- 13. “DNA profiles of 850,000 innocent people.” Daily Telegraph, May 4, 2009**
In England, the DNA profiles of almost a million people will be removed from the national database under proposals to be unveiled by the home office this week. The Home Secretary will also outline the plans to destroy the physical DNA samples of those never charged or acquitted, such as mouth swabs, hair and blood.
- 14. “Blood tells on felon nabbed in 2 burglaries.” Staten Island Advance, May 2, 2009**
In New York, a cold hit on the DNA database linked a convicted burglar to two commercial break-ins in 2007 and 2008. The man was convicted in Brooklyn in 2000 of attempted third-degree burglary and sentenced to one to three years. According to court papers, the defendant broke a window to enter the businesses and apparently cut himself in the process, leaving blood behind.
- 15. “Police make arrest in 16-year-old cold case.” Associated Press, May 9, 2009**
In Kentucky, DNA has helped police make an arrest in a 16-year-old murder case that had been Bowling Green’s oldest unsolved murder still under investigation. The police spokesman stated that they used new technology to reevaluate evidence and determined that DNA evidence on the victim’s body matched a known genetic profile. The 41-year-old man has been charged with the 1992 killing of a 34-year-old woman.
- 16. “Teen rapist sentenced to 25 years.” Union-Tribune, May 9, 2009**
In California, a cold hit on the DNA database for a rape case has resulted in the sentencing of a teenager to 25 years to life. The teen had been released from juvenile detention just five days when he broke into the victim’s home, demanded money, and then brutally attacked her. The teen’s juvenile record began at 13, when was accused of several offenses including robbery, theft and residential burglary, for which he spent time in custody.

- 17. "Bill to allow taking of DNA from misdemeanants." Tulsa World, May 14, 2009**
In Oklahoma, the state Senate sent the governor a measure that would add some misdemeanors to the list of crimes for which DNA samples can be collected. The misdemeanors in Senate Bill 1102 include include assault and battery, domestic abuse, stalking, possession of a controlled substance, outraging public decency, resisting arrest, escape or attempt to escape, eluding a police officer, peeping Tom, pointing a firearm, unlawful carrying of a firearm, illegal transport of a firearm, discharging a firearm, threatening an act of violence, breaking and entering, destruction of property, negligent homicide or causing a personal injury accident while driving under the influence of any intoxicating substance.
- 18. "DNA offers evidence in break-in." Cleveland Plain Dealer, May 18, 2009**
In Ohio, a cold hit to a DNA sample from a bottle has led to an indictment for robbery. A Cleveland woman arriving home from work found an man sleeping on her couch. Before the woman could run away he woke up, punched her repeatedly, and ran away. DNA collected from the bottles of alcohol he drank at her home helped police crack the cold case. The suspect is currently in state prison on an unrelated robbery charge.
- 19. "Arrest made for five KY sexual assaults." UPI Stories, May 14, 2009**
In Kentucky, police say they have arrested a suspect in five sexual assaults over a span of more than 12 years. Police said DNA evidence and a stolen item allegedly tie a 48-year-old to the attacks in five separate Jefferson County homes. Tests by the Kentucky state crime lab on the suspect's DNA and evidence from the five crime scenes allegedly found matching samples. Police were able to give victims relief after a string of sexual assaults that lasted from 1996 to 2008.