



2018 Eligibility Criteria

DNA Hit of the Year

- The case must be a “cold hit” case where the criminal suspect was identified due to a match in the database where DNA from an unsolved crime scene was matched to a previously unidentified suspect in the database. **Familial searching hits will be accepted.** A missing persons case where a missing person was identified using a DNA database match will also be accepted.
- The cold hit must have occurred between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2017 (forty-eight months). **However, preferences will be given to cases where a cold hit, arrest, or significant court action occurred in the last twelve months.**
- A case must be a serious criminal case having community-wide attention and/or significant public safety impact, or have other circumstances making the case unique.
- Cases that were submitted during last year’s *Hit of the Year* call for submissions will not be eligible.
- Jurisdictions may submit more than one case.