



2020 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, as well as hits that utilized private genealogy websites.
- 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, 2015 and December 31, 2019 (60 months).
- A case must have received community-wide attention, have significant public safety impact, or have other circumstances making the case unique.
- Cases that were submitted during a previous *Hit of the Year* call for submissions will not be eligible.
- Jurisdictions may submit more than one case.