

DNA Current Events  
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### **DNA Evidence and Crime-Solving**

“Inmate charged in Galleria attack; Police say DNA links the convicted burglar to at least one rape, robbery,” *The Houston Chronicle* October 22, 2005.

Juan Reyes Solis, 23, a Texas prison inmate, has been charged in a 2003 sexual assault of a woman. DNA evidence linked Solis to the attack after police uploaded his DNA profile into the state DNA database.

“SAN FRANCISCO; Inmate is now suspected of serial killings; He is charged in two rape-slayings, linked to 3rd death,” *The San Francisco Chronicle* October 19, 2005.

Luis Perez, a 40-year-old San Francisco inmate, has been linked to two rape-slayings of women and a third death through DNA evidence.

“Ronaldo fiercely denies rape allegations,” *Hobart Mercury* (Australia) October 21, 2005.

Crustuano Ronaldo, Manchester United’s star soccer player, was arrested after allegedly raping a woman at a London hotel. Ronaldo provided investigators with a DNA sample and was questioned by police.

“Inmate Is Suspect in Pr. William Stabbing; Police Say Killer Admits ‘01 Slaying.” *The Washington Post* October 19, 2005.

21-year-old Brandon M. Crawford, who was charged with the murder of a hotel clerk, has now also been charged with the murder of his neighbor. Police were able to link Crawford to his neighbor’s death after he was forced to submit a DNA sample to the state DNA database when he was charged with the murder of the hotel clerk.

“Guilty plea in Warrenville rape, robberies,” *Chicago Tribune* October 20, 2005.

Damon Jones, 27, pled guilty to aggravated criminal sexual assault, armed robbery and home invasion after DNA evidence clearly linked him to the crime scene.

“482 Srebrenica victims found in mass grave,” *The Irish Times* October 17, 2005.

The remains of 482 Muslim victims of the 1995 Srebrenica massacre have been unearthed by Forensic experts. The remains will be identified by DNA analysis.

### **DNA Database Funding and Backlog**

“DNA testing goes private,” *Daily Telegraph* (Sydney, Australia) October 19, 2005.

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NSW Police will begin outsourcing DNA samples for analysis in order to speed up investigations. NSW will submit evidence to the Department of Health's Division of Analytical Laboratories to help ease the growing backlog of samples.

“Board acts to create ‘police foundation’ the organization would provide fundraising for the St. Louis Police Department,” *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* (Missouri) October 20, 2005.

The city Police Board has authorized the hiring of six additional crime lab employees to reduce a backlog of 600 DNA cold cases.

### **Expanding the DNA Databank**

“Executive's plans for database of DNA may be illegal,” *The Herald* (Glasgow) October 17, 2005.

The Minister’s plan to construct a police DNA database to collect DNA profiles of people who have been arrested but not convicted, may violate data protection laws, according to the Scottish information commissioner.