

Week of November 1-6, 2005  
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### **DNA Evidence and Crime-Solving**

“2 Men Are Charged in Home Invasions,” *The New York Times* November 6, 2005.

Two Brooklyn men were arrested in connection to a string of home invasions after police used DNA evidence from the crimes to connect them with the crimes.

“Week in Review; Oct. 30-Nov. 5, *The Washington Post* November 6, 2005.

Prosecutors have dropped the charges against Mark K. Makki who was accused of murdering his mother. The decision came after investigators found that DNA from the crime showed an unidentified man was in contact with Mrs. Makki before she died.

“Son charged in quadruple murder: Naperville man killed to hide theft of money: authorities,” *Chicago Sun Times* November 5, 2005.

28-year-old Eric Hanson was charged with the murders of his mother, father, sister and brother-in-law after authorities linked blood evidence from the murders to Eric Hanson’s DNA.

“Father and sons found guilty of honour killing: Trio face life in jail for murder of student: Boy-friend stabbed 46 times over pregnancy,” *The Guardian* (London) November 5, 2005.

44-year-old Chomer Ali and his two sons were found guilty of the honor killing a university student who had been dating Ali’s daughter. Investigators were able to link DNA found on a knife that was used to kill the student and bloodstains on clothing that belonged to the two sons.

“Serial murders trial,” *The Advertiser* November 4, 2005.

Chester Dewayne Turner, a convicted rapist, has been ordered to stand trial in the murders of 10 women in the Los Angeles area between 1987 and 1998. Turner was linked to the crimes through DNA evidence.

“Serial rapist trapped by DNA backtracking,” *Daily Telegraph* (Sydney, Australia) November 1, 2005.

Wayne Wilmot, one of the men convicted of raping and abducting a woman 17 years ago has been convicted of two more attacks. Wilmot has been convicted of a sexual assault on a 19-year-old woman in 1998, after DNA testing linked him to the crime last year.

“MAN IN COURT OVER £ 26M HEIST,” *The Independent* (London) November 5, 2005.

Dominic McEvoy, 23, was charged in the £ 26.5m Northern Bank robbery in Belfast after his DNA was found on a hat at the hostage's house.

“San Francisco; DNA helps convict man in girl's 1968 murder; Preserved evidence brings end to case of baby-sitter's rape,” *The San Francisco Chronicle* November 5, 2005.

63-year-old William Speer has been convicted of murder in the rape-slaying of a 14 year-old girl in 1968. The case sat cold for three decades until DNA evidence linked Speer, a convicted rapist, to the murder.

“32 Yrs., But DNA Nails Her Attacker,” *Daily News* (New York) November 4, 2005.

DNA evidence from the rape of a woman thirty-two years ago has brought the accused rapist back to court. New DNA testing linked Clarence Williams to the 1974 rape.

### **Expanding the DNA Databank**

“Another Strand in DNA Case,” *The Boston Globe* November 06, 2005.

Authorities have re-filed charges against 33-year-old Richard Frank who refused to willingly provide a DNA sample after being arrested.

### **DNA-based Post Conviction Challenges**

“Hair helps get man out of jail,” *The Toronto Star* November 5, 2005.

Kyle Unger has been released on bail after serving 13 years in prison for murder after new DNA evidence cast doubt on his conviction. New DNA testing of a hair found at the murder scene found that the hair did not belong to Unger.

### **DNA Evidence and Sentencing**

“Jury Awards Former Postal Worker \$697,000 In Civil Trial; Woman Alleges Boss Raped Her,” *The Boston Globe* November 5, 2005.

A woman who accused her boss of raping her at the Dorchester Center post office five years ago filed a civil suit against John R. Kelley after inspectors did not bring criminal charges against him. The woman got a court order forcing Kelley to provide a DNA sample, which was found to match semen found at the scene. Yesterday, after a three day trial, the District Court in Boston found that Kelley had in fact raped the woman and awarded her \$697,000 in damages.

“Soldiers let off murder allegations,” *The New Zealand Herald* November 5, 2005.

The court martial of seven British paratroopers who were accused of the murder of an Iraqi teenager has collapsed. Despite substantial DNA evidence in the case, the judge ruled that there was insufficient evidence in the case.

“CLEVELAND Rapist sentenced to 36 years,” *Plain Dealer* (Cleveland) November 2, 2005.

26-year-old Ricky Townsend was sentenced to 36 years in prison this week for a rape of a 13-year-old girl 13 years ago. Townsend was the first rapist caught through a computerized system that allows investigators to compare DNA samples electronically through a newly catalogued system of convict’s DNA.