Why isn’t DNA taken upon arrest?
our DNA does not go into CODIS
DNA profile goes into CODIS
The human genome has over 3 billion markers.

Only 13 go into CODIS
DNA Profile in the database has no ability to disclose any private of medical information.
LabXYZ
0012152
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12,17,24,14,15,9,11,16,19,9,12,21,26
DHL
LabXYZ

0012152 Specimen ID# (automatically generated upon entry)

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Numbers identifying the 13 markers—two numbers per marker

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Initials of the Lab Analyst
NO Names or Social Security Numbers In CODIS
Federal offense to tamper with CODIS
Has NEVER been a misuse of CODIS
City of Chicago

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Rapes & Murders prevented

8 convicted felons
Chester Dewayne Turner
Turner was arrested 21 times over 15 years.
Chester Turner’s DNA was found on twelve rape and murder victims.
First victim was murdered two months after the first arrest
Diane Johnson – March 29, 1987
Annette Ernest – October 29, 1987
Anita Fishman – January 20, 1989
Regina Washington – September 23, 1989
Debra Williams – November 16, 1992
Mary Edwards – December 16, 1992
Andrea Triplett – April 2, 1993
Desarae Jones – May 16, 1993
Natalie Price – February 12, 1995
Mildred Beasley – November 6, 1996
Paula Vance – February 3, 1998
Brenda Bries – April 6, 1998
Eleven Lives Spared
David Jones served 11 years in prison wrongfully convicted
One DNA sample taken upon arrest

Eleven lives saved

Prevented an innocent man spending 11 years in prison
Midnight, January 1, 2007
1:14 am
Matched a double homicide
514 Cases
463 arrestees
New Mexico State #6
44 more states
November 2006
All fifty states
December 18, 2006

“we have a match”
August 2003
Katie murdered

November 2003
Arrested for burglary
No DNA Taken
Three years later

December 18, 2006
“we have a match”
Intensive investigation

Ring found

Tire tracks match

Confession
December 26, 2006
formally charged
Katie’s 26\textsuperscript{th} birthday
May 3, 2007

Sentenced 69 years with no parole
The power of DNA
The power of ARRESTEE DNA
Three
Years
Sooner
No offender profile

No match
dna saves
27 states and the federal government
Virginia:
Over 800 matches
COLORADO

40 matches in the first four months

9 cold case rape cases
California DNA database averaging 10 matches per day
University of Virginia study
For every $30 profile, $27,000 is saved.
“The Katie Sepich Expanded DNA Act”
Constitutional?
Maryland v. King
“perhaps the most important criminal procedure case this Court has heard in decades”

Justice Samuel Alito
“DNA is, like fingerprinting and photographing, a legitimate police booking procedure that is reasonable under the fourth Amendment”

Maryland v. King, No. 12-207
Diane Johnson
Annette Ernest
Anita Fishman
Regina Washington
Debra Williams
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It matters
Jayann Sepich
www.dna saves.org
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Arrestee DNA – Making the Case

Brianna Denison

Katie Sepich
SB243

Introduced in the Senate on Mar 12, 2013.

By: (Bolded name indicates primary sponsorship)

Smith, Hickey

Revises provisions relating to genetic marker analysis. (BDR 14-137)

Fiscal Notes View Fiscal Notes
Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on State: Yes.

Most Recent History Chapter 252.
Action:
(See full list below)

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Bill Text  As Introduced  1st Reprint  2nd Reprint  As Enrolled

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The Measure:

- Establishes procedures for a law enforcement agency to obtain and submit a biological specimen to a forensic laboratory for genetic marker analysis – more commonly known as DNA analysis – when a person is arrested for a felony.

- Establishes the State DNA Database, which is administered by the Forensic Science Division of the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office.
Provides that the DNA profile of a person who committed a felony is entered into a national database where it is used to generate investigative leads if it matches a profile taken from a crime scene.

Provides that if a judge determines there was no probable cause for the person’s arrest, the DNA specimen must be destroyed, and if a person arrested for a felony is not convicted, he or she may make a written request to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History to destroy the specimen and purge the DNA record from the national and State databases.
Creates the Subcommittee to Review Arrestee DNA of the Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice. The Subcommittee will consider issues relating to DNA of arrested persons, including costs and procedures relating to the destruction of biological specimens and purging DNA profiles of arrested persons.
How did we get here?

Planning
Early Intervention
Education
Bipartisan Outreach
Counting Votes

Discussion