PROSECUTING COLD CASES USING DNA

Program Summary
Designated to aid prosecutors, the Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA Program provides funding to support agencies in the resolution of violent cold case crimes.

Program Objectives
- Prosecution of cold cases involving violent crime where suspects have been identified through DNA evidence.
- Decrease in the number of unresolved violent cold case crimes awaiting prosecution.

Program Funding & Awards

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Program Accomplishments
- Multiple suspect profiles uploaded to Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS/AFIS).
- 78 suspects who were initially unknown, are now identified.
- 19 cases have resulted in convictions.
- 30 suspects were identified via forensic genetic genealogy work.
- 46 cases have been charged and/or indicted.
- 78 cold cases have been resolved/closed.

Program Requirements
- A prosecutorial body must be a fully engaged project partner.
- Suspects’ DNA profiles have already been generated (can be known or unknown suspects).
- Utilization of Forensic Genetic Genealogy must follow the “DOJ Interim Policy Forensic Genetic Genealogical DNA Analysis and Searching.”

Additional Information
- BJA Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA Program Web Page: [https://bja.ojp.gov/program/prosecuting-cold-cases-using-dna/overview](https://bja.ojp.gov/program/prosecuting-cold-cases-using-dna/overview)
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