**Program Summary**

Designed 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 crime cold cases 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).
- 52 suspects who were initially unknown, are now identified.
- 15 cases have resulted in convictions.
- 26 suspects were identified via forensic genetic genealogy work.
- 25 cases have been charged and/or indicted.
- 48 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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