

DNA Evidence and Crime-Solving

“Woman's Worst Nightmare”; T.O. Man in 1997 Sex Attack Had 'Selfish, Evil Purposes.” The Toronto Sun, November 10, 2004.

Phillip Monteagle Barlow, 35, has been convicted on charges of breaking and entering with intent and sexual assault of a 22-year-old woman dating back to 1997. Police collected Barlow’s DNA from a cigarette after he was questioned regarding a separate case, and his DNA was linked through the Toronto’s Cold Case files to the 1997 case.

Controversies Concerning DNA Databanks and Laboratories

“Delay in release of affidavits criticized.” Omaha World-Herald (Nebraska) November 11, 2004.

The decision will stand to unseal Omaha police affidavits that were used to obtain DNA from black men. In an investigation into the sexual assaults of four black women, Omaha police used affidavits to obtain DNA from several black men. The grounds for the affidavits have been sealed up to now, but may be unsealed as soon as Monday.

DNA-based Post Conviction Challenges

“Wrongly Jailed.” The Advertiser, November, 11, 2004.

Draper, Utah: Bruce Dallas Goodman, 54, who spent 19 years behind bars for the rape and murder of his girlfriend, has been released after being cleared by DNA testing.

DNA Science and Technology

“Old-Time Skills, High-Tech Are Taking Aim at Poachers.” Rocky Mountain News (Denver, CO), November 10, 2004.

Colorado’s Operation Game Thief program is making it harder for poachers to get away with their crimes. Part of OGT’s success is due in part to the use of advanced technologies, including the DNA testing of poached animals.