

DNA Identification Act Must Collect DNA on All Indictable Arrests

**NO ONE SHOULD GET AWAY WITH MURDER, RAPE
OR ANY OTHER HEINOUS CRIME**

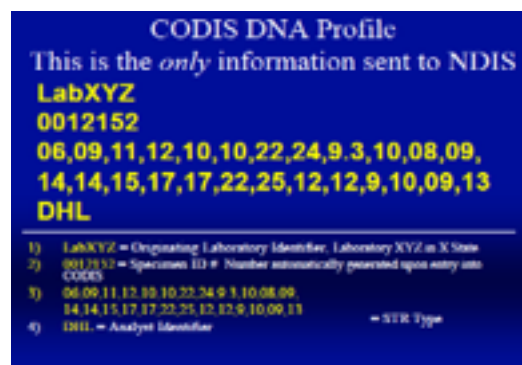


Bonnie Craig, Born in Calgary, March 30, 1976. Murdered in Alaska, September 28, 1994.

Currently, Canada has almost [100,000 pieces of DNA evidence](#) for unsolved crimes. If collection of DNA were taken on arrest many of these crimes could be solved when a suspect's fingerprints or mug shots is taken. Fewer cases would grow cold, and many crimes would be prevented because criminals would be identified and successfully prosecuted earlier.

Collecting DNA for all Indictable Arrests will:

- Catch criminals earlier in their “careers”
- Reduce number of repeat offenders released into our communities
- Reduce investigation time, prosecution time and court time
- Reduce plea bargains
- Bring closure to victims/loved ones who are waiting for justice
- Reduce number of victims and crimes being committed
- Reduce the re-victimization of victims
- Allow for consolidation of cases for serial criminals
- Increase likelihood of Guilty Pleas to full charges
- Increase the certainty of convictions and time sentenced
- Exonerate the wrongly accused sooner
- Solve more Cold Cases, allowing for closure for victims
- Ultimately reduce costs to provincial and local governments
- Balance the scales of justice



[Karen Foster fights for DNA ON ARREST](#) because her 18-year-old daughter Bonnie was brutally raped and murdered in September, 1994 in Anchorage, Alaska. For 13 years Karen lived in fear that Bonnie's killer was getting away with murder and would probably kill again. He was finally identified by a CODIS DNA match in November 2006. Almost 17 years later, in June 2011, he was finally found guilty and later sentenced to 124 years.

No one should get away with murder. With collection of DNA on arrest, they won't.

Bonnie's killer had been in the New Hampshire prison system for nearly four years before his DNA was entered into CODIS, the US DNA database, which finally produced the match that would lead to his arrest. When he was finally charged with the crime in April 2007, Karen discovered he had been in prison two months before he murdered Bonnie, had been out on parole at the time of the murder, and had been back in prison two months after. With DNA collected on arrest, the crime could have been solved in weeks, instead of 17 years.

This cold case alone has cost Alaska over \$1 million. Over 105 DNA samples were taken over the years to rule out suspects, and over 10,000 pages of investigation accumulated. Family and friends lived in pain; the community was stunned. DNA on Arrest could have changed all of this.

Information gained from a sample of DNA has no medical, psychological or racial information. Above is a sample DNA profile; not even a name is attached. It is less of a violation of privacy than a mug shot. A DNA profile match does not make anyone guilty. A case still must be proven, and a jury still must decide. But it is a unique identifier that can help law enforcement focus on a particular offender.

For more information visit www.JusticeForBonnie.com Read the full story about Karen's 17-year ordeal in Justice for Bonnie by Karen Foster & I.J. Schecter. Visit the [Facebook Page](#).