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Cybergenetics News

Nancy Guthrie Kidnapping Turns to DNA



The ongoing Nancy Guthrie case continues to capture the nation's attention.

Based on TV plot lines, DNA evidence analysis is portrayed as an easy solution and usually quickly resolved. These fictional depictions of DNA evidence lead the public to expect fast and conclusive results from most DNA evidence.

The Guthrie case shows the importance of DNA evidence in criminal investigations and highlights that real complex DNA evidence is not so easily resolved.

Case Highlights

Clothing Evidence, Complex Mixtures, Clearer


Answers



In cases like the Guthrie kidnapping, clothing and wearable evidence can carry important DNA information. For example, [New York v. Casey Wilson](#) involved complex DNA mixture evidence from gloves that early DNA interpretation methods could not resolve.


In 2021, Cybergenetics Chief Scientist and Executive Dr. Mark Perlin published [an article](#) about the Casey Wilson case in Forensic Magazine's *DNA Matters* column. He discusses the science behind the interpretation methods used by the lab and how TrueAllele can take it to the next investigative step.

[Casey Wilson](#)

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Legal Corner

[TrueAllele Reliability in Court](#)



Our analysts routinely travel to courts around the country and provide their expert witness testimony on TrueAllele results. DNA interpretation matters wherever DNA evidence is contested, including defense review and re-evaluation.

[Aaron Dobbins Trial](#)

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*Tara Baker: Older Evidence, Newer
Interpretation*



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A TrueAllele analyst from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) crime lab recently testified as an expert witness regarding DNA evidence in the Tara Baker case.

There are many times when older evidence, including biological material from clothing or other retained items, can take on new significance when revisited with more powerful DNA interpretation tools like TrueAllele.

Watch this expert witness testimony from the Tara Baker case to see how TrueAllele results are defended in court (TrueAllele is discussed around the 5 minute mark).

[Expert Testimony](#)

Workshops



PSP Advanced Homicide Symposium

Earlier this month, one of our analysts traveled to Harrisburg, PA for the Annual Pennsylvania State Police Advanced Homicide Training event.

She had the opportunity to present on how TrueAllele can help in gang and other unconventional homicides all over the country to Law Enforcement investigators from several states.

Check out our presentations page for other talks on cases, trials, and DNA science.

[Presentations](#)

African Forensic Forum

Last week, Cybergentics participated in the 6th African Forensic Forum (AFF).

During our 3 hour session, Chief Scientist Dr. Mark Perlin demonstrated how TrueAllele:

- Solves complex DNA mixtures that traditional methods cannot.
- Delivers accurate and objective results—even with limited or degraded samples.
- Strengthens forensic capabilities while supporting justice systems with science-driven, defensible evidence.

Upcoming Conferences



April

- IHIA Cold Case - International Homicide Investigators Association Cold Case Conference
 - Location: The Briscoe Museum, San Antonio, TX
 - Exhibit Dates: April 13-15
- WAHI - Wisconsin Association of Homicide Investigators Annual Conference
 - Location: Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI
 - Exhibit Dates: April 21-24

Stop by our booth to learn how TrueAllele technology can help solve complex DNA cases.



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