What factor is most important in the maximization of the value of forensic DNA technology?

- Scientific reliability?
- Proper evidence identification and collection?
- Quality assurance / quality control?
- Effective database technology?
It’s what the law allows you to do with it.
The value of DNA technology is directly proportional to the speed at which it gets leveraged

- Sorry, but it's not all about the DNA
- There must be a systemic approach to utilization and the allocation of resources
- We need to pay continued close attention to the cost/benefit analysis of speed and reliability.
Are we changing / improving the way police do business?

- If so, we will change the way police allocate resources.
- Police will find a way to fill a void. But that has dangers
- We need to be vigilant as we move from centralized control to unleashing the “shiny new thing”
What will impede our progress?

- Bad facts make bad law
- Failure to educate proactively
- Setting unrealistic expectations
- Police misconduct – Pre-textual arrests
Thank you. No, really, thank you!

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