

The Impact of the Rapid DNA Act to the Criminal Justice System

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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.*



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The value of DNA technology is directly proportional to the speed at which it gets leveraged

- Sorry, but its 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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