



February Newsletter

Better Justice Through Better Science™

TrueAllele exoneree Darryl Pinkins passes away



Darryl Pinkins [passed away](#) on February 3rd. He was the first TrueAllele® exoneree, freed from prison after 24 years of wrongful conviction and incarceration. TrueAllele reanalyzed old DNA data to find new evidence of five true perpetrators, clearing Darryl and his co-defendants.

Darryl's story has been told on [television](#) and in [magazines](#). Cybergenetics' Chief Scientist Dr. Mark Perlin has given [short](#) and [long](#) talks explaining the exculpatory DNA evidence. Many news [articles and documents](#) have been published.

Dr. Perlin's eulogy was read at Darryl's funeral service in Gary, Indiana, as follows:

Darryl Pinkins was a strong man in a weak world. He was caring and honest, with a lively wit that made you laugh loud and think long. It was my honor and pleasure to know Darryl, and enjoy spending time with him.

Darryl was caught in a thoughtless government web that ignored truth. He paid a heavy price for their apathy and deceit. Cybergenetics and I had the rare privilege to help, to bring the light of science into the heart of justice. That DNA truth helped set Darryl free.

But Darryl did more for me than I for him. He taught me how by deeply caring for one man's freedom, and relentlessly pursuing truth regardless of consequences, we can reap the greatest rewards. I always think of Darryl, and I miss him deeply. God bless.

TrueAllele Frees Pinkins

***11th International Day of Women and
Girls in Science***



Cybergenetics is deeply committed to advancing the representation of women and girls in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields. We recognize the importance of fostering an inclusive environment where everyone, regardless of gender, can excel and meaningfully contribute.

Cybergenetics provides practical opportunities for young women to explore STEM careers. We have expanded our internship program to include participants from diverse fields, including forensic science, law, liberal arts, and creative writing. These internships offer hands-on experience, mentorship, and exposure to real-world applications of STEM principles. We are proud to collaborate with universities in Pittsburgh, Chicago, and elsewhere to offer valuable [educational opportunities](#) to aspiring young women in STEM.

TrueAllele Education

***Cybergenetics speaks at Young Women
in Bio event***



Women In Bio

Promoting Diversity and Inclusion
for All Women in the Life Sciences

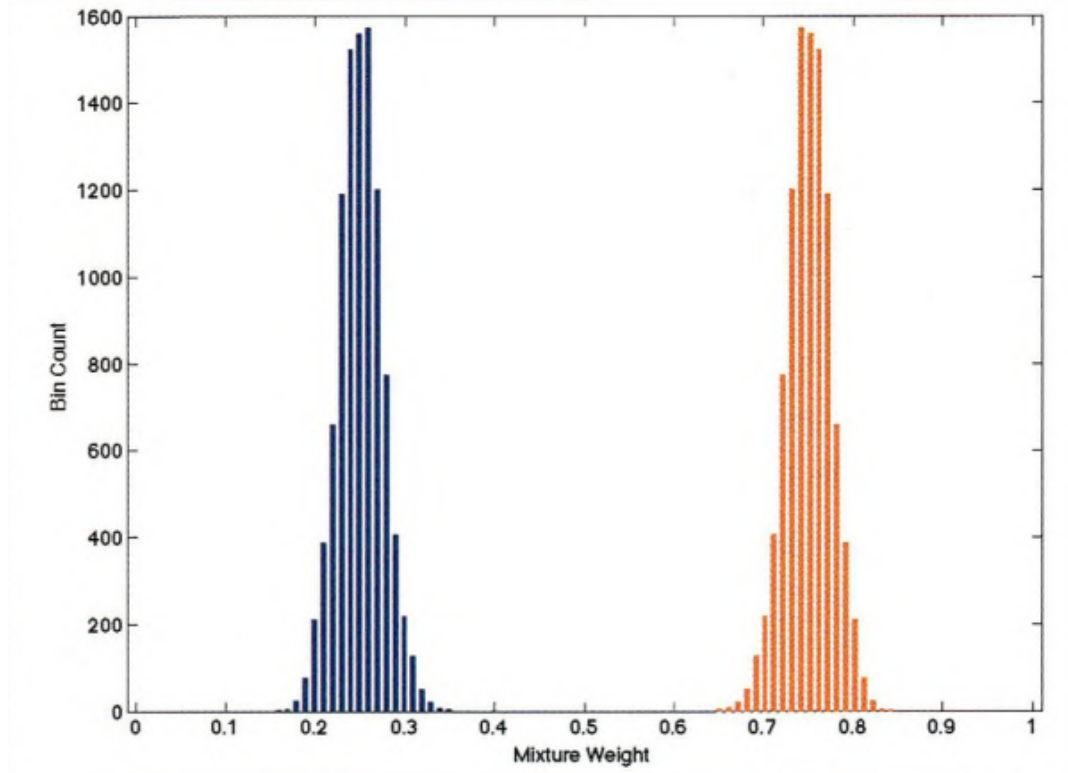
Cybergenetics promotes women and girls in STEM. The company participated in a recent *Young Women in Bio* (YWIB) Pittsburgh and Philly Metro [virtual panel discussion](#). Speakers included a forensic scientist, DNA innovator, district attorney, homicide detective, and law professor. They discussed the role of DNA in solving criminal cases. Cybergenetics' President, Dr. Ria David, highlighted the significance of DNA evidence in forensic science and its application to criminal investigation.

Dr. David spoke about how wrongfully convicted “Darryl Pinkins was in jail for 24 years,” but Cybergenetics “showed that his DNA wasn't” in the crime scene evidence, clearing his name. She noted that “We've been involved in cases that have helped convict people. We've been in cases that have helped exonerate people and acquitted people. We've been involved in mass disasters.”

Cybergenetics pioneered powerful [computational forensics](#) at a time when inaccurate or missing answers were the norm. “We've been in forensic science since 2000,” said Dr. David. “We've worked on more than a thousand cases, and we've had a fairly [large impact on how DNA is interpreted](#).”

Pioneering DNA Forensics

TrueAllele helped convict Virginia child molester 12 years ago



In June 2011, Michael Gardner was arrested for sexually abusing two girls, ages 9 and 10, during his daughter's slumber party in Falls Church, Virginia. Critical evidence included DNA recovered from the victims' underpants and pajama pants. Manual analysis of the DNA mixture data failed to provide the match statistics needed for court.

But Cybergenetics [transformed previously inconclusive DNA data](#) into probative identification information. TrueAllele computation found DNA match statistics that implicated Gardner – 20 quadrillion for the underpants, and 3 thousand for the pajama pants. Dr. Mark Perlin of [Cybergenetics testified at the Arlington trial](#) about these DNA match statistics. Gardner was [convicted](#) on three counts of molestation. He received a 22-year prison sentence.

TrueAllele separates complex DNA mixtures, producing a genotype for each person whose DNA is in the mixture. Just like simple DNA evidence from one person. Easy to understand, and easy to teach to non-scientists. Dr. Perlin's testimony showed how TrueAllele genotype separation – for the first time – made it [easy to explain DNA mixtures](#) and match statistics in court to a jury.

Making Hard DNA Easy

***Cybergenetics will be attending
upcoming conferences***



Cybergenetics will be attending conferences in March and April. Stop by our trade booth to learn how TrueAllele technology can help solve your most complex DNA. Learn about our [free screening](#) of DNA evidence. Below is a list of some conferences we are attending, along with dates and locations.

March


3/04 - 3/08 PA State Police Advanced Course in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
3/25 - 3/28 Homicide Investigators of Texas (HIT) in San Antonio, Texas

April

4/24 - 4/26 Wisconsin Association of Homicide Investigators (WAHI) in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

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