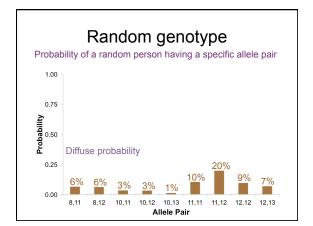
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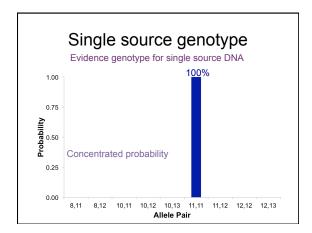
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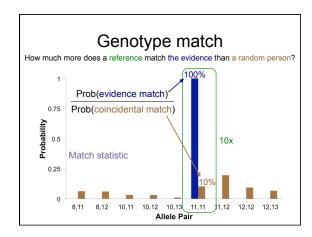
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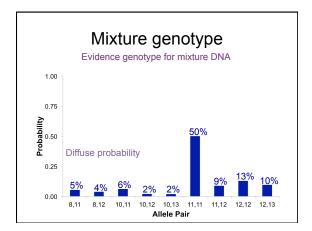


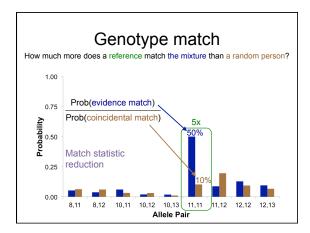


Is the reference in the evidence?

A match between the evidence and the reference is:

10 times more probable than coincidence at this one DNA location





Is the reference in the mixture?

A match between the mixture evidence and the reference is:

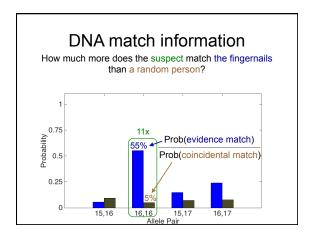
5 times more probable than coincidence at this one DNA location

Wolfe sisters homicide



On February 6, 2014, Susan Wolfe (44) and her younger sister Sarah (38, left) were killed in their East Liberty home in Pittsburgh.

Commonwealth v. Allen Wade Allen Wade was charged with various counts of criminal homicide, robbery, theft, and firearms violations DNA evidence was collected from many items



Is the suspect in the evidence? Calculated at the 15 loci tested A match between the fingernails and Allen Wade is: 6.06 trillion times more probable than coincidence

Computer match statistics

TrueAllele found 17 matches

Hat 65.3 thousand Allen Wade 20.5 thousand Susan Wolfe Cup Fingernails 6.06 trillion Allen Wade Gear shift 9.37 million Sarah Wolfe Seat lever 385 billion Sarah Wolfe Knit hat 25.7 thousand Allen Wade Sarah Wolfe Sock 300

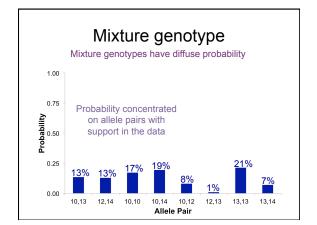
DNA matches lead to verdict...

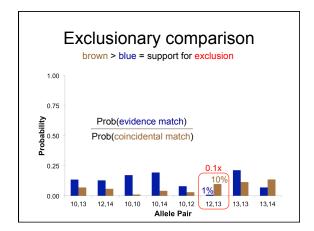
Allen Wade Found Guilty On All Counts In East Liberty Sisters' Slaying

CBS News, May 23, 2016

PITTSBURGH (KDKA/AP)

- A man accused of killing two sisters who lived next door to him in East Liberty has been found guilty on all counts.
- Allen Wade was accused of shooting Sarah and Susan Wolfe after they returned from work on Feb. 6, 2014, apparently to steal a bank card.
- On Monday morning, a jury found Wade guilty of first-degree murder, robbery, burglary and theft by unlawful taking.





Is the reference in the mixture?

A match between the mixture evidence and the reference is:

10 times *less* probable than coincidence at this one DNA location

Michael Ciannella, Jr.

Defendant with no prior record maintained his innocence and never admitted guilt

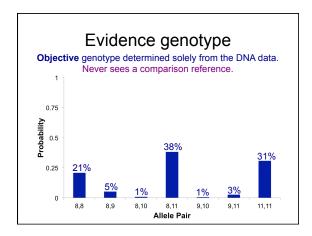
- Cybergenetics contacted on July 18, 2016Data received July 19, 2016
- Preliminary results sent on July 20, 2016

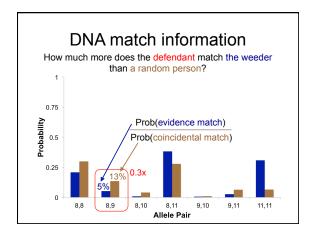


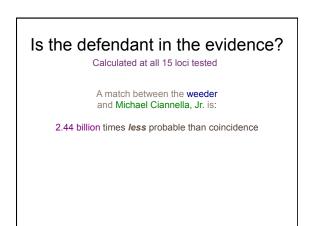
Breaking and entering charge

> DNA found on weeder tool









Case outcome

- In September 2016, a report with exclusionary results was issued
- The defense discussed the DNA results with the prosecution
- In November 2016 Mr. Ciannella was given pretrial probation
- Case will be removed from trial list to be dismissed in one year

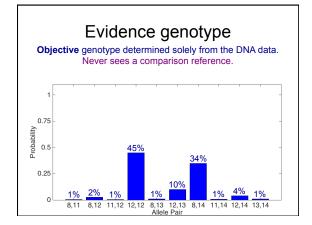
Indiana v. Darryl Pinkins

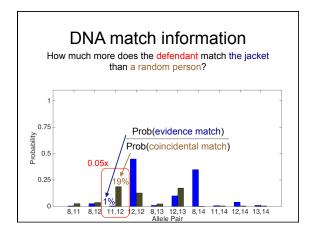
1989 – 5 men raped an Indiana woman Darryl Pinkins and 2 others misidentified 1991 – wrongfully convicted, 65 year sentence

2001 – DNA mixture evidence 2 contributors found, not the accused but 5 were needed, post-conviction relief denied









Is the reference in the evidence?

Calculated at the 9 loci tested

A match between the jacket and Darryl Pinkins is:

1.1 million times *less* probable than coincidence

Computer analysis

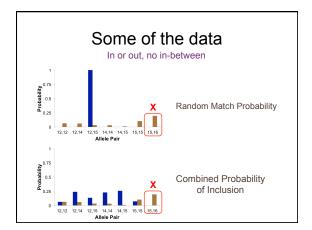
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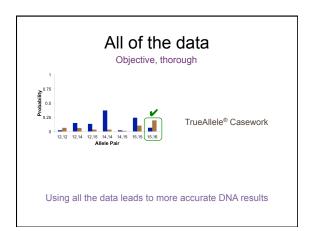
- 1. compared evidence with evidence
- 2. calculated exclusionary match statistics
- 3. revealed 5% minor mixture contributor
- 4. jointly analyzed DNA mixture data
- 5. showed three perpetrators were brothers

found 5 unidentified genotypes, defendants not linked to the crime

Pinkins exonerated







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