

Louisiana v Willard Anthony

TrueAllele gun analysis busts prostitution ring



Drugged, beaten, and forced into prostitution. Cybergenetics TrueAllele® computer separated the four person DNA mixture, finding statistical matches to the victim and two men.

On April 11, 2015, a woman was drugged and kidnapped while at a hotel in her home state of Florida. The woman was taken to New Orleans and forced into sex work.

She was routinely threatened with death if she tried to flee. After attempting to escape with the help of a customer, she was caught. The attackers severely beat and raped her with a handgun.

The prostitution ring was uncovered by the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office during a sting operation. DNA found inside the barrel of the gun corroborated the victim's story of sexual assault. The men behind the crimes were charged with aggravated rape and human trafficking.

Crime In April 2015, a Florida woman was abducted and forced into prostitution. She was severely beaten and raped with a gun after attempting to escape.

Evidence A handgun that was used during the attack was seized.

DNA Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office Regional DNA Laboratory swabbed the inside barrel of the gun for DNA testing.

Match Due to the complexity of the mixture, the DNA from the gun was uninterpretable

TrueAllele On the same DNA data, the computer found a match statistic of 1.59 thousand connecting the handgun to Willard Anthony.

Cybergenetics In December 2016, Cybergenetics Dr. Mark Perlin testified at the trial in Gretna, Louisiana about the computer DNA match statistic.

Outcome On December 11, 2016, Willard Anthony was found guilty of rape and human trafficking and sentenced to life without parole.

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