

REVISED - DNA Technology Fund.

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## **DNA TECHNOLOGY FUND REPORT**

The DNA Technology Fund was established by Article 41 Section 4-301(g) of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to assist the Department of State Police and local law enforcement agencies in acquiring DNA technology equipment needed to test DNA samples.

The Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) is required under this law to provide an annual report on the funds (state and federal) obtained for supporting DNA forensic science efforts in Maryland's crime laboratories. Maximizing the use of DNA samples to convict and exonerate the guilty and reduce the DNA backlog are priorities for Maryland. GOCCP has designated part of its website to efforts around DNA. See Attachment A.

The State of Maryland administers several Federal grant programs that support DNA crime laboratories throughout Maryland. The enclosed chart, Attachment B, provides specific information, by jurisdiction for each project and funding amount.

To date, the DNA backlog of 24,000 samples that the O'Malley-Brown Administration had inherited in 2007 has been eliminated and as a result, more than 418 suspected criminals have been arrested. Additionally, in 2009, Maryland's ability to use DNA as a crime fighting tool was enhanced by legislation authorizing the collection of DNA samples for people charged with violent crimes and burglaries. To date, this legislation has resulted in 69 arrests.



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September 1, 2012

The Honorable Martin O'Malley  
Office of the Governor  
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100 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Dear Governor O'Malley:

As required under Article 41 § 4-301(g) and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, please accept the enclosed report as fulfillment of the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) requirement to produce an annual report as to the distribution of aid provided under the DNA Technology Fund.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the DNA Technology Fund.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Parker", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Edward Parker  
Interim Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Thomas V. "Mike" Miller  
The Honorable Michael Busch  
Eloise Foster, Secretary, Department of Budget and Management  
Karl Aro, Department of Legislative Services  
Sarah Albert, Department of Legislative Services

## DNA Statistics

### Building Tools for Public Safety: Maryland's DNA Database

There are currently 103,421 CODIS samples in Maryland's database; 5,062 of these have been added in 2012.

Overall, there have been 2,678 hits resulting from the Maryland CODIS databank. In 2011, there were 412 hits including case to case, other states to our state data, and convicted offender data. There have been 268 hits of the same type in 2012.

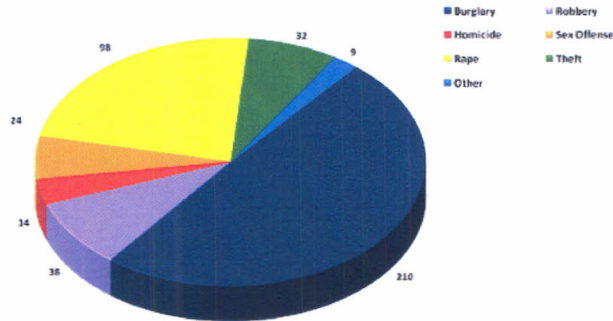
### Maryland's Convicted Offender DNA Database

Since March 2007, there have been 425 arrests throughout Maryland for a variety of crimes that have resulted from the convicted offender samples.

#### Location of Arrest

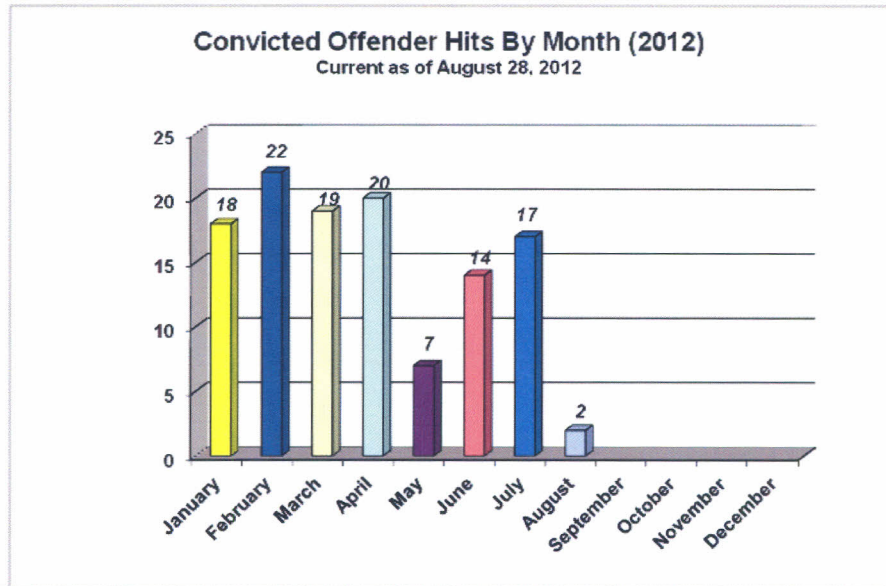
Anne Arundel County	49	Kent County	3
Baltimore City	144	Montgomery County	56
Baltimore County	68	Prince George's County	14
Calvert County	1	Queen Anne's County	4
Carroll County	7	Somerset County	3
Cecil County	2	St. Mary's County	1
Charles County	2	Talbot County	3
Dorchester County	2	Washington County	4
DPSCS	1	Wicomico County	6
Frederick County	8	Worcester County	8
Harford County	7	Out of State/Federal	23
Howard County	9		

**Category of Arrest Since March 2007**  
Data Current as of August 28, 2012



### 2012 Convicted Offender Hits

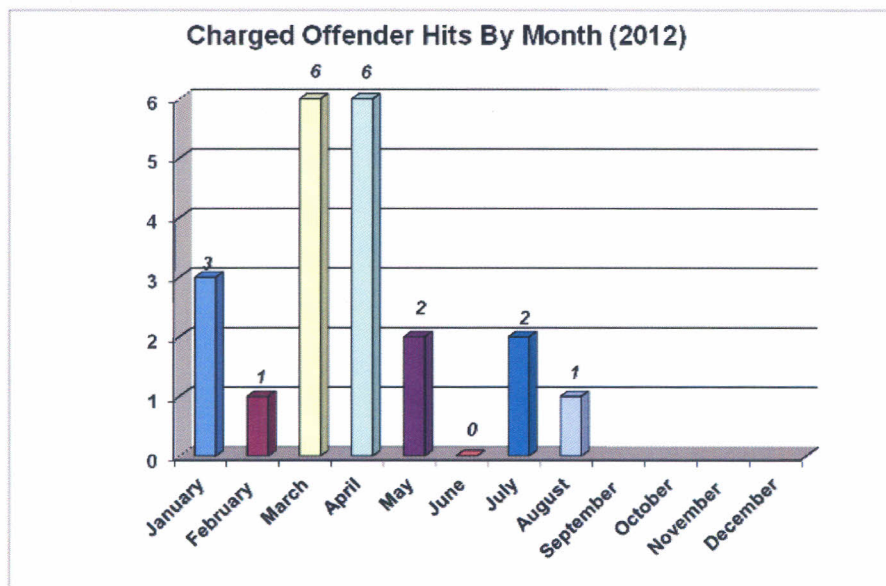
There have been 119 convicted offender hits in 2012 resulting in 27 arrests.



#### Maryland's Charged Offender DNA Database

Beginning January 1, 2009 Maryland's offender database was expanded to include individuals arrested and charged with Crimes of Violence, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree burglary, and any attempts of those crimes.

As of August 28, 2012 there have been 196 charged offender hits since January 1, 2009 resulting in 71 arrests.



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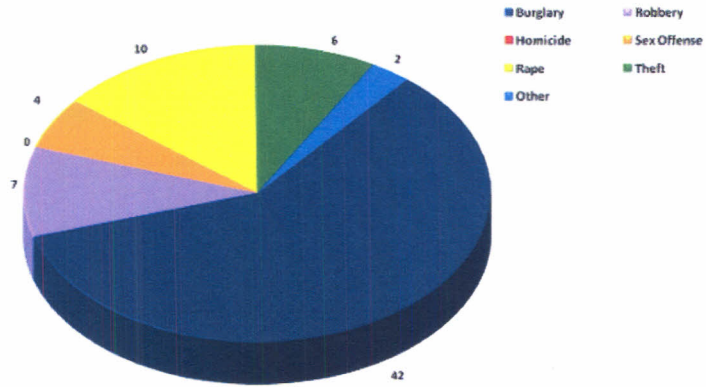
#### Location of Arrest

Anne Arundel County	15
Baltimore City	13
Baltimore County	11
Carroll County	1
Cecil County	1
Charles County	2
Dorchester County	1
Harford County	1
Howard County	2
Montgomery County	13
Prince George's County	5
Queen Anne's County	1
Washington County	1
Wicomico County	1
Worcester County	1

Out of State

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**Charged Offender Arrests (Since January 2009)**



**Past Accomplishments**

In an effort to address the number of un-sampled supervisees, The Division of Parole and Probation trained over 600 employees to collect DNA samples. These agents successfully worked through a backlog of almost 25,000 supervisees in 2008.

**Convicted Offender**

- In 2007, there were 154 Convicted Offender hits that resulted in 55 arrests.
- In 2008, there were 336 Convicted Offender hits that resulted in 110 arrests.
- In 2009, there were 205 Convicted Offender hits that resulted in 77 arrests.
- In 2010, there were 183 Convicted Offender hits that resulted in 79 arrests.
- In 2011, there were 185 Convicted Offender hits that resulted in 77 arrests.

**Charged Offender**

- In 2009, there were 37 Charged Offender hits that resulted in 19 arrests.
- In 2010, there were 60 Charged Offender hits that resulted in 22 arrests.
- In 2011, there were 78 Charged Offender hits that resulted in 25 arrests.

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**Attachment B**  
**DNA TECHNOLOGY FUND**

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Award</u>
Anne Arundel County Police Department	Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant/CDS Case Researcher & Equipment (GOCCP award # CFSI-2011-1004)	The Anne Arundel County Police Department's "CDS Case Researcher & Equipment" program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to increase efficiency at crime labs throughout the State of Maryland. Program funds provide salary for a contractual employee to research cases and obtain proper authority approving the destruction and removal of evidence from the inventory and upgrade equipment.	\$ 61,612
Baltimore City Police Department	Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant/Crime Laboratory Enhancement(GOCCP award # CFSI-2011-1506)	The Baltimore Police Department's "Crime Laboratory Enhancement" program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to increase efficiency in the department's crime laboratory. The program provides overtime to reduce the Firearms and Latent Units backlog, and targeted training to meet certification and accreditation requirements. Grant funds provide overtime and related training.	\$ 41,835
Baltimore City Police Department	FY 2012 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program	The Baltimore Police Department's Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program aims to reduce the backlog of DNA evidence pending analysis through overtime compensation and the purchase of updated equipment to prevent future DNA backlogs and ensure timely data analysis.	\$ 511,749
Baltimore County Police Department	Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant/Crime Laboratory Enhancements (GOCCP award # CFSI-2011-1005)	The Baltimore County Police Department's "Crime Laboratory Enhancements" program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to increase efficiency in the Department's crime laboratory. The program provides upgraded equipment and training necessary to maintain examiner proficiency and to meet ASCLD/LAB accreditation requirements for continued professional education. Grant funds provide training and equipment.	\$ 42,228
Baltimore County Police Department	Solving Cold Cases with DNA (Grant # 2011-DN-BX-K519)	This grant provides for the investigation of cold case homicides and sex crimes that may be solved using DNA technology. Funding provides for overtime, training and contractual services to outsource DNA samples. Funds do not support the DNA lab itself.	\$ 176,444
Maryland State Police	Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant/Pattern Evidence Enhancements (GOCCP award # CFSI-2011-1006)	The Maryland State Police Forensic Sciences Division's Pattern Evidence Enhancements program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to increase efficiency at crime labs throughout the State of Maryland. The program ensures basic training for new hires in latent print examination and firearms/toolmarks examinations. Grant funds provide training and equipment.	\$ 37,067
Maryland State Police	DNA Backlog Reduction Program	The Maryland State Police (MSP) Forensic Sciences Division received funds under the 2011 DNA Backlog Reduction Program with the goal of analyzing DNA casework and DNA database samples while also increasing the capacity of the MSP-FSD DNA casework and DNA database laboratories all in an effort to eliminate existing backlogs and prevent future backlogs, improve turnaround time, and increase throughput.	\$ 758,796
Montgomery County Police Department	Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant/Forensic Enhancements (GOCCP award # CFSI-2011-1202)	The Montgomery County Department of Police, Forensic Enhancements program assist in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to increase efficiency in the Forensic Services Sections throughout Montgomery County. Grant funds provide overtime and related training.	\$ 39,474

