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'Genetic fingerprinting' Criminal courts accept DNA analysis as evidence

FORT WORTH (AP) — Once used as a method for proving paternity, "genetic fingerprinting" has become a criminal investigation and courtroom litigation tool and two attorneys familiar with it are being sought for their expertise.

The triple murder conviction last week of Ronald Trimboli, an unemployed Fort Worth pizza chef, was attained with the help of the revolutionary technique known as DNA analysis. DNA contains genetic codes and its pattern is unique in everyone.

In the past decade, researchers have gone from comparing inherited genetic patterns to settle paternity questions, to recognizing the procedure's virtually unerring accuracy in linking suspects to blood, semen, saliva or even hair left at a crime scene.

In two previous Trimboli murder trials, when DNA analysis was not used, juries were unable to reach a verdict. But this time, after a four-week trial in Cleburne, he was convicted of the June 1985 slayings of two sisters and a boy who was visiting them.

Experts who conducted the deoxyribonucleic acid analysis testified that a semen sample found under the body of a 14-year-old Arlington girl, who had been raped, matched a sample of Trimboli's blood.

DNA analysis, say those who conducted the

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and defense lawyers are in high demand. Prosecutors Bob Gill and Alan Levy, who spent months studying molecular biology and human genetics to prepare for the Trimboli trial, and defense attorney Bill Lane, who defended Trimboli, have been asked to share their techniques and participate in workshops and seminars to train other lawyers in trying DNA cases.

To date, the DNA technique has been used in only a handful of criminal cases nationwide, nearly all of which have ended in conviction.

Lane said he has been deluged with congratulatory calls since the trial's end, even though his client was convicted and sentenced to three consecutive life terms.

"They're coming out of the woodwork," Lane said of the doctors, scientists and fellow lawyers

eager to discuss his defense of Trimboli. "We were the first ones who really got in and attacked this evidence."

Jurors said Lane's attack on the testing procedure planted doubt in their deliberations. The jurors said they would not have reached a guilty verdict on the genetic test result had it not been bolstered by conventional circumstantial evidence.

Lane said he based his defense not on the test itself, which he considers sound scientific principle, but on the fallibility of those involved in handling specimens, conducting the tests and interpreting the results.

"The test is scientifically accurate, but you've got humans that are performing these tests, and humans that are testifying about them in the courtroom," he said. "That's where your points of attack are."

Use of the technique has drawn criticism. "The real drawback with genetic fingerprinting is we don't know enough about it yet," Simon Ford, a molecular biologist at the University of California at Irvine, said. "That's why I feel it's a bit premature to use it."

In the fingerprinting process, laboratory technicians use enzymes to cut the samples of DNA into precise fragments. The fragments are placed in a special gel, which separates into genetic fragments.

Woman driving to clinic hits abortion protester

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A woman driving up to an abortion clinic struck a Baptist preacher who was leading a group of anti-abortion protesters in prayer Saturday morning, police said.

Police ticketed the 18-year-old woman for reckless driving and Joe West, a pastor at Town East Baptist Church, was taken to Southeast Hospital, where he was in stable condition.

"The driver was attempting to drive into the parking lot of the Reproductive Services when she struck Joe West," Sandy Perez, spokesman for the San Antonio police department, said.

Police arrested 18 people partici-

pating in the "Operation Rescue" protest outside the Reproduction Services clinic near downtown.

In Dallas, 70 anti-abortion protesters were arrested.

About 100 protesters at the San Antonio clinic were finishing reciting a prayer when the accident occurred at about 9:15 a.m., said protester Eli Leifeste.

Witness Ronnie Dirks said police had just asked the crowd to make room for a paddy wagon carrying the arrested protesters when the woman began maneuvering her car through a driveway behind the clinic.

"Most of us were on our knees at the time," Dirks said.

Boyfriend harassed for unsolved murder

HOUSTON (AP) — Joseph Leal was already calling friends in search of his missing girlfriend on April 8, 1988, when detective Marcel Dionne got an early morning call that a woman's body had been found in northwest Harris County.

What Dionne found would shock veteran investigators and intertwine the lives of the sheriff's officer and 23-year-old Leal for months to come.

The mutilated body of a woman sprawled face-down behind a store was Jacqueline Michelle Graham — Leal's on-again, off-again girlfriend.

Still unresolved after more than a year, Dionne admits he is obsessed with a "gut feeling" that Leal committed the gruesome crime, and he has endured sleepless nights in pursuit of a key to the case.

But at least one other investigator is not so sure, and Leal says he has been hounded by authorities who refer to him as "the slasher," who ask to be seated at his table at the restaurant where he is a waiter and who once handcuffed him at work before taking him in for questioning.

Leal is candid about being tagged as the prime suspect, but continues to say he didn't do it. Asked about Dionne, he told The Houston Post: "I hate him."

Sgt. John Gessner of the sheriff's department said he questions whether Leal was involved because he has stuck to the same alibi during numerous interrogations.

"You can't be that consistent... You can't play with fire for that long and not get burned," Gessner said, adding that he believes the 19-year-old woman may have been attacked at random by a stranger.

Dionne, a 10-year veteran of

the sheriff's department, disagrees.

"The anger that was demonstrated against her indicated it was someone who had cared about her," Dionne said. But despite exhaustive investigation, he has not found the evidence to file charges against Leal.

Leal stands firm. "Why would I want to kill my girlfriend? I loved her... We were a team."

She was last seen alive during an argument with Leal at a bar. But he said the argument, caused by jealousy, was unimportant. "So what if we had fights. Everybody does."

Investigators who found Graham's body the next day said she had been stabbed and slashed at least 15 times, run over by a car, and was so sexually mutilated that it was impossible to tell whether she was raped.

"In all the times I had worked homicides, I'd never run into anything of this nature," Dionne said.

Leal said that since the slaying, he has felt that he was "being watched all the time." He was stopped by police for walking on a freeway, repeatedly questioned and took several polygraph tests, the results of which were described by investigators as "inconclusive."

Once, he said, investigators showed him pictures of Graham's body and said "Look what you did to your girlfriend." Dionne denied Leal was treated so abruptly.

Leal said the slaying and the continuing suspicion have changed him, causing him to drink too much and to attempt suicide.

Authorities said Leal often calls to see if new leads have developed.

Police

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The investigation showed UPD patrol officers were receiving \$8 per hour, as opposed to \$8.45 for College Station officers and \$9.62 for those in the Bryan Police Department.

"We would have trained and accredited officers in our department wood away by other agencies in the area or state," Wiatt said. In December alone, four patrol officers left the UPD for higher-paying positions elsewhere, he said. As a result, salaries have been raised to \$10.65 per hour.

The investigation also showed that officers had no career development plan, Smith said. A plan containing over 80 recommendations for changes in the duties, hiring and advancement requirements of the department was designed.

The first change came with forming a new department, Parking, Transit and Traffic, last summer. Issuing parking permits, administering parking areas, and now ticketing cars will be part of that department.

"We're trying to keep all the related functions together," Smith

said. "It's important from a perception point of view that the police officers don't give out parking tickets in order to pay themselves."

Wiatt said the reorganization allows UPD to concentrate on issues other than parking.

"This is a real relief to me," Wiatt said. "I spend half of my time battling the parking malaise. Now we'll have more time for professional law enforcement and the department will have more time to deal with the safety concerns of the community."

In another effort to improve the perception of the UPD, officers will be required to "park, walk and talk," in the future, Smith said.

"Central campus, like the area between the Coke and Systems buildings, is less accessible to cars," Smith said. "We want them to park their cars, get out and walk around, and to have higher visibility."

Within the department, several new positions have been established. These include a full-time crime prevention officer, available for advising groups in the campus community on safety and security; an administrative assistant; and a field training officer to work on updating training techniques. These positions will be filled by current UPD employees.

Williams

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school. He said his son went through extensive rehabilitation to deal with the problem.

"That's my number one priority — to fight drugs," Williams said in the April 20 interview.

A&M officials have long recognized Williams as an expert on business, shown through his participation as a part-time instructor for a class in the College of Business Management.

Williams told The Battalion he believes in higher education and praised the efforts of University President William Mobley in lobbying for monetary support for A&M, but cautioned that administrators should not "go to the well too often."

"I know every university must lobby to the best of its ability for the

most funds it can get. That's the game. And as an Aggie, I want A&M to get all the money there is. But as a gubernatorial candidate, I'm issuing a word of caution. From all this money that comes out of hard-working people's pockets, you had better have some results."

When reminded of the continuing savings and loan problems statewide at the Saturday convention, Williams drew a laugh by retorting: "I'm trying to present an upbeat speech here."

On current state issues, Williams said he would support pay raises for teachers and bringing Sul Ross and West Texas State universities into the University of Texas or Texas A&M University systems.

Williams bemoaned the shrinking of small towns in Texas and said that it was one process he didn't know how to stop.

"I don't know what can be done to revitalize it," he said.

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What's Up

Monday

- COOPERATIVE EDUCATION: will have a required meeting for co-op students from 5:15-7 p.m. in 102 Zachry. ALPHA ZETA: will assign committees at 7 p.m. in 113 Kleberg. STUDENT GOVERNMENT: will have a table in the MSC to allow students to sign the petition for the George Bush presidential library from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. MSC NOVA: will meet at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder. TAMU SCUBA CLUB: Steve Giddings will speak about the Texas Flower Gardens at 7 p.m. in 502 Rudder. STUDENT ORGANIZATION GUIDE: Deadline to be included in the Student Organization Guide is Friday in 208 Pavilion. CORPUS CHRISTI HOMETOWN CLUB: will meet to distribute care packages at 5 p.m. on the steps of the YMCA building.

Tuesday

- HILLEL JEWISH STUDENT CENTER: will have a campus-wide Holocaust service at 8 p.m. at All Faiths Chapel. ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: will meet at noon. Call the C.D.P.E at 845-0280 for more information.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

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