DNA ON FELONY ARREST

Surviving Parents Coalition



Stop Predatory Crimes

Karen Foster fights for DNA ON FELONY ARREST because her 18 year old daughter, Bonnie Craig, was brutally raped and murdered September 1994 in Anchorage, Alaska. For 13 years Karen lived in fear that the killer was getting away with murder and would probably kill again. The killer was finally identified by a CODIS "DNA Match" November 2006. June 15th, 2011, almost 17 years later her killer was finally convicted of 1st degree murder, 2 counts 2nd degree murder and 1st degree sexual assault.

"No one should get away with murder; with collection of DNA on Arrest, they won't."

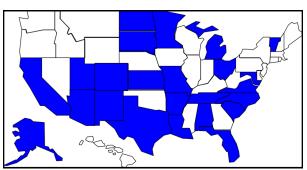
The DNA found on Bonnie matched that of a man in the New Hampshire prison system. He had been in there for 3 years, 9 months before they entered his DNA into CODIS, the national DNA database. When he was finally brought to Alaska for arraignment in April 2007 Karen found out the killer had been in jail 2 months before he murdered Bonnie, he was out on parole when he murdered her, and back in jail 2 months after he murdered her. WITH DNA ON FELONY ARREST THIS CRIME COULD HAVE BEEN SOLVED IN 2 WEEKS; OR AT LEAST WITHIN 2 MONTHS. It took almost 17 years.

This cold case alone has cost Alaska over \$1 million. Over 105 DNAs were taken to rule out suspects over the years; over 10,000 pages of investigation have accumulated. Family and friends lived in pain and even the community was hurt. DNA on Felony Arrest could have changed all of this! Bonnie's life may have even been spared.

Collecting DNA for all Felony Arrests will:

- Catch criminals earlier in their "careers"
- Reduce number of repeat offenders released into our communities
- Reduce investigation time, prosecution time and court time
- Reduce plea bargains
- Bring closure to victims/loved ones who are waiting for justice
- Reduce number of victims and crimes being committed
- Reduce the re-victimization of victims
- Allow for consolidation of cases for serial criminals
- Increase likelihood of Guilty Pleas to full charges
- Increase the certainty of convictions and time sentenced
- Exonerate the wrongly accused sooner
- Solve more Cold Cases allowing for closure for victims
- Ultimately reduce costs to state and local governments and
- Balance the Scales of Justice

Does Your State Collect DNA on Arrest?



26 States and the federal government have passed legislation to collect DNA on arrest. We need all 50 states and Canada to collect DNA on Arrest. No one should get away with murder, rape, nor any other heinous crime.

Blue indicates laws passed for DNA on arrest.

Canada only collects DNA after conviction of certain crimes.

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The Surviving Parents Coalition are parents of children who were abducted, sexually assaulted, murdered or are still missing. We advocate for education and legislation that will aid in the prevention of crimes against children and young people.



Bonnie Craig Mar 30, 1976 – Sept 28, 1994