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FIRST "DNA BURGLARY PROJECT" CASES FILED

Denver's "DNA Burglary Project", a project of the Denver Police Department and Denver DA's Office, has reached a milestone with the first filing of criminal charges.

This grant-funded project was launched last year to use DNA analysis as an investigative tool in property crimes, aiding in identifying suspects and linking their crimes. The process begins with patrol officers who look for DNA evidence at burglary scenes. Detectives then request laboratory analysis to aid traditional investigative work, and the Denver Police Department Crime Laboratory develops the DNA profiles for entry into the CODIS databank.

Michael Davis (02-18-60) is charged with three separate cases of second-degree burglary in connection with three burglaries in Denver that occurred in December 2005 and January 2006.

Davis remains in custody in the Denver County Jail. He is already in custody facing seven other felony burglary cases that occurred later in January 2006.

Background information about the DNA Burglary Project is online at:

http://www.denverda.org/DNA/Denver_DNA_Burglary_Project.htm

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