

## Inside the cell : the dark side of forensic DNA

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### Abstrak

DNA typing -- the analysis of a biological sample for a person's genetic signature -- has led to the unprecedented exoneration of hundreds of wrongfully convicted people. And every day we hear stories about how police used DNA to capture a dangerous rapist or killer. Reading these accounts, it is hard not to think of DNA typing as an unmitigated good. Who can argue with a technology that helps catch bad guys and correct law enforcement mistakes? But there is a darker side to this story -- a version less likely to play out on dramatic television shows. In *Inside the Cell*, Erin Murphy shows how DNA typing can be subject to misuse, mistake, and error, and lead to a police state run amok