

COVER ANALYSIS

What is it?

The Albuquerque Police Department has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$400,000 from the New Mexico Department of Public Safety for a DNA Identification System grant.

What will the project do?

This grant will provide the Albuquerque Police Department Metropolitan Forensic Science Center with the necessary resources to successfully perform the requirements of the DNA Act by ensuring adequate staffing and support to meet those requirements.

Why is the project needed?

By the analyzing and data basing of sex offender registrant DNA profiles, law enforcement agencies throughout the state and nation will be able to search unknown DNA profiles collected as a part of sexual assault investigations. By the collections of these samples, there may also be an inherent deterrent effect, as the collected offenders will know that their DNA profiles are available to be searched at any time.

How much will this cost and what is the funding source?

The Albuquerque Police Department has received \$400,000 from the New Mexico Department of Public Safety. Indirect costs of \$9,019 are necessary to support this grant and are available in the Fiscal Year 2008 Transfer to Operating Grants Fund Program in the General Fund.

What will happen if the project is not approved?

If the project is not approved, the APD will be unable to continue its program to match biological samples collected as evidence to the DNA profiles of known, convicted sex offenders.