

Honorable DNA Subcommittee Members:

DNA records for those who maintain innocence are the only lifelines to freedom that jailed and NDOC prisoners have.

Please take a moment to reflect upon how disrespectful and harmful it is to Nevada prisoners' lives and to their families' lives when NV officials do not respect DNA science, when it is ignored, suppressed, or in general, mishandled.

And, what about the dire fiscal impact of longer incarceration and lawsuits? All a sad waste for all Nevada citizens, in our opinion.

What safeguards and alerts are in place to automatically flag those DNA samples that show no bodily fluids on victims? Are they sent directly to judges? If not, please make sure that they are.

How are you going to assure us that all jailed and NDOC prisoners have guaranteed access and receive copies of their DNA sample reports?

When analyzed DNA samples are not present on victims, is there an automatic process in place to identify whose DNA is on victims? If not, why not?

What can sensitize Nevada officials who wrongfully think that prisoners are lying when they tell officials that their DNA is not present on victims? Why do they not take a moment to make absolutely certain that there are no missing DNA reports in files?

Why do they seemingly automatically discount what prisoners say... adding long years without blinking? Perhaps required sensitization workshops would help prevent disastrous decision making like this?

Yes, disrespect of DNA in many regards has happened here in Nevada.

What is the penalty for mishandling DNA information? If not, please design one.

If these problems are not on your list of priorities in preparing your DNA management recommendations to legislature, we ask you to please make them priorities.

Thank you for all you do.

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