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Research with Criminal Offender DNA Databases

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Wednesday, March 18, 12:30pm, COOR 5536

The Los Angeles Times reported that "A discovery leads to questions about whether the odds of people sharing genetic profiles are sometimes higher than portrayed. Calling the finding meaningless, the FBI has sought to block such inquiry." The article spoke of “dozens of similar matches [in the Arizona database of DNA profiles of criminal offenders] -- each seeming to defy impossible odds." A Stanford mathematician who is NPR’s “math guy" agreed. This talk will show that the perception of "impossible odds" is mistaken. It also will consider the scientific value of more careful research with offender DNA databases as well as the legal and ethical constraints on this research.

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