

Genetic Witness: Science, Law, And Controversy In The Making Of DNA Profiling

Making sense of the story – The dialogues between the police and forensic laboratories in the construction of DNA evidence

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Abstract:

The use of DNA technologies for criminal investigation purposes illuminates an interplay of knowledge and expertise where meaning and relevance of biological traces are negotiated. Through the analysis of five criminal cases that took place in Portugal between 1995 and 2010, and where DNA technologies were used, this article will focus on the dialogues established between the police and the forensic laboratories. I will argue that, on the one hand, the police investigators uses of DNA technologies seek to legitimate and provide an external source of neutrality and objectivity to the constructed narratives surrounding the commission of a crime. On the other hand, laboratories and forensic experts engage in the delimitation and preservation of their professional autonomy by developing boundary work around their scientific expertise through the translation and conversion of criminal traces into scientific artifacts.

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When DNA profiling was first introduced into the American legal system in , it was heralded as a technology that would revolutionise law enforcement. In *Genetic Witness*, Jay D. Aronson uncovers the dramatic early history of DNA profiling that has been obscured by the technique's recent success. Abstract. This article presents a review of *Genetic Witness: Science, Law, and Controversy in the Making of DNA Profiling* by Jay D. Aronson. Download Citation on ResearchGate

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