

This response was submitted to the consultation held by the Nuffield Council on Bioethics on *The Forensic use of bioinformation: ethical issues* between November 2006 and January 2007. The views expressed are solely those of the respondent(s) and not those of the Council.

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Dear Sir Hepple

I have just completed reading Steve Connor's article in The Independent about the DNA database.

I am a white female. This past weekend I was attacked by a group of local BNP thugs and ran through the streets looking for help. I was enormously relieved when I saw a police car coming my way. I flagged the car down, banged on the window and jumped into the back seat of the police car begging for help.

The officer turned to me and arrested me on the spot for flagging him down and 'disrupting justice' as he was on his way to another call.

Rather than taking me to a safe place, say a grocery store where I could call someone to help me, I was put in a cell for the night and released in the morning, having to walk home 7 miles, as I had no money. I was never ALLOWED to make a statement, which I found dumbfounding.

I was wrongfully arrested, and then forced to give DNA, as a victim of a crime.

I think, as the article said, that this is indeed horribly wrong.

I am really getting very frightened that it's getting to the point where I will never be able to visit my family in the United States if these measures are placed on my record.

We are living in some frightening times.

Sincerely yours,