

Castle Announces Grant to Help Crime Labs in Delaware -- August 31, 2007

Washington, DC -- Yesterday, Delaware Congressman Mike Castle announced that the U.S. Department of Justice has awarded \$187,344 to the Delaware Health and Social Services to improve the efficiency of DNA processing. This grant will be used to enhance existing crime laboratories that conduct DNA crime analysis so that they will be able to process their DNA samples quickly and efficiently. Rep. Castle believes streamlining the existing DNA sample testing process is vital to ensure that the perpetrators behind violent crimes are brought to justice.

"These funds will ensure that Delaware is utilizing DNA technology to its full extent so that criminals will be charged with their crimes and those who are innocent may be vindicated," Castle said.

This grant is part of the U. S. Department of Justice Forensic Casework DNA Backlog Reduction Formula to ensure that states may enjoy the full potential of DNA technology for fighting crime.

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