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Baby DNA Used by California Police

California law enforcement solved a crime by tapping into the state’s database of newborn DNA. California has been storing the DNA of newborns without parent consent or knowledge since 1983. More than 9.5 million cards have been collected since 2000 alone. The child’s DNA can be used for research or accessed by police without parent consent.

Governments cannot take adult DNA without consent and many parents are shocked to hear their child’s DNA was taken. Our organization has worked for nearly 20 years to stop government collection of newborn DNA, and we’re making headway. Go to itsmydna.org and see how long your state holds newborn DNA and if you can opt out. Due to our efforts, many states allow opt outs.