



## NIJ Journal 282: Serial Killer Connections Through Cold Cases

There is a cold case crisis in the United States.

In 1965, approximately 80% of homicide cases were cleared, according to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports, but in 2017 only about 60% of homicide cases were resolved.

Focusing investigative efforts on cold cases and apprehending repeat offenders can prevent future crimes and protect possible victims, thus saving the community the immense cost of these crimes.

NIJ has a long history of supporting efforts to help solve cold cases include funding of law enforcement agencies for reviewing old cases, testing of DNA samples, research into criminal behavior and psychological profiles, and support for prosecution of cold cases.

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