

Court of Appeals to consider California DNA collection law

This week, a specially convened panel of 11 federal appeals court judges considered the constitutionality of California's controversial law mandating the collection of DNA samples from all arrestees whether they're charged with a crime or not.

"California Attorney General Kamala Harris and the Obama administration are urging the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to reject the American Civil Liberties Union legal challenge to the law, arguing the collection of DNA samples during the booking process is a simple cheek swab and a powerful law enforcement tool used to solve thousands of 'cold cases,'" writes the Associated Press's Paul Elias. "The ACLU argues that the collection from all arrestees is an unconstitutional invasion of the privacy of suspects who are never charged with a crime."

The 11 judges, which ranged the entire political spectrum of presidential appointees, assembled in San Francisco to consider the case.

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- ["Electronic Frontier Foundation goes after warrantless DNA collection,"](#) Electronic Frontier Foundation