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UPDATE ON THE RESULTS OF DNA TESTING OF REMAINS RECOVERED AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTER SITE AND SURROUNDING AREA

The Office of Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) continues to work to identify as many victims of the 9/11 attacks as possible. New methodologies are being utilized for unidentified remains from the original recovery (Phase I) and for remains recovered during the current WTC PHR Recovery Project (Phase II)*.

Since January 2006, OCME has tested an additional 3171 samples. This has resulted in 851 fragments that can be linked by DNA to known individuals or unidentified profiles. From these, there were 21 new victim identifications and 31 previously unseen profiles for which there are no matching references.

A full summary of the DNA testing results appears below:

1 January 2006 – 1 June 2008	Phase I Recovery	Phase II Recovery	Total
Testing Summary			
Testing Completed / In review	1560	1611	3171
Samples in process	4758	158	4916
Total	6318	1769	8087
Results			
DNA links	584	267	851
Identification Summary			
New Victim IDs since 2006	10	11	21
New DNA profiles without matching			
references since 2006	23	8	31

*Phase II began January 2006