

### Wurst luck

- 1 German police say they have solved a nine-year-old burglary case after DNA found on a half-eaten piece of sausage matched that of a man detained in France over an unrelated crime.
- 2 Police in the western town of Schwelm said on Thursday the sausage belonged to the victim, and the suspect appeared to have helped himself to a bite during the break-in in Gevelsberg in March 2012.
- 3 Officers from the Nordrhein-Westfalen force said in a statement the DNA pattern did not produce a direct hit at the time but that automatic comparisons with international databases led to a link later on. The connection was made after French police took a DNA sample from a man involved in a violent crime that matched the burglary sample, alerting investigators. It was not clear what type of sausage – known in Germany as wurst – the burglar had nibbled, though police said it was a hard variety.
- 4 However, the statute of limitations on the burglary has expired, meaning the suspect is unlikely to be extradited to Germany. Schwelm police said the suspect remains free.



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