

MIAMI, FL, United States (UPI) -- A Florida man was elated when he was told a DNA test showed he was descended from Genghis Khan, only to learn a subsequent DNA test found otherwise.

University of Miami Associate Professor of Accounting Thomas Robinson`s brief inclusion in the Mongol royal house began in April when Oxford Ancestors, a British DNA testing company, told him he had a genetic signature close to that of Genghis Khan, The New York Times reported. Robinson had asked the company to test his Y chromosome.

That finding produced several newspaper stories and even an offer by a movie company to fly him to Mongolia.

But, when Robinson asked for a second opinion, he found he was, in fact, not descended from the Mongol emperor, the Times said.

The professor later learned the error stemmed from the first company`s testing of only nine of Robinson`s Y chromosome sites -- ones that often mutate between generations, the newspaper said. The second DNA company said the major branches of the Y chromosome family tree are defined by mutations at sites that change very seldom.

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