

### [Solano County crime lab celebrates 10 years](#)

The lab was established in 2009 under then-DA David W. Paulson and officially opened for business in Feb. 2010. The lab is responsible for testing seized drug samples, in addition to forensic alcohol and toxicology testing for Solano's law enforcement agencies. The bureau also manages the breath alcohol devices used by law enforcement agencies throughout the county.

### [Texas Crime Laboratory Whistleblower Alleges Corruption and Misconduct](#)

The whistleblower, Trisa Crutcher, filed a 174-page report "with the Fort Worth Police Department, the FBI, and the Texas Forensic Science Commission," according to the article. She first reported her concerns to the Fort Worth police department, but they allegedly conducted an investigation of the lab and "found no wrongdoing," according to Crutcher's report. The Fort Worth Star-Telegram obtained a copy of the report but is not yet public. Her report also states that she was placed on administrative leave after she filed her first complaint and "could not work in the lab while slandering the lab."

### [Texas Sexual Assault Survivors' Task Force issues first Biennial Report, Texas Legislature](#)

150 new recommendations relating to state policies, protocols, best practices for collection, preservation, tracking, analysis, and destruction of evidence in sexual assault cases, were also included in the report.

### [First week of cold-case trial focuses on the crime, evidence handling and DNA analysis](#)

The now 78-year-old Miller was linked to the crime via modern forensic DNA analysis, which utilized a DNA profile extracted from a semen stain found on the victim's left boot. This sample was extracted in 2008 by the Washington State Patrol Crime Lab and subjected to further analysis in 2010 and 2011. In 2018, the crime scene DNA profile was compared to profiles now available in various public and law enforcement DNA databases. By identifying close matches, forensic analysts identified a local couple, one of whose male children was the likely source of the semen recovered from the crime scene. Miller was one of these children.

### [Area residents report more 'vile' postcards](#)

All four reference the Second Amendment, make repulsive and disturbing statements about Gov. Whitmer, call recipients "commie libs" or other politically inspired slur and name the recipient's family members or spouses.

### [Midland man charged in Odessa bank heist tied to Abilene credit union robbery](#)

The DPS Crime Lab then sent the recovered DNA sequence to the FBI, which ran it through its DNA indexing system, CODIS, and allegedly matched it to DNA on file for Seabourne.

### [Hamilton Co. Coroner's Crime Lab nearly finished](#)

### [Court filings detail evidence against Sydney Sutherland's accused killer](#)

Police found the geo-locating app Life360 on Lewellyn's phone after he agreed to let them search it. The app placed him three yards from the scene of the crime the day Sutherland disappeared, a court affidavit states.

### [The mystery of the Powerton Plant skeleton](#)

According to a Pekin Daily Times article on page 2 of the Aug. 6, 1964, issue, Petri took the skull home that day, then returned to the site the next day and started digging. He unearthed a partly decayed wooden box or crate – and within the box, a nearly complete human skeleton.

### [Alton man faces 4th DUI charge](#)

An Alton man has been charged with his fourth driving under the influence charge and his seventh charge of driving on a revoked or suspended license.

### [Recent Murder In St. Pat's Area Solved: Joliet Police](#)

The Joliet Police Department also thanked the Illinois State Police Crime Lab for quickly "processing evidence in this case which proved to be extremely vital," Roechner noted in the news release.

### [CITY RESPONDS TO RECENT GUN VIOLENCE](#)

APD is starting a coordinated multidisciplinary approach to respond to and minimize violent crime in Alameda. Some of the details of the new approach include a proactive response from patrol officers to calls for shots fired including searching for witnesses, possible video footage, and collecting physical evidence. Also, evidence is sent to be processed through the county crime lab, State Department of Justice, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. Shell casing data is entered into the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network. APD is also sending high profile patrol to areas where past shootings have occurred.

### [Man arrested in stabbing death of homeless man in downtown Las Vegas](#)

The police report states blood evidence at the scene was a positive match to Hall and his photograph in a police database matched the description of the person of interest.

### [Two re-indicted in death of local rapper, one indicted on manslaughter charge](#)

However, before the judges decided to postpone the trials because of COVID-19-related concerns, the DA's office filed a motion for continuance in Hughes' case, citing a delay in processing ballistic evidence at a Dallas crime lab.

### [Man charged with aggravated murder in Sherry Black's death](#)

Frustrated investigators say they exhausted every lead in the years after Black was found murdered in her South Salt Lake bookstore on Nov. 30, 2010. They say DNA and genealogy websites allowed them to arrest and formally charge Adam Durborow.

### [“He wasn’t on anybody’s radar”: Police arrest man in Green Bay’s oldest cold case](#)

Investigators are still mum on exactly how Griffin was developed as a suspect recently, but they say once he was they discovered he lived within a few miles of the area where Holstead was last seen alive.

### [Esko man charged for drug-induced homicide in Douglas County](#)

Law enforcement conducted a series of controlled purchases of cocaine from Hansmeyer involving Lurye in August. Following Hansmeyer's arrest, he admitted to supplying Lurye with opioid pills, which he received in shipments from another state. He also acknowledged that the February phone message to Lurye regarding the pills sounded like something he would write, the complaint said.

### [McCloskeys want Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner disqualified from case over campaign materials](#)

In her response, Gardner wrote: "To suggest the emails decrying attempts to stymie ordinary and fair prosecutorial process evidenced a financial or improper personal interest in the outcome of this specific case or any other improper motive tied to this case is stretching the content beyond reasonable limits. Moreover, any such suggestion is consistent with a pattern of prior efforts to attack the Circuit Attorney that began long before the charging decision."

### [Wheeling police make arrest in months-old investigation of 'one-pot' meth lab operation](#)

Police started their investigation in December of 2019 after numerous complaints involving suspected drug activity in that area. Investigators also received information of several drug purchases involving the suspect from NPLeX – the National Precursor Log Exchange electronic logging and compliance system that tracks the sales of over-the-counter medications containing pseudoephedrine.

### [Said to be cleared by DNA, man seeks release after 30 years in prison](#)

Three years ago, DNA tests conducted by the GBI crime lab showed that the male DNA from the woman's rape kit could not have come from Jacobsen.

### [Trial in Mill Creek murder tests memories of 48 years ago](#)

If not for a microscopic stain left behind on those boots, a suspect might have never been arrested in the killing of Jody Loomis.

### [Smith & Wesson handgun from one of Chicago's biggest mass shootings linked to suburban gun shop](#)

They used a federal database called the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network to compare markings on bullets test-fired from the Smith & Wesson against millions of images of ballistic evidence from crime scenes across the country.

### [O'Neill calls out Stein on rape kit testing, leadership at DOJ](#)

Also raised by O'Neill was the issue of the "false commercials" from Stein's campaign. In particular, one ad regarding the state's rape kit backlog that Stein inherited from his predecessor, Gov. Roy Cooper. When Stein took over, North Carolina was number one in the country for untested rape kits with over 15,000 sitting on shelves waiting for action.

### [WVU Department of Forensic and Investigative Science receives nearly \\$1 million in DOJ grants](#)

One grant is worth \$466,543, and WVU assistant professor Tatiana Trejos, Ph.D., is the principal investigator charged with creating more objective and computational methods to make comparisons of materials that are fractured at crime scenes.

### [Most rape kits stuck in lab backlog](#)

Since the start of 2017, the Saranac Lake and Lake Placid village police departments have sent nine sexual assault evidence kits — commonly known as rape kits — to the State Police forensics lab in Albany. Five of them, more than half, still remain untested.

### [Department Of Justice Funds Awarded To Advance Forensic Science In Nebraska](#)

U.S. Attorney Joe Kelly announced \$2,008,282 in Department of Justice grants to Nebraska to fund crime laboratories, decrease DNA backlogs, support basic and applied forensic research, and help law enforcement identify missing persons. The grants, awarded by the Department's Office of Justice Programs are part of \$192 million in funding to advance forensic science nationwide.

### [Retired detective to discuss occult, ritualistic crimes on Halloween Eve during Forensic Science Series](#)

Pierce, who will be addressing the seminar series for the third time, has more than 40 years of experience in forensics and criminal investigation. He has served as a detective and polygraphist for the Warwick Police Department for many years. He has researched numerous issues in the field of occult crime, including "Teenage Suicide: Its relationship to Satanism and the occult." He has also contributed to various publications, such as "The New Satanists," on criminal cases, and "The Death Investigations Manual," on ritual homicide.

### [Governor Abbott Reappoints Four To Texas Forensic Science Commission](#)

Governor Greg Abbott has reappointed Patrick Buzzini, Ph.D., Bruce Budowle, Ph.D., Nancy Downing, Ph.D., and Jasmine Drake, Ph.D. to the Texas Forensic Science Commission for terms set to expire on September 1, 2022.

### [The Evidence Is In: There Are Benefits to Teaching Forensic Science Virtually](#)

"Every single student went to every class and every student turned in every assignment, which never happens," she said of her success with all-remote instruction. "I had so much more engagement in class, and the students seemed genuinely more enthusiastic."

### [Hyde-Smith Announces \\$1.2 Million to Reduce DNA, Forensic Backlogs](#)

U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.) today reported the award of more than \$2.1 million in grants to the Mississippi Department of Public Safety (DPS) and City of Jackson to address backlogs in DNA and forensic analyses.

### [NIST updates organization of Scientific Area Committees for forensics guidelines](#)

The improvements to OSAC's processes are aimed at streamlining the procedures to make high-quality, science-based standards available to forensic laboratories, including for biometrics such as fingerprints and DNA.

### [New DNA evidence leads scientists to believe Jack the Ripper's identity is finally revealed 131 years later](#)

Aaron Kosminski is now the leading suspect of this on-going case. Records show he was arrested and detained in a workhouse in the 1890's under claims of violent behavior with a knife. He was soon transferred to an asylum and then moved to another one. He was known to hear voices and was oddly paranoid about accepting food from others.

### [\\$2.6M awarded for Capital Region criminal justice science programs](#)

Three federal grants totaling over \$2 million have been awarded to criminal justice programs across the Capital Region programs in forensics research, DNA, and criminal justice.

### [Breaking: Persons Of Interest In Custody In Little Lass Human Remains Case](#)

Officials said persons of interest in the case are currently in custody out of state. This investigation remains very active, with search warrants being executed, evidence being processed, and interviews being conducted. As such, releasable information remains limited.

### [Poachers Beware: New Gel Electrophoresis Method Can Accurately ID Degraded DNA from Aged Ivory](#)

In Thailand, it is illegal to trade ivory from African elephants; however, the law allows possession of ivory from Asian elephants if permission is obtained from authorities. Of course, poachers try to get around this by shipping ivory stolen from African elephants to Asia and then quickly breaking it down to tiny pieces for jewelry or other trinkets. The miniscule amount of DNA contained in elephant husks already makes detection difficult—add in analysis of small pieces and the task becomes monumental.

### [Feds to Execute Woman Who Killed Victim, Cut Baby from Womb](#)

A woman convicted of fatally strangling a pregnant woman, cutting her body open and kidnapping her baby is scheduled to be the first female inmate put to death by the U.S. government in more than six decades, the Justice Department said.

### [After 46 Years, Missoula Law Enforcement, FBI and Othram ID 5-Year-Old's Killer](#)

Siobhan McGuinness was a bright and energetic 5-year-old girl living in Missoula, a beautiful and quiet community in western Montana. One evening in early 1974, the tranquility of this peaceful community was shattered when Siobhan disappeared while walking home from her friend's house. Search parties combed the area throughout the night, but as the hours passed, hope of finding the little girl plummeted with falling snow. Siobhan's body was found two days later stuffed into a snowy culvert; she had been sexually assaulted and stabbed to death.

### [Genetic Genealogy Leads to Arrest in 1969 San Diego Rape, Murder](#)

A 75-year-old Pennsylvanian was arrested for the 1969 rape and murder of a young mother in Southern California, authorities said earlier this week. John Sipos was taken into custody Saturday at his home in Schnecksville, near Allentown, the San Diego Police Department said.