

[Beyond CSI: How big data is reshaping the world of forensics](#)

Tune in to the average TV cop show and you're likely to think crime scene forensics is a solved problem. Fingerprints, bullets, and fragments of broken glass can be unambiguously traced back to the source, then used by clever investigators to prove who committed a crime beyond a reasonable doubt.

[AG asks governor for more crime lab analysts in budget](#)

Wisconsin's attorney general has asked Gov. Tony Evers to include money to hire more crime lab analysts and boost their salaries in his executive budget in the wake of a scathing report on delays in testing evidence.

[New national forensic science lab impacted by cost overrun at children's hospital](#)

Plans for a new National Forensic Science Laboratory will be among the projects impacted by the government's decision to divert funds to the new National Children's hospital.

[Drugged driving cases on the rise, Houston forensic scientist says](#)

"The proportion of those drugged driving instead of drunk driving is going way up, a five fold increase," says Dr. Peter Stout, the President and CEO of Houston's Forensic Science Center. "That's a real danger out there."

[Remains of missing Hayfield woman identified nearly 50 years later](#)

The 18-year-old Hayfield woman and University of Minnesota freshman was last seen early November 1970. She woke up, left her Minneapolis apartment to walk to class and was never heard from again.

[Texas Legislators Hope To Reduce Rape Kit Backlog, Improve Public Safety In Rural Areas This Session](#)

While not designated an emergency item by Governor Greg Abbott during his State of the State Address last week, Abbott did mention his desire that lawmakers work this session to reduce the number of untested kits. An estimated 2,000 rape evidence kits remain unprocessed in Texas.

[A new study confirms dabbing trumps flower](#)

The argument that dab rigs are the most efficient way of using cannabis appears to be settled, as a recent 2019 study by Forensic Science International (FSI) in Switzerland found that a staggering 75 percent of THC makes its way into the system of someone wielding a dab rig. In polar opposition, traditional inhalation methods result in 75 percent of THC in bud to be lost when sparked up.

[Former Isanti County businessman charged with second-degree murder from 1993 case](#)

Forensic DNA evidence from a genealogy website and from a napkin taken during a January hockey game are part of the reasons a current Isanti resident, who previously owned several businesses in the area, has been charged with second-degree murder in the 1993 death of Minneapolis resident Jeanie Ann Childs.

[Crime-lab expert links bullet shells on road to gun man is accused of having](#)

The state rested its case against Kenneth Williams, 33, after a crime-lab expert linked more than two dozen spent bullet casings found on a northwest Champaign street to a gun that police found when Williams ran from them.

['Evil Has A Name' is pinnacle of true crime podcasting](#)

True crime fans looking for another fix after bingeing on Netflix's Conversations with a Killer: The Ted Bundy Tapes, should try out Evil Has A Name. In fact, if you didn't like the way the Netflix documentary almost glorifies Bundy, then you'll prefer this podcast series. It focuses on the investigation into the Golden State Killer and the legwork, long hours, and luck that went into tracking him down.

[Wisconsin Crime Lab Testing Delays Grew In 2017](#)

Turnaround times for processing evidence at Wisconsin's state crime labs have grown due to increasing caseloads and staff turnover.

[Testing rape kits now a priority in Arkansas, but questions remain over anonymous cases](#)

Nearly four years ago, a THV11 News investigation revealed over 1,500 rape kits in Arkansas were sitting on shelves and never submitted to the state crime lab. Some of those kits went untested for nearly 10 years. Executive director of the Arkansas State Crime Lab Kermit Channell said testing kits has now become priority.