[Kaul makes case for upgraded crime lab tech, more analysts](#)
Gov. Tony Evers' budget calls for authorizing Kaul to spend $923,800 from court surcharges over the biennium for upgrading drug detection technology and hiring four more toxicologists to run the machinery.

[An Improved Method for Forensic Genetic Genealogy in an Operational Crime Lab, Upcoming Webinar Hosted by Xtalks and Verogen](#)
oin Daniela Cuenca, Senior Criminalist in the California Department of Justice Jan Bashinski DNA Laboratory, in a live webinar on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 11 a.m. EDT (4pm BST/UK) to hear more about this improved approach to generating investigative leads with forensic genetic genealogy.

[More than 2,500 open criminal cases on the books in Hinds County](#)
An analysis from WLBT showed that at least 13 individuals arrested for murder in late 2018 and early 2019, around the time of Funchess' first arrest, have been charged but have not gone to trial.

[Lawyer goes to court for access to Maine crime lab records](#)
A York County lawyer is fighting state officials for access to records on how the Maine crime lab operates, including those concerning a technician who quit while the state was pursuing disciplinary action.

[Seattle woman arrested 23 years after abandoning newborn son](#)
In 2018, Seattle detectives continued with the investigation, obtaining information from a genealogy website. They found a woman who had a possible DNA match and fit the description of the woman seen on surveillance footage in 1997.

[Auburn man charged with Alaska murder has hearing about DNA evidence and alternate suspects](#)
"We've seen all kinds of problems with the DNA collection evidence. There was a huge botched crime scene of some 19 students were at the crime scene before the police even arrived," Howaniec said. "There are problems with the testing of the DNA evidence that occurred two months later at the Alaska crime lab so we really have some serious, serious questions."

[Michigan man suing Hertz over withheld rental receipt that cleared him of 2011 murder](#)
The lawsuit alleges that Hertz ignored two subpoenas and three court orders seeking the receipt, which shows that Alford was nowhere near Adams, 23, when he was shot in the back. Authorities alleged that Alford killed Adams over 50 pounds of stolen marijuana, according to the Lansing State Journal.

[Despite state police study, officials say they're not aware of changes to Lincoln-Way North plans](#)
A plan to turn the former Lincoln-Way North High School complex into a state police forensics lab and local police training facility at the site appeared to take a step forward over the summer when state legislators appropriated $122.5 million to fund the proposal.

[Iowa House approves funding stream for rape kit processing](#)
After learning that some sexual abuse victims were expected to pay the cost of processing evidence kits, an Iowa lawmaker shepherded legislation through the House to establish a tracking system that eventually will be paid for by criminals.

[Could a county morgue help solve Bibb County coroner budget problems](#)
The county spends thousands of dollars storing bodies at local funeral homes but Coroner Leon Jones says with some help, those fees could be cheaper.

[Cliff Boyd, nationally-recognized Radford University professor, dies at 68](#)
Cliff Boyd, a nationally recognized archaeologist, forensics researcher and one of Radford University's longest tenured professors, passed away earlier this week after a decades-long battle with a rare form of cancer.

[Columbia County DA voices support for spending on crime lab updates](#)
In an appearance alongside Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul and Division of Forensic Science Administrator Nicole Roehm, Columbia County District Attorney Brenda Yaskal made clear that additional toxicologists and newer equipment at the state crime lab would benefit the county justice system.

[Disappeared But Not Forgotten: Texas Cold Cases – 2009 Ferris Double Homicide](#)
At that time the Ferris Police Department had also taken this cold case to the Cold Case Committee in Austin, a committee of about 20 people. This committee looked at these files and agreed more could be done.

[Danville man sentenced on weapons charge](#)
Anthony Powell, formerly of 2602 Cannon St., Danville, was sentenced Thursday by Circuit Judge Nancy Fahey to 10 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon — Parole, a Class 2 Felony. Day-for-day sentencing credit applies, and the sentence shall be followed by two years of Mandatory Supervised Release (i.e., Parole).

[UB computer scientists develop tool to spot deepfake photos](#)
The tool proved 94% effective with portrait-like photos in experiments described in a paper accepted at the IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing to be held in June in Toronto.

[Kathleen Folbigg: Could science free Australian jailed for killing babies?](#)
That alternative explanation lies in the recent discovery of a genetic mutation in Kathleen Folbigg and her two daughters which, the scientists say, was "likely pathogenic" and which they believe caused the deaths of the two girls, Sarah and Laura.

[DA to lodge human rights complaint against police and lab over DNA test backlog](#)
DA MP Andrew Whitfield said his party believed the failure to keep the NFSL operating smoothly was a human rights violation on the part of the SAPS as victims suffered the indignity of waiting for justice while living in perpetual fear.

[Leyva Bill Requiring Online Portal for Rape Survivors to Track Their Rape Kits Clears Committee](#)
With strong bipartisan support, the Senate Public Safety Committee today approved legislation authored by Senator Connie M. Leyva (D-Chino) that will require the addition of a new online portal to California's existing rape kit tracking system to allow survivors of sexual assault to anonymously and electronically track and receive updates regarding the status, location and information regarding their rape kit.