

[DPS presents budget requests at LBO Hearing; addresses topic of driver services](#)

That ask is spread out over several agencies including \$39 million for Highway Patrol, \$6.7 million for Troop G in Starkville rebuild, \$9.9 million increase in general funds for the State Crime Lab, MLEOTA training facility for just over \$3.2 million and another big ask for the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics of \$9.8 million.

[DNA identifies suspect in 11-year-old's sexual assault, strangulation from 1972](#)

In 2000, the sexual assault evidence was submitted to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's crime lab and the DNA was entered into the law enforcement database CODIS to try to match it to known suspected criminals -- but no hits were found, Irvine said. The evidence was used in familial DNA searches twice, but still no matches were found, she said.

[Alleged serial rapist known to authorities roamed Anchorage freely for months](#)

Mosley is in custody now, but he was allowed to roam Anchorage freely for more than eight months after Anchorage police detectives learned his DNA implicated him in three sexual assaults, and forwarded charges to the Department of Law. During that time, a fourth woman was raped.

[The Hollywood Ripper: How "48 Hours" Helped Crack The Case Of Convicted Serial Killer Michael Gargiulo](#)

The murder of Tricia Pacaccio is a case "48 Hours" has been working on since the summer of 2008. It took years to gain her parents trust — that maybe somehow by telling Tricia's story, we could help catch her killer.

[Forensic Proteomics, a New Tool for Crime Labs and Anthropology](#)

But DNA is a relatively fragile molecule that breaks down easily. That's where proteomics, the new science of analyzing proteins, comes in. By reading the sequence of amino acids from fragments of protein, scientists can work backwards to infer the sequence of DNA that produced the protein.

[HBO probes Oak Park cold-case](#)

Family members of late Oak Parker Kathleen Lombardo, who was sexually assaulted and murdered in Oak Park on Aug. 1, 1984, hope an upcoming HBO documentary series based on McNamara's book could similarly help capture the Oak Park killer.

[Victoria County marijuana cases on hold after passage of hemp law](#)

Victoria County clerk records show that no new misdemeanor marijuana cases have been filed since July 10 even as arrests by police officers and sheriff's deputies continue.

[Garin wants PAO lab merged with NBI crime lab](#)

Former health chief and now Iloilo Rep. Janette Garin asked the justice department to merge the Public Attorney's Office (PAO) forensics lab with the crime lab of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI).

[NC has thousands of untested rape kits. State could provide \\$6 million to test them.](#)

North Carolina lawmakers want to spend \$6 million over the next two years to reduce the massive backlog of untested rape evidence kits throughout the state.

[How faulty eyewitness testimony can lead to wrongful convictions](#)

District Attorney Paul Connick's office had convicted Royal Clark, but he agreed to have the sheriff's department crime lab re-analyze the prints. "My reaction is 'do it.' I wanted to know," Connick said.

Hayes said there was a match of the prints to somebody else entirely, who had a history of committing armed robberies in the same area: 54-year-old Jessie Perry, currently in prison for several other armed robberies.

[Forensic science isn't 'reliable' or 'unreliable': It depends on the questions you're trying to answer](#)

It makes no sense to assess the reliability of any forensic technique in the abstract. A forensic method is only "reliable" as far as it helps answer the particular questions asked in the context of a particular case. Asking the wrong questions will undoubtedly deliver the wrong answers, even if the best and most fully validated forensic method is applied.

[Brazos County DA Parsons reappointed to Texas Forensic Science Commission](#)

Parsons is joined by Sam Houston State University's Sarah Kerrigan, Ph.D., Dr. Jeffrey Barnard of Dallas, attorney Mark Daniel from Fort Worth, and retired DPS director Dennis "Pat" Johnson. At Sam Houston State, Kerrigan serves as the Director of the Institute for Forensic Research, Training and Innovation. All five will serve a term through September 1, 2021.

[Skin-crawling discovery: 'body farm' scientists find corpses move](#)

An Australian scientist has proved that human bodies move around significantly for more than a year after death, in findings that could have implications for detectives and pathologists around the world.

[CFSRE and Verogen join forces to accelerate implementation of new forensic NGS technology](#)

The Center for Forensic Science Research & Education (CFSRE) and Verogen have entered into a collaborative agreement to establish CFSRE as a leader in the field of forensic Next Generation Sequencing (NGS), also known as Massively Parallel DNA Sequencing (MPS).

[Texas man, subject of Netflix doc, ordered released after 11 years behind bars](#)

But forensic scientists have questioned the expert's use of PhotoModeler, often used to reconstruct auto accident crime scenes, to determine the robber's height. This "non-science," as one analyst called it, was included in the Netflix documentary Exhibit A, which focused on dubious forensic tools.

[A Woman's AncestryDNA Test Revealed a Medical Secret](#)

In 2017, Holly Becker took an AncestryDNA test, and the results, she would only later learn, exactly matched those of a young man in New York. This was strange, but the test was not wrong. She really did have his DNA inside her.

[The real-life Dr. Wendy Carr says 'Mindhunter' gets most of it right](#)

he Boston College professor's work in the 1970s and 1980s with the FBI's nascent Behavioral Science Unit was the inspiration for Dr. Wendy Carr, played by actress Anna Torv, one of three main characters in the critically acclaimed Netflix series. The second season debuted Aug. 16, but Ms. Burgess hasn't had time to view it yet.