

[Two Cameras Outside Jeffrey Epstein's Cell 'Malfunctioned,' FBI Crime Lab Examining](#)

"The cameras were sent to Quantico, Virginia, site of a major FBI crime lab where agents and forensic scientists analyze evidence," Reuters reported. "The Washington Post reported on Monday that at least one camera in the hallway outside Epstein's cell had footage that was unusable. The newspaper said there was other usable footage captured in the area."

[State crime lab director retiring after 30 years](#)

Tim Pifer was 27 years old when he was tasked with collecting fingerprints from the Derry condominium where Gregg Smart was murdered in 1990. The scene of the murder site was Pifer's first crime scene, working as a forensic scientist for New Hampshire's forensic laboratory.

[Broward Prosecutors Quietly Dropped Investigation Into Drug Analyst Accused of Misconduct](#)

But this past March, nearly five years after launching the investigation, Satz's office quietly closed the McDonald case. The reason: There was no evidence to prove she broke the law.

[Rape Kit Tracking System Launches September 1st](#)

Attorney General Tim Fox announced Thursday, August 29th, the completion of Montana's Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System. The system, which launches September 1, will be used by sex assault survivors, health care professionals, and law enforcement agencies statewide.

[Lightfoot, Johnson turn to data analysis to combat gun scourge](#)

The initiative will involve coordination between the Chicago Police Department, Department of Justice, the Cook County State's Attorney, and Cook County Sheriff. It tracks "gun offenders from their arrest, prosecution, sentencing and ultimate release, in order to identify trends, strengths and address any weaknesses within the criminal justice system."

[Some sheriffs say they can fix SC's DNA backlog, but state taxpayers must pay more](#)

Now, more than 8,000 cases have piled up, waiting to be tested, according to data collected earlier this year. The exact number of cases is unclear, as they open and close daily.

[Deputies: Candy from Butts County school tests negative](#)

In a statement to Facebook the Butts County Sheriff's Office, officials say testing done by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation on 27 bags of candy seized from a Butts County middle school reported negative results.

[Man exonerated in '84 slaying sues ex-Detroit cop, lab tech's estate](#)

Also, according to Mueller, Houseworth indicated that the bullet taken from Montgomery matched a bullet taken from the gun believed to have been recovered in the case, but there was never a match.

[Gov. Noem: 'Industrial hemp is not the answer'](#)

Legalizing industrial hemp legalizes marijuana by default. I asked my cabinet and other experts in state government to see what other states are doing on hemp and how they are implementing their laws. But what they've come back with is example after example of drug laws becoming murky and unenforceable.

[Police searched years for a serial rapist, then found a suspect among their past recruits](#)

"In actuality, had he not attempted to join the ranks of the Clayton County Police Department, it's questionable as to when we would have apprehended him," Roberts said.

[Waiting for Justice: SC suspects walk free, victims face trauma due to DNA backlog](#)

Officers from the Sumter Police Department collected DNA evidence from the passenger-side door handle, where the suspect touched, and sent it to the State Law Enforcement Division for testing. But that evidence still has not been tested — nearly five years later.

[Texas commission backs finding of professional negligence in El Paso blood alcohol testing](#)

While the investigation by the commission found professional negligence, investigators were unable to find evidence of a more severe charge of professional misconduct. In order to find professional misconduct, the commission would have to determine beyond a reasonable doubt that Romero intentionally falsified blood results.

[Man charged with killing wife by spiking cereal with heroin](#)

"Police were able to secure three plastic packages of Christina's frozen breast milk placed in a cooler. All three were submitted to the crime lab. In each instance no controlled substance was detected," Leyton told WEYI-TV.

[New London case nets first conviction from backlogged sex assault test kits](#)

Whittenberger assaulted a teen in New London in July 2012. The victim's sexual assault kit went untested for years due to a backlog at the state crime lab. It was tested as part of the Wisconsin Sexual Assault Kit Initiative in 2017.

[Ex-Denver DA Using Familial DNA to Heat Up Cold Murder Cases](#)

"We helped solve a home-invasion murder down in Scottsdale, Arizona," Morrissey says. "We helped solve a brutal hammer murder of an elderly woman in Utah. And we've helped Virginia and a few other states catch rapists. In Wisconsin, they caught two serial rapists and one who raped a 101-year-old woman."

[Davenport PD has a new tool to connect the dots between gun-related crimes](#)

Davenport got a National Integrative Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) for about \$400,000. It analyzes cartridge casings from fired guns and compares them to all the other databases throughout the country.

[Kronenwetter Fire and Police Departments receive WPS grants](#)

Meanwhile, the Village Police Department was awarded a check for just over \$1,600 to purchase a new device that will be able to test recreational drugs for dangerous substances in the field. Chief Terry McHugh says it will bring a new level of safety to his staff.

[Jefferson County DA announces arrest in 1988 murder of Hardin County woman thanks to DNA results](#)

Recently Port Arthur Police and Texas Rangers discovered “items of evidence” and submitted them for DNA testing that wasn’t available in 1988 and were able to develop a DNA profile that matched MacGinnis.

[Humanitarian forensic scientists trace the missing, identify the dead and comfort the living](#)

Working under international humanitarian law rather than local or federal criminal systems, these forensic experts help ensure the proper identification and respectful handling of people who die during war, natural disaster and migration, preventing them from becoming missing persons.

[The forensic sleuth](#)

Her interest in misinterpreted evidence began during her doctorate degree at the University of Oxford, where she studied how geoscience techniques can help to detect crime. Working in the field since then, Morgan soon realised that most research has focused on establishing new, increasingly accurate techniques that can collect as much information as possible.

[Ultra-fast bomb detection method could upgrade airport security](#)

In a comprehensive two-part paper published by the journal Propellants, Explosives, Pyrotechnics and Forensic Science International: Synergy, a team of researchers from Surrey detail how they have built on their previous ground-breaking work on super-fast fingerprint drug testing, to develop a technique that is able to detect key explosives in just 30 seconds.

[How Anna Vasquez Fought Injustice, Then Fought Some More](#)

In 2013 Kellogg admitted, in court, that her forensic evidence and testimony had been flawed. The three other women were released on bail, but they, too, had to register as sex offenders. Vasquez continued to speak out about the case until 2016, when all four women were exonerated.

[Physicists now have even better models for blood spatter from gunshot wounds](#)

Physicists continue to contribute their unique insight into the forensic analysis of blood spatter patterns with two recent papers. The first, published in Physics of Fluids, offers a useful mathematical model of the relationship between the shape and speed of a bullet and the patterns produced by the resulting blood spatter. The second, published in the Journal of Fluid Mechanics, examines how gases propelled from a gun muzzle at firing can affect the distribution of blood spatter and gunshot residue (GSR).

[How The CSI Of The Mountain West Solves Wildlife Attack Cases](#)

“We do the wildlife attack cases, and then we do any poaching cases that any law enforcement officers send to us,” said Kim Frazier, the director of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department’s Forensic Lab.

[Marshall, Homeland Security partner to help fight the opioid epidemic](#)

Marshall University is partnering with Homeland Security Investigations in an attempt to stop criminal activity related to the opioid epidemic.

[OSAC in Action at International Association for Identification Conference](#)

The IAI conference provided an extraordinary opportunity for OSAC to inform the community about the forensic science standards that are currently available, those being developed, and to invite them to participate in the standards development process. Eight OSAC Members were there to share updates on the activities of their subcommittee.

[Los Angeles Deputy Who Faked Sniper Attack Is Terminated, Sheriff Says](#)

Angel Reinoso told the authorities he had been struck by bullets fired from a nearby apartment building on Aug. 21. He had actually cut holes in his shirt using a knife, officials said.

[Southern California deputy lied about being shot by sniper in sheriff's office parking lot: Authorities](#)

"There were several things that were curious," Wegener said. "There was no ballistic evidence in the parking lot at all. No bullet was recovered. ... There were many things that didn't add up."