

### [The Golden State Killer Case Has Spawned A New Forensic Science Industry](#)

Just weeks after DeAngelo's arrest, Parabon NanoLabs launched a commercial forensic genealogy service. Since May, it has identified suspects in 36 cold cases, according to its lead genealogist, CeCe Moore. Now Parabon has competition. This week, the biggest forensic DNA testing company in the US, Bode Technology, announced that it is launching a rival genealogy business.

### [Croatian Dr. Dragan Primorac awarded prestigious American Academy of Forensic Sciences award](#)

Dr. Primorac is the recipient of the Mary E. Cowan Outstanding Service Award awarded by the American Academy of Forensic Sciences on 20 February in Baltimore.

### [China Uses DNA to Track Its People, With the Help of American Expertise](#)

They drew blood from the 38-year-old Muslim, scanned his face, recorded his voice and took his fingerprints. They didn't bother to check his heart or kidneys, and they rebuffed his request to see the results.

### [Innocence Project sues museum for access to archives on 'tragically flawed' bite-mark evidence](#)

The material is in the archives of the American Board of Forensic Odontology, an organization that certifies dentists as forensic bite-mark experts. The organization has provided testimony and evidence leading to the conviction of defendants "in a plethora of criminal cases," the suit says.

### [FBI investigation rules Brittany MadPlume's death accidental](#)

According to the FBI, based on the evidence gathered, analyzed, and processed, they determined there was no violation of federal law.

### [Princess Diana Was Not Pregnant But Was Not On Birth Control Either](#)

Tests on the remains of Princess Diana suggested she was not pregnant at the time of her death, a forensic scientist involved in the inquiry into her death has revealed.

### [He threw away a napkin at a hockey game. Police used it to charge him with a 1993 murder](#)

A Minnesota man has been charged with second-degree murder in connection with a 1993 cold case after police used a genealogy site to identify him as a suspect and a discarded napkin to obtain DNA evidence.

### [Pulwama attack: Probe on to trace source of explosives](#)

Forensic experts are analysing the chemical signature from the high-grade RDX used in the car-borne suicide attack on a CRPF bus in Pulwama last week in order to trace its source, a senior government official said.

### [GBI: Food from Sandtown Middle School where kids got sick had THC](#)

The state agency announced Thursday that its crime lab had received 46 items of food for testing from the Fulton County Schools Police Department, which is investigating what made the students sick.

#### [State Crime Lab whittling on rape-kits backlog; exec hoping to cut 5-month lag to 45 days](#)

The Arkansas state Crime Laboratory is "chipping away" at a backlog of sexual-assault evidence kits, said Executive Director Kermit B. Channell II.

#### [New bill takes aim at state's rape kit backlog](#)

Lawmakers are considering a proposal that would eventually eliminate the state's backlog of around 7,000 boxes of untested rape evidence.

#### [Jussie Smollett charged: 'Empire' actor's bond set at \\$100K, staged attack because he was 'dissatisfied with his salary': police](#)

The letter was sent to the Chicago studio for "Empire" on Jan. 22, a week before Smollett allegedly staged the attack. The letter is currently in the FBI crime lab for analysis, sources said.

#### [DNA leads to charges in Whittier, Lyndale cold cases](#)

Freeman said the strategy is inspired by the investigation of the Golden State Killer, which uploaded the alleged serial offender's profile to the genealogy website GEDmatch.

#### [Newton Falls man who sickened deputies with fentanyl sentenced](#)

Martin E. Higinbotham, 48, of Newton Falls, who kicked fentanyl into the faces of Trumbull County deputies a year ago, forcing them to seek medical treatment, was sentenced to 16 months in prison Wednesday after pleading guilty to all charges.

#### [RCMP labs make more cuts to firearms testing, impacting some criminal cases](#)

The new directive at the national RCMP labs means that guns seized by police in the course of an investigation of an unrelated crime — such as a robbery where the gun was not used — won't be sent to be examined.

#### ['There must be some mistake': Cold case murder suspect fights extradition to Alaska](#)

Downs had no previous arrests and his DNA had never been uploaded to national criminal databases. However, after the arrest of the suspected Golden State Killer in California based on commercially available DNA databases, troopers submitted DNA from Sergie's case to Parabon NanoLabs, the same facility used in that case. Its report showed a hit on one of Downs' relatives.

#### [DNA match leads to arrest for 1973 murder of 11-year-old girl](#)

Using modern DNA technology, California detectives have arrested a suspect for the 1973 murder and sexual assault of 11-year-old Linda O'Keefe. For more than 45 years, her disappearance has haunted the community of Newport Beach, California.

#### [Unrecognizable version of DNA bill advances, focuses on rape kits](#)

The controversial bill that initially proposed an unprecedented statewide DNA database passed an Arizona Senate committee Wednesday after being stripped practically beyond recognition.

#### [Notification begins for drug defendants whose cases were dismissed because of Sonja Farak scandal](#)

Approximately 7,500 people whose drug cases were tainted by Amherst drug lab chemist Sonja Farak will soon receive letters notifying them that their convictions have been overturned.

#### [AAFS 'Bring Your Own Slides': Animal Sperm, Cattle-Gun Suicide, Vitamin K Shortage and More](#)

From synthetic pot that made users bleed uncontrollably, to gorilla sperm examined under a microscope, to a suspect out in the desert kicking a human skull around "like a soccer ball," Wednesday night's "Bring Your Own Slides" (BYOS) session at the 71st Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences featured a range of unique cases and research projects.

#### [Child Victims — Of Disease and Abuse — Advocated at AAFS Meeting](#)

A baby is born at a hospital, seemingly perfectly healthy and thriving. Hours later, he rapidly deteriorates. and despite all efforts to revive him, the infant dies. He spent all of his short life in the hospital, so there is little suspicion that he was injured or smothered, accidentally or intentionally.

#### [Catch Me If You Can: Study Reveals Disguises Are Surprisingly Effective](#)

Superficial but deliberate changes in someone's facial appearance - such as a new hairstyle or complexion - are surprisingly effective in identity deception, new research suggests.