

### [Johnson County Sheriff's Office crime lab sanitizing face masks](#)

"Crime scene investigators are used to solving problems, but I definitely did not think I would be doing this," said Amy Santoro, a crime scene investigator with crime lab at the Johnson County Sheriff's Office.

### [WSP's crime lab in Vancouver loans equipment for COVID-19 testing](#)

The University of Washington's Virology Department currently processes about 2,000 to 3,000 COVID-19 clinical samples per day. The number of daily tests is expected to increase, and the department has found itself in need of additional equipment -- specifically, ThermoFisher 7500 testing units.

### [Local governments urge more money for state crime lab](#)

The Port Angeles City Council voted 7-0 Tuesday to pass a resolution asking lawmakers to fully fund the five State Patrol crime labs and one toxicology lab to speed up the administration of justice.

### [Macon GBI Crime Lab not doing autopsies until further notice](#)

Nelly Miles with the GBI says it's because they're awaiting test results from an employee "who was exposed to someone with a fever," in an email. Until the results come in, Macon's lab staff is working from home.

### [State Patrol crime-lab workers fear potential exposure to coronavirus after janitor tested positive](#)

After a janitor who worked at a Sodo office park that houses various law-enforcement offices tested positive this month for the novel coronavirus, Seattle police reportedly ordered all employees who were potentially exposed to get screened by a doctor.

### [State crime lab scales back operations amid coronavirus spread, leading to shelving of drug cases](#)

The Illinois State Police laboratory is cutting down drastically on the number of forensic tests it is performing, so routine testing to confirm whether any suspected drugs are, in fact, narcotics, has been put on pause.

### [Police use crime lab sanitation procedures to take cherry pies to 102-year-old birthday girl](#)

"We're going to give out these pies all while maintaining COVID CDC standards, maintaining our distance and using proper procedures to make sure that keep this entire family safe," Snelling stated. He even reminded the family to wash their hands before helping themselves to the pie.

### [How to Fix a Drug Scandal: behind a staggering Netflix crime docuseries](#)

"I think the system needed to be brought to task," said Carr. The Hinton Lab is now closed, Amherst lab shuttered, but the vulnerabilities of little-seen yet consequential drug labs aren't specific to Massachusetts. "This is a product of the war on drugs done on the cheap," said Carr. "And we will continue to see cases like this if we don't really take a good, hard look at drug labs and what they're doing."

### [Crime Slightly Down In Chicago During Coronavirus Pandemic, But Shootings And Murders Up Year-To-Date](#)

Chicago saw reductions in most crime categories, including murders, which were down 36 percent this month compared to March 2019. But when you compare the first four months of the year — Jan. 1 to March 31 — to last year, murders are up, from 82 in 2019 to 93 in 2020.

### [Reported crime in Denver dropped by nearly 10 percent last month](#)

Overall, Denver saw 498 fewer crimes reported last month (4,570) compared to March 2019 (5,068) as the city grapples with the coronavirus pandemic. There were 5,323 reported crimes in March 2018.

### [4 bodies, 6 crime scenes: Investigation continues into suspected murders, suicide](#)

The initial investigation began around 6 a.m. Saturday, March 28, when the Monroe County Sheriff's Office responded to a fire at the couple's home, said First Sgt. Andy Evans, district commander of the West Virginia State Police Greenbrier, Monroe and Summers County detachments.

### [Here's What Happened To Sonja Farak After 'How To Fix A Drug Scandal,' And Where She Is Now](#)

Sonja Farak, a chemist with a longterm mental health struggle, is the catalyst of the story, but it doesn't end with her. This is the story of Farak's drug-induced wrongdoings, and it's the story of the Massachusetts Attorney General's office apparently turning a blind eye on those wrongfully convicted because of Farak's mistakes.

### [Will Illinois's Stay-at-Home Order Reduce Gun Violence in Chicago?](#)

Chicago, like many cities across the country today, is a shadow of its former self. Nearly two weeks into a statewide stay-at-home order designed to contain the spread of the coronavirus, most aspects of everyday life have come to a screeching halt. The city's popular Lakefront is closed, as are schools, dine-in restaurants, and bars. Once densely packed downtown streets, bustling tourist attractions, and the city's commuter "L" trains are now relatively empty.

### [Bellevue dentist accused of setting fire to medical gowns and masks in attempt to burn down his office](#)

A Bellevue dentist who was being evicted from his office for failing to pay rent is accused of dousing medical gowns and masks with lighter fluid or some other accelerant and setting fires in his exam and X-ray rooms, according to King County prosecutors.

### [Texas DPS: Former Madison County deputy responsible for nearly 20 year old sexual assault case](#)

Ivan Linebaugh, 58, of Bedias, was arrested Monday. He is currently charged with aggravated assault. Investigators said Linebaugh sexually assaulted a woman during a traffic stop while he was working as a Madison County Deputy back in 2000. He was arrested at his job without incident, according to a press release from DPS.

### [Marshall forensic center enters partnership](#)

The Marshall University Forensic Science Center (MUFSC) has partnered with the ANDE Corp., which is placing a rapid DNA instrument at the MUFSC for DNA analysts to evaluate for future validation and testing.

### [MALDI-TOF in Forensic Science](#)

For example, MALDI imaging mass spectroscopy can be applied to proteins characteristic of certain diseases without using target-specific reagents, thereby allowing searches for hundreds of analytes at once. MALDI-TOF can also be applied to genetic information, such as single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs).

### [American Sherlock Profiles the Man Who Shaped Modern Forensic Science](#)

Criminal investigations hinge on how much data can be gathered, how clean that data is, and how correctly that data is interpreted. Edward Oscar Heinrich shaped modern forensics, forever changing American law enforcement in all three regards.

### [Retired Police Detective Turned Professor Earns Influential Appointment](#)

He will be at the very forefront of that work as one of the newest directors of the Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board (FSAB) for the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. The FSAB is charged with “assessing, recognizing, and monitoring organizations or professional boards that certify individual forensic scientists or other forensic specialists.” It was established in 2000 with the support of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, the National Forensic Science Technology Center, and the National Institute of Justice .

### [UCO Forensic Science Institute donates medical supplies to hospital](#)

“Since classes are currently suspended at UCO, we had supplies that were urgently needed in Edmond hospitals. The faculty and staff of the Forensic Science Institute wanted to help in this small way by providing masks, gloves, disposable lab coats and Tyvek suits, and also to say 'thank you' to our health care workers.”

### [33 Years After Dubious Evidence Helped Convict Him, Joe Bryan Has Been Released on Parole](#)

Bryan, then a high school principal, had been attending an education conference in Austin, 120 miles away, in the days surrounding the murder. By his account, he was asleep in his hotel at the time of the crime. His conviction rested largely on bloodstain-pattern analysis, a technique still in use throughout the criminal justice system, despite serious concerns about its reliability.