

### [Worker who reported violations at Fort Worth police crime lab alleges retaliation](#)

Trisa Crutcher first reported possible violations in the lab's biology unit in 2018. Then, in July, she filed a 174-page whistleblower report with the Fort Worth Police Department, FBI and the Texas Forensic Science Commission, which investigates complaints at accredited state labs.

### [DPS Receives Grant to Acquire Sex Assault Kit Tracking Software](#)

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) was awarded the Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence— Inventory, Tracking and Reporting (SAFE-ITR) grant this month from the Bureau of Justice Assistance to begin the process of implementing a program to track sexual assault kit (SAK) testing. The grant provides \$998,791 to the state over the next three years and will go toward the cost of software as well as two positions to manage the tracking program. The rollout of the SAK tracking software is expected to occur before the end of 2021. This system will also be a statewide mechanism for survivors to check the status of their kit at any time as well as provide them with notification at the completion of testing.

### [Texas DPS: DNA collection law helped solve hundreds of crimes in its first year](#)

The Krystal Jean Baker Act, which allows the collection of DNA samples from those charged with any of 24 different felonies and compares them with existing crime scene DNA samples in a nationwide database, has helped Texas DPS solve more than 250 open investigations in its first year, the agency says.

### [Appellate judges overturn conviction in high-profile 2013 Long Island rape and murder case](#)

A man imprisoned for raping and strangling a Long Island woman in 2013 had his conviction overturned by a panel of state appellate judges who concluded that a DNA match was not enough to pin him to the grisly crime, the Daily News has learned.

### [SLED progressing toward rape kit tracking system for SC](#)

Advocates say it will ensure survivors of sexual assault always know where the evidence in their case is and will also provide transparency around how the kits are handled from the hospitals to law enforcement to the crime labs in the state.

### [Dept. of Public Safety's Crime Lab Biology Team receives award from Governor](#)

The governor's award for excellence provides an opportunity for state employees to be recognized for outstanding public service and achievements that display dedication to Utah citizens.

### [Skeletal remains found in Jackson County](#)

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office is investigating after skeletal human remains were discovered in a wooded area in the Alford Community of Jackson County.

### [DPS: DNA legislation continues solving crimes](#)

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) today announced that House Bill (HB) 1399 assisted in the closure of more than 250 unsolved criminal investigations during its first year of implementation.

### [Autopsies backlogged, homicide cases delayed as state's chief medical examiner under investigation](#)

Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Mark LeVaughn was placed on administrative leave on Nov. 10, Department of Public Safety spokesman Chris Vignes said. LeVaughn is part of an active investigation by the Mississippi Attorney General's Office, but authorities have declined to say what the investigation is about.

### [Random act or targeted? Selma mayor unsure if shooting of his home was intentional](#)

He and his wife, Cynthia, weren't home when the incident occurred. The bullet, likely fired from 40 cal. handgun, went through the wall and struck a book on a bookshelf in his study. He found the spent bullet on the floor Saturday morning.

### [DNA testing backlog delays Northern Kentucky rape arrest for two years](#)

Wynn was actually arrested back in September. He was accused of having sex and oral sex with a 15-year-old at an Independence home two years ago.

### [Sheriff Marshak Wants To Make Changes To Zone Offices And Crime Lab](#)

The Missouri State Highway Patrol still handles many crime lab requests but are overwhelmed with the overall numbers and needs.

### ['Mr. Bones' Accepted for a DNA Analysis](#)

Idaho County authorities are hopeful a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance will help reveal the identity of a possible homicide victim from 36 years ago dubbed " Mr. Bones."

### [Covington man accused in wife's death months after prison release](#)

Tony Lamar Holder, 48, was apprehended in his front lawn when Covington police responded to the 5100 block of Cook Street, according to the department. His wife, 63-year-old Carol Denise Holder, was dead when officers arrived shortly after 10:40 p.m.

### [Chaos At Fairfield City Council: 9 Arrested Following Protest Over Hiring Of Officer Accused Of Badge Bending](#)

Nine people were arrested Tuesday during a Fairfield City Council meeting while protesting the hiring of a former Vallejo officer who was involved in a fatal shooting and accused of badge bending.

### [MA Dropping 108 More Convictions in Drug Lab Scandal](#)

Seven years after a disgraced former Massachusetts state chemist pleaded guilty to mishandling drug samples, the reverberations of the case still are being felt. Hundreds of people have been released from custody since the revelation of wrongdoing by chemist Annie Dookhan. In 2017, more than 20,000 cases affected by her misconduct were found to be eligible for dismissal.

### [Michael Coble, Ph.D appointed to Texas Forensic Science Commission](#)

In the commission, they focus to improve the quality of forensic analysis conducted in Texas crime laboratories; their accreditation mandates also impact criminal proceedings, procedures, policies and practices.

### [New tool to combat terrorism](#)

Forensic science experts at Flinders University are refining an innovative counter-terrorism technique that checks for environmental DNA in the dust on clothing, baggage, shoes or even a passport.

### [Grant helps ISP forensic scientists to revive about 50 cold cases](#)

An Idaho State Police investigative team is about to take a deep dive into dozens of cold cases hoping to bring justice to victims.