

[Meth contamination found at state crime lab](#)

It has happened again, an internal investigation uncovering a defect at the Washington State crime lab that could affect more than 3,800 criminal cases across the state, the lion's share of them DUIs.

[Medical examiner's office to close at Macon Crime Lab](#)

The GBI's Medical Examiner's Office has been trying to hire a replacement since December 13, 2019, but have yet to receive any qualified candidates, according to a release.

[FBI ballistics report in Breonna Taylor case received by Kentucky AG's office](#)

According to a tweet from Cameron's office, "We've received the FBI ballistics report in the Breonna Taylor investigation," said Cameron via Twitter. "There is still additional analysis that must take place, & our office does not plan to make an announcement this week. We continue to work diligently to follow the facts and complete the investigation."

[GBI investigating shooting death of sleeping 17-year-old Brooks County football player](#)

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation is investigating after a 17-year-old Brooks County High School football player died after being shot several times through the outside walls of the apartment building.

[\\$1 million bond set for man charged with 1984 murder](#)

Evidence and witness statements have been collected over the 36 years, with evidence being tested and re-tested as forensic technology advanced, but much of the evidence has been the same for years. Sheriff Becker said the tipping point in the investigation came down to reviewing the full case again and communicating what they had.

[Coroners Fear Autopsy Backlog as GBI Loses Medical Examiner](#)

The GBI announced in a recent letter that its crime lab in Macon will stop performing autopsies for an indefinite period of time starting Oct. 1. That's because the medical examiner who oversees autopsies is retiring. The GBI said it's been trying to recruit a replacement since December, but hasn't found anybody qualified to take the job.

['CSI' Plans Return: Who Will Join Gil & Sara in the Lab?](#)

Jackpot! Original CSI: Crime Scene Investigation stars William Petersen and Jorja Fox are reportedly in negotiations to join the planned limited revival of the smash CBS procedural — CSI: Vegas — which was announced earlier this year ahead of the series' 20th anniversary.

[NHCSO requests new drug-testing equipment, here's what happened to the old hardware](#)

he New Hanover County Sheriff's Office is asking the county to approve the use of roughly \$125,000 in federal forfeited funds to purchase a new piece of drug testing equipment.

[Trade Ministry's first criminal lab starts service](#)

A modern and full-fledged criminal laboratory belonging to the Trade Ministry has been opened for service in Ankara, Trade Minister Ruhsar Pekcan has said in a written statement.

[Knudsen's plan to defund DOJ dangerous](#)

Career politician Austin Knudsen has been traveling Montana campaigning on one dangerous idea: defunding the Montana Department of Justice. It's an extreme idea—regardless of political party—and will make Montana less prosperous and less safe.

[Mystery shrouds violent killing of young Bend couple](#)

The bodies of Bend residents Raymond Gene Atkinson Jr. and Natasha "Tasha" Newby were discovered by a concerned friend and a relative who had broken into the home of Atkinson's late father to look for them.

[Lincoln man accused of possessing gun and cash at home testosterone lab](#)

Prosecutors have charged a 31-year-old man with two felonies in connection with a search of his home in southwest Lincoln that allegedly turned up evidence of testosterone manufacturing.

[Kentucky AG restates Breonna Taylor investigation 'takes time' in response to Amy McGrath](#)

Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron continued to emphasize that it "takes time" to complete a thorough investigation into the death of Breonna Taylor Friday, responding to Senate candidate Amy McGrath's calls to release his findings or turn the case over to an independent counsel.

[US Ambassador praises Georgian Interior Ministry's crime lab](#)

The United States Ambassador to Georgia Kelly Degnan has congratulated the Georgian Interior Ministry on achieving internationally recognised accreditation of their fingerprint, facial recognition and questioned documents/handwriting examination sections during her visit to the crime laboratory yesterday.

[FBI releases additional details on remains, identity still not confirmed](#)

Human remains found in July near the Washington County line have still not been identified and no timetable has been provided on when that identity might be released, but officials have shared some minor additional details about the discovery.

[Purdue University and Hemp Biotechnology Company Develop Quantitative THC Field Test](#)

"This product is not designed to replace full forensic laboratory testing—rather, it is designed to give a rapid, accurate field test that can identify what doesn't need to go to the lab. We estimate it can lower forensic laboratory submittals of suspected marijuana cases by 50 percent," said Purdue University Northwest's Christian Westring, Ph.D., who served on the board of directors for the American Society for Crime Laboratory Directors, in a press release.

[Breakthrough for law enforcement to rapidly distinguish hemp vs. controlled marijuana](#)

As hemp-based products experience heightened popularity among consumers, leading forensic scientists collaborate to solve a growing problem for law enforcement, hemp farmers, private citizens and overburdened national labs.

[Boulder police arrest man from North Carolina on child sexual predator charges](#)

Kellen David Steckler, 21, of North Carolina, has been charged on suspicion of sexual exploitation of a child with more than 20 images, a class 4 felony, and sexual exploitation of a child with more than one video, also a class 4 felony, according to a Boulder Police Department news release Saturday. Steckler remains in the Boulder County Jail on a no-bond warrant.

[Spy Games? Civil Rights Advocate Calls out San Diego PD's Covert Use of iPhone Spyware](#)

According to documents unearthed by NBC 7, the city, through a donation from the San Diego Police Foundation, entered into a one-year agreement with Atlanta-based Grayshift, the maker of the Graykey, a spyware tool that captures iPhone passcodes when their owners open their phones and then stores the passcode for officers to use to unlock the phones without the owner's knowledge.

[The Willmar police cold case team used modern techniques for a break in the 1974 Mae Herman homicide](#)

Over the course of two weeks, members of the Willmar Police Department cold case team eliminated suspects in the stabbing death of Mabel "Mae" Agnes Boyer Herman in 1974 before securing DNA evidence that tied Algene Leeland Vossen to the 46-year-old cold case.

[We Finally Have More Details About CSI's Planned Revival And Fans Should Be Happy](#)

In February, it was revealed that the folks at CBS were interested in reviving CSI: Crime Scene Investigation as an event series called CSI: Vegas. The plan was reportedly for the revival to have aired in time for the original series' 20th anniversary premiere in October.

[Teen found guilty of capital murder in November home invasion shooting death](#)

Daveon "Shooter" Woods, 18, was automatically sentenced by 202nd District Judge John Tidwell to life in prison. Because Woods was 17 when he shot 31-year-old Craig Garner in the head with a .40 caliber Highpoint semi-automatic pistol, he is ineligible for the death penalty or life without parole under Texas law. Woods will be eligible for parole after serving 40 years.

[Charge: Suspect had chemicals used in 1993 Bothell killing](#)

At Dean's home in late July, police carried out a search warrant that revealed a can of starter fluid in the garage — containing the same substances, ethyl ether and heptane, detected in Lee's bloodstream after she was killed, according to new charges filed in Snohomish County Superior Court.

[Georgia State Patrol trooper charged with murder after shooting a Black man](#)

Thompson attempted to stop Julian Edward Roosevelt Lewis, 60, for a traffic-related offense. When he refused to stop, Thompson gave a brief chase before using a "precision Intervention technique," sending the car to a stop in a ditch, according to the GBI.

[Chad and Lori Daybell are awaiting their trials. Here's what could happen](#)

Two experts, Los Angeles civil litigator and criminal defense lawyer Joseph H. Low IV and DNA forensic expert Jennifer Shen, shared what they think the defense's strategies will be and what may come to light at the trials. Both have been following and commenting on the case for several months.

[Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost working on 'new normal' plan in which some employees won't return to the office](#)

Yost said he and most of his staff have worked from home since March, when the coronavirus pandemic first emerged. Some employees, like technicians in the state crime lab, have needed to come into the office, so they worked out staggered schedules to limit their exposure to other people.

[Brooks named Forensic Science program director](#)

Jason W. Brooks, associate clinical professor of veterinary and biomedical sciences at Penn State, has been named director of the Forensic Science program in the Eberly College of Science's Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, effective Sept. 14.

[Army CID's Defense Forensic Science Center on the frontline of the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

"U.S. Army researchers were critical during the SARS epidemic, the Zika virus and the Ebola outbreak as they helped develop antivirals and vaccines," said Ryan McCarthy, Secretary of the Army, in an April 1, U.S. Army press release. "They've done it before and they will do it again."

[FEMA Obligates Nearly \\$7.7 Million to the Puerto Rico Forensic Science Institute](#)

Puerto Rico's recovery from Hurricane María continues with FEMA's obligation of over \$7.6 million for the Forensic Science Institute, known as the ICF in Spanish. This grant will cover work to repair damage to the only expert research center of its kind on the island and aims to improve the building's capabilities in future events.

[Forensic breakthrough helps explain how innocent people's clothing fibres could end up at crime scenes](#)

Our new research has found a new way that fibres can be transferred: "contactless airborne transfer". This is when fibres move from one garment to another without contact. So, for example, imagine there are two people in the same room, but they don't touch each other. It's possible that fibres from person A's clothing could transfer through the air, to person B's clothing (and vice versa).

[Public-Private Partnership Leads to Breakthrough: Rapidly Distinguish Hemp vs Controlled Marijuana](#)

Since the passage of the 2018 Farm Bill, which legalized hemp production and opened up a multi-billion dollar hemp market, law enforcement agencies, private citizens and hemp farmers alike have faced a civil rights conundrum: how can legal hemp be quickly distinguished from controlled marijuana?

[Comfort Viewing: 3 Reasons I Love 'Silent Witness'](#)

Amid the real-life terrors of a pandemic, the writer takes solace in this long-running British crime series, which may be the only TV drama whose title character is a corpse.

[Police ID teen's remains found in Virginia landfill in 1986](#)

Detectives also sought the services of Parabon NanoLabs, which is based in Reston and specializes in DNA phenotyping. That work led police to a purported family member of the victim.

[As NYC's DNA database swells, Queens councilman questions Black Lives Matter protest arrests](#)

The NYPD arrested at least 1,126 people for alleged offenses related to demonstrations and unrest between May 28 and June 7, Gothamist reported. All but 39 of the arrests were for nonviolent offenses. Another 1,349 people were issued summonses, according to Gothamist.

[2 years after woman's death, report confirms rape; police begin probe](#)

Almost two years after a woman allegedly died by suicide in Bhopal, the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) report received by Bairasia police station on Friday evening confirmed that she had been raped, said police.

[South Africa: 100 000 Case Backlog At Forensics Labs - DNA Delayed Is Justice Denied for Thousands of GBV Victims](#)

The Democratic Alliance (DA) can reveal that the catastrophic backlog in processing DNA case exhibits at the National Forensic Science Laboratories (NFSL) is nearing 100 000 cases, denying thousands of victims of Gender-Based Violence (GBV), and other crimes, recourse to justice.