

[URI's Forensic Science Partnership celebrates 20 years of research, community service, renowned speakers](#)

Heading toward its 20th anniversary, the University of Rhode Island Forensic Science Partnership Seminar Series remains as popular today as when it was launched in fall 1999 as the partnership's first achievement.

[Convictions for drug-driving quashed in forensics lab inquiry](#)

Based on the samples retested so far Vaughan said the rate of flawed results appeared to be about 3% or lower. However, he added: "We shouldn't underestimate the impact of an unsafe conviction on a driver. It is a significant issue for us in terms of undermining the confidence in forensic science."

[With a trace: how forensic science helps piece together the truth](#)

Thrilling media depictions of forensic science like Trace or CSI give the impression it's an infallible and straightforward method of catching criminals. Just how true is that?

[Renowned forensic scientist Henry Lee to discuss famous cases to close URI fall seminar series](#)

Lee, who is credited with helping law enforcement agencies solve more than 6,000 cases, has been involved in some of the most high-profile investigations in the last 40 years. Along with the Simpson and Ramsey cases, Lee has worked on such cases as the murder of Helle Crafts, also known as the "woodchipper murder," the investigation into the death of White House Counsel Vincent Foster, and the Washington, D.C., sniper shootings.

[Forensic scientists revisiting 20 cases of unidentified remains with new DNA testing](#)

FORENSIC SCIENCE IRELAND has developed new testing processes in the last year that will allow them to revisit a number of cases of unidentified remains in the coming months.

[Flawed Forensics: Woman's fate hangs on 'garbage' evidence](#)

A man is beaten and strangled to death, and a woman is serving a life sentence for his murder. But does the evidence that sent her away for life, lack true forensic credibility—and will it be the key to unlocking her prison cell?

[Forensic Artist Uses Genetic Data To Bring A Bronze Aged Woman Back To Life](#)

This new look is a response to DNA analysis carried out between 2014 and 2017, involving two further radiocarbon dates, a fresh osteological report, isotopic information regarding her diet and place of residence, histological information concerning the decomposition of the body, and new genetic data, the BBC reports.

[Lapeer police chief apologizes for destroyed rape kits in wake of CNN report](#)

There were 10 rape kits destroyed by the Lapeer Police Department, including five that involved minors, according to the report.

[Pearl Harbor Sailors Finally Laid to Rest, Thanks to DNA Testing](#)

In 2015, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency started exhuming nearly 400 sets of the remains after determining advances in forensic science and genealogical help from families could make identifications possible. As of earlier this month, the agency has identified 186 sailors and Marines from the Oklahoma who were previously unidentified.

[The First Criminal Trial That Used Fingerprints as Evidence](#)

Just after 2 a.m. on the night of September 19, 1910, Clarence Hiller woke to the screams of his wife and daughter in their home at 1837 West 104th Street in Chicago. After a spate of robberies, residents of this South Side neighborhood were already on edge. Hiller, a railroad clerk, raced to confront the intruder. In the ensuing scuffle, the two men fell down the staircase. His daughter, Clarice, later recalled hearing three shots, followed by her mother screaming upstairs. Neighbors came running but the man had fled the home, leaving a dying Hiller by his front door.

["Who killed Amy Mihaljevic?" launches Lake Erie Murders miniseries](#)

In a new programming event for Investigation Discovery, viewers are brought to the edge of the water exploring murder cases in the region, kicking off with a three-hour investigation into the 1989 kidnapping and murder of a 10-year-old girl in the special The Lake Erie Murders: Who killed Amy Mihaljevic?

[Lawmakers question crime lab officials following I-Team report on DNA analysis delays](#)

Lawmakers held a special committee hearing Monday to question state crime lab officials following an ABC7 I-Team report on the hundreds of cases being delayed justice because DNA evidence in those cases has not been analyzed.

[Romeoville Police Department gets new 'crime lab on wheels'](#)

"Obtaining a forensic van has been a department goal for some time," Chief Mark Turvey said in the release. "The new forensic vehicle will further enhance the department's capabilities in responding quickly and effectively to major crime scenes and serious traffic crashes."

[San Diego Sheriff's Crime Lab, Major Crimes and Property & Evidence Unit Building, San Diego, Calif.](#)

The new San Diego Sheriff's Crime Lab, Major Crimes and Property & Evidence Unit Building is the latest addition to the County Operations Center in Kearney Mesa. A major upgrade from the current facility, the new addition to the COC allows for the collocation of three very important entities in the Sheriff's Department.

[Crime Lab's Huge DNA Backlog Could Take 5 Years To Clear — Even With More Scientists, State Police Say](#)

State Police officials testified Monday that more forensic scientists are coming to its backlogged crime lab, but acknowledged it could take five years to get caught up, in part, because of a national shortage of experts to process crime scene evidence.

[State Crime Lab making improvements with backlog of firearm cases](#)

The technology is called the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network or NIBIN. Law enforcement share information about firearms and can find out if a suspect is linked to another crime. Since using the program, the crime lab has given law enforcement 144 investigative leads this year, compared to only 30 leads last year. It's all in hopes of stopping a suspect from committing another crime.

['The thing that connects bad guys to evidence': Better ballistics tech sought by Davenport police to address gun crimes](#)

In September, Des Moines became the first municipal police department in Iowa to get a machine that links up with the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network, or NIBIN, a forensic ballistics evidence tracker that's managed by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The technology is lauded by the ATF as having the ability to match shell casings to the guns they are fired from with high accuracy, often compared to fingerprint ID for firearms.

[San Diego County Sheriff will not reopen case in Coronado mansion death of Rebecca Zahau](#)

The review, conducted this year, involved officials from the Sheriff's Major Crimes Division, Sheriff's Homicide Detail, Sheriff's Crime Lab, County Medical Examiner's Office and Coronado Police Department who were not part of the original investigation. The team looked at the case with "fresh eyes", Gore said.

[Investigators pursuing Catholic Supply suspect's possible link to other crimes](#)

"This guy obviously had some really bad sexual problems, so I would be surprised if—in his case—if there were not some previously unsolved crimes that he was responsible for," he said.

[STRmix Used to Convict Wyoming Man of Sexual Assault](#)

Jennifer Brammeier, Senior Forensic Scientist with the State Crime Lab, testified that DNA from both the victim and the defendant – Casper, Wyoming businessman Tony Cercy – was present on the cushion cover. She noted that the DNA on the cushion was 52.6 sextillion times more likely if it was from both individuals than if it was random.