

### [D.C. Attorney General Calls For New Leadership At Troubled Crime Lab, Discloses New Concerns](#)

D.C. Attorney General Karl Racine is calling on Mayor Muriel Bowser to take “immediate action” to change the leadership at the troubled D.C. Department of Forensic Sciences — the city’s crime lab — where issues with handling evidence have lost the lab its accreditation and prompted prosecutors to say they may have to review hundreds of old cases.

### [D.C. Crime Lab Director Resigns After Troubled Audit Report](#)

The head of the Department of Forensic Sciences in Washington, D.C., has resigned due to reports of technical errors and management lapses at the crime lab, reports the Washington Post. In early April, it was found that mistakes had been made and not acknowledged by the lab and its director, Jennifer Smith. In early April, an independent panel of forensic experts concluded that the DFS had made an error in testing ballistics evidence in two homicide cases.

### [Director of DC’s Embattled Crime Lab Resigns, Sources Say](#)

Dr. Jennifer Smith’s resignation was accepted by Mayor Muriel Bowser after at least two members of the DC Council and Attorney General Karl Racine asked her to resign.

### [‘We are up to speed’: With DC crime lab sidelined, gun evidence goes to ATF truck-turned-laboratory](#)

Within days of the D.C. crime lab having its accreditation to perform forensic testing suspended last month amid an ongoing investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives says it stepped into action, hauling a massive one-of-a-kind mobile lab to D.C. to help process gun evidence in the city.

### [‘CSI: Vegas’ Brings Back Familiar Faces to Save the Crime Lab \(VIDEO\)](#)

CSI: VEGAS, the sequel to the Network’s global hit “CSI: Crime Scene Investigation,” opens a brand-new chapter in Las Vegas, the city where it all began. Facing an existential threat that could bring down the entire Crime Lab and release thousands of convicted killers back onto the neon-lit streets of Vegas, a brilliant new team of investigators led by Maxine Roby (Paula Newsome) must enlist the help of old friends, Gil Grissom, Sara Sidle, David Hodges, and Jim Brass.

### [Tyler police convert old downtown AT&T property into new crime lab](#)

Crews are gutting and converting the buildings for the processing of evidence (like fingerprints and photos), storage, office space and training.

### [A Wife Was Accused Of Drowning Her Husband, But Was There Another Explanation For His Death?](#)

The man appeared to have drowned, possibly the victim of tricky and potentially deadly riptides. He was naked and wore only a watch, Joanna Vitek, a retired detective with the Cocoa Beach Police Department, told “Accident, Suicide or Murder,” airing Saturdays at 7/6c on Oxygen.

### [Mollie Tibbetts murder: Blood in suspect's trunk came from slain Iowa woman, analyst says](#)

Tara Scott, a criminalist in the DNA section of Iowa’s crime lab, said she analyzed a swab taken from a blood stain found on the trunk seal of Cristhian Bahena Rivera’s Chevy Malibu after investigators recovered the body of Mollie Tibbetts.

#### [Sexual assault kits left behind by Cooper in backlog now tested](#)

More than half of the untested sexual assault kits recently accounted for in law enforcement evidence lockers across North Carolina have now been tested or are awaiting testing at labs, Attorney General Josh Stein said on Tuesday.

#### [Florida death row inmate to get DNA tests in 1975 killings](#)

Monique H. Worrell, who was elected state attorney for the Orlando area in November, has agreed to allow testing that Tommy Zeigler and his many supporters believe will show he is innocent of gunning down the four on Christmas Eve. Previous prosecutors have contended Zeigler staged the massacre as a robbery to collect his wife's life insurance policy.

#### [DA: Berks County Man Sexually Abused 12-Year-Old Girl In Reading Home](#)

Elder Jacobo-Portal, 20, faces a slew of charges following an investigation that began on Jan. 26 after Reading police notified the Berks County Detective's office about the rape and sexual assault of a 12-year-old girl, according to the Berks County District Attorney's office.

#### [Looking back on mayor's stance on illegal guns, violence](#)

This week, one illegal handgun was seized from the Woodman Park home she shares with her husband and daughter. The Monroe County Crime Lab is examining whether a semi-automatic rifle found in her home is illegal, too.

#### [Court Denies Motion to Dismiss Murder Charge in Hillious Case](#)

Flathead County District Court Judge Robert Allison has denied a motion by the attorney for accused murderer Bradley Hillious to dismiss the charge against him on the grounds that the state's release of Amanda Hillious' body for cremation constituted improper destruction of evidence, despite the fact that Bradley authorized the cremation.

#### [North Platte man faces felony charge after lab tests showed kids in his custody were exposed to methamphetamine](#)

The Department of Health and Human Services investigated after the incident. Hair follicle samples were obtained from the juveniles and tests showed they had been exposed to methamphetamine.

#### [Wisconsin DOJ Administrator Tina Virgil Alleges 'Ongoing' Racial, Sexual Harassment](#)

A top Wisconsin Department of Justice administrator filed a federal complaint alleging that she's being underpaid and harassed at work because she's a Black woman.

#### [Jury returns guilty verdict in decades-old Wilmington rape case](#)

A man will be in prison until he's at least in his late 80s after being found guilty of raping a woman 25 years ago.

#### [Police told Ronald Greene's family he died in a car accident, but body-camera footage says otherwise](#)

And the long-secret autopsy report, also newly secured, cited Greene's head injuries and the way he was restrained as factors in his 2019 death. It also noted he had high levels of cocaine and alcohol in his system as well as a broken breastbone and a torn aorta.

#### [Rochester Mayor Lovely Warren on husband's arrest: 'I've done nothing wrong'](#)

The mayor's husband, 42-year-old Timothy Granison, was arrested following a search warrant execution Wednesday night. Thursday he pleaded not guilty to two charges of criminal possession of a controlled substance, and one charge of criminal possession of a firearm.

#### [Houston Forensic Science Center appoints new crime scene unit director following claims of toxic work environment](#)

Haynes, the first African-American and woman to hold this position at HFSC, was previously serving as interim director and replaces Jerry Pena, who is retiring effective June 4 after five years as director of CSU.

#### [Director of DC's Department of Forensic Sciences resigns amid District's crime lab losing accreditation](#)

The news of Smith's departure comes as D.C.'s forensic lab recently lost its accreditation, which has led to ATF's Crime Gun Intelligence Center, which is a mobile command center, helping the Metropolitan Police Department with forensic analysis.

#### [Gary Pugh appointed Forensic Science Regulator for England and Wales](#)

The Regulator ensures that the provision of forensic science services across the Criminal Justice System complies with a high standard of scientific quality.

#### [Review of 'junk' forensic science in courts abandoned](#)

The investigation was cancelled 16 months after it was announced in November 2019 by the Council of Attorney-Generals and before a team of top legal, forensic and scientific minds could conduct any significant work or develop a reform plan.

#### [Forensic memory detection tests less effective in older adults](#)

Findings show that concealed information tests relying on electrical activity of the brain (electroencephalography [EEG]) are ineffective in older adults because of changes to recognition-related brain activity that occurs with aging.

#### [Federal Bureau of Investigation taps Steven B. Merrill to lead Honolulu office](#)

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's Honolulu field office welcomed a forensic scientist and new leader recently with the arrival of Special Agent in Charge Steven B. Merrill.

#### [Barge P305 Located on Seabed, Navy Continues Search for 20 Missing Personnel](#)

Mumbai: Barge P305 which sank during Cyclone Tauktae six days ago was located on the seabed on Saturday, the Navy said, while it continued the search for 20 missing personnel from two vessels.

#### [Illuminating Invisible Bloody Fingerprints with a Fluorescent Polymer](#)

Careful criminals usually clean a scene, wiping away visible blood and fingerprints. However, prints made with trace amounts of blood, invisible to the naked eye, could remain. Dyes can detect these hidden prints, but the dyes don't work well on certain surfaces. Now, researchers reporting in ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces have developed a fluorescent polymer that binds to blood in a fingerprint—without damaging any DNA also on the surface—to create high-contrast images.

### [Back to the Beginning: First Forensic DNA Technology Solves Cold Case Rape](#)

In a unique solution that would make Doc Brown proud, a team of forensic scientists solved a 1988 rape case by going back to the beginning—leveraging the equipment and techniques that were considered the gold standard over three decades ago.