

#### [DNA expert testifies in double murder trial; state rests its case](#)

An expert with the Wisconsin State Crime Lab testified this morning that DNA evidence found on the shorts of a rape/murder victim belonged to the defendant in the case.

#### [GBI Crime Lab recognized for science standards](#)

The GBI has announced the Organization of Scientific Area Committees for Forensic Science has recognized the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Crime lab for implementing nationally recognized standards for its forensic laboratory system.

#### [Working through the backlog: Wisconsin State Crime Lab faces challenges keeping up with influx of evidence](#)

“Now you’ll start to see a lot of older case numbers, we’ve got 2011, 2014, 2005, 2004, 1999,” Kolinski said, opening a door to reveal boxes of evidence from older cases. “A lot of this stuff is just sitting time. There’s nothing we can do, we just have to wait until they’re done to dispose of it, and we have to make sure it’s just as good as when it came in so if they file an appeal or something and they want it tested again because DNA’s come a long way since 2005 when that came in.”

#### [North Carolina State Crime Lab reaches new CODIS hits record](#)

Attorney General Josh Stein announced Wednesday that the North Carolina State Crime Laboratory achieved a new record of hits in CODIS (Combined DNA Index System). In 2020-2021, the lab had a total of 1,029 hits to people and other cases in the database.

#### [Massachusetts governor opposes Legislature's rape kit testing requirements](#)

The governor's office is pushing back against a plan that would require every one of the more than 6,000 rape kits in the state's backlog to be tested within 180 days, saying the Legislature's plan raises legal and logistical concerns.

#### [110 Suffolk County Convictions Reversed After Mistakes at Corrupted Crime Laboratory – Tens of Thousands of Other Cases Also Tossed](#)

Suffolk District Attorney Rachael Rollins filed a motion to vacate these recent convictions. She has pledged to dismiss Suffolk County drug convictions — an estimated 74,800 — for anyone whose drug certification was done at the Hinton Lab between May 2003 and August 2012.

#### [Alabama man in prison for anthrax hoax letters convicted of similar crimes in Louisiana](#)

A 49-year-old Alabama man serving time for sending anthrax hoax letters has been convicted of sending similar letters from a federal prison in Louisiana.

#### [Suspect in slaying of Santa Ana man 25 years ago is extradited to Orange County](#)

Edgar Ortega Cervantes was named the suspect in the killing of 24-year-old Julio Franco in 2009 after Santa Ana cold case detectives sent items of forensic evidence to the Orange County Crime Lab for DNA analysis in 2009, which came back to Cervantes, police said.

#### [Montana DOJ proposes sexual assault kit tracking improvements](#)

"It's all coming together to make a uniform system that works well in the criminal justice process and providing that accountability on tracking kits from the medical facility to the law enforcement agency and through the entire system."

#### ['Ways to poison spouse': Lexington woman convicted in shooting death of husband had troubling search history](#)

Crime lab analysis found that her DNA was on the trigger rather than that of her husband. Additional investigation and a search warrant uncovered two plastic bags in Groh's purse. One contained a "powdery substance" that authorities identified as Temazepam. The second had opened and unopened capsules of the substance. The drug was also found in food containers from a meal Groh had prepared and served to Bryan.

#### [DNA test during lab training leads to car-theft suspect](#)

A DNA test performed at the Washington State Patrol Crime Laboratory for training purposes implicated an Oak Harbor man in a car theft, according to court documents.

#### [A secret algorithm is transforming DNA evidence. This defendant could be the first to scrutinize it.](#)

So authorities turned to advanced software that its creator promises will sort complex DNA mixtures much like a prism breaks down white light. The software doesn't provide a direct "match" but assesses the probability that a suspect's DNA is included in the sample. In the Fairfax case, police had a tip about one suspected robber's name, and the software backed it up.

#### [1987 Army CID cold case solved, suspect convicted](#)

On June 25, 2021, a Colorado Springs jury sentenced Michael Whyte to life in prison without parole for the 1987 murder of 20-year-old Army Spc. Darlene Krashoc. Solved in 2019, the conviction comes two years after investigators from the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command connected Whyte to the murder using DNA evidence.

#### [All Cops Should Submit DNA Samples to Avoid Crime-Scene Confusion: Federal Report](#)

The same DNA makeup, also dubbed "The Woman Without a Face," was tied to at least seven other murders, a series of break-ins and multiple other crimes in Germany and throughout Europe over a 15-year stretch.

#### [Evidence in West Memphis Three case gone, sources say; new DNA tests now impossible](#)

Evidence requested by attorneys for new DNA testing in one of the most high-profile, savage murder cases in Arkansas history has been lost or destroyed by fire, dashing hopes that the men convicted of the killings of three children in West Memphis in 1993 will be exonerated.

#### [Tyler Barefield asks for new trial in 2017 capital murder conviction](#)

Tyler Barefield appeared in a Pope County Courtroom Tuesday following a petition for relief filed in February 2020. Barefield's new defense attorney Jeff Rosenzweig claims in this petition that his former

counsel Patrick Benca was ineffective in his duties by failure to challenge the state crime lab in their testimony and also during closing arguments in the 2017 trial.

#### [Is It Time to Regulate Facial Recognition and Other 'Frontier' Police Technology?](#)

The developments in law enforcement forensics and technology have begun to shape the science into something reminiscent of blockbuster movies — technology that could seemingly only exist inside the minds of creatives and storytellers.

#### [CBS' CSI: Vegas Cast List, Including William Petersen](#)

The sequel series was originally planned to debut in 2020 for the 20th anniversary of CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, however we all know how things in 2020 went down. But better late than never, and when the CBS forensics procedural premieres this October, viewers can expect to witness some kind of existential threat that forces Gil Grissom and Sara Sidle to return to the Crime Lab to lead a new team of crime scene investigators. Let's take a look at the cast of the highly anticipated CSI: Vegas.

#### [Grant Helps NJIT Bring Forensic Science to High School Students](#)

A \$1.4 million grant is helping New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) launch a STEM initiative that will expose high school students to forensic science as a pathway to higher education.

#### [Forensic science helps investigate animal abuse cases](#)

Over the past few decades, there has been growing interest and expertise in applying the science of forensics to animal abuse investigations. Forensics are defined as the use of scientific methods and techniques in crime investigations.

#### [Study highlights need to replace 'ancestry' in forensics with something more accurate](#)

A new study finds forensics researchers use terms related to ancestry and race in inconsistent ways, and calls for the discipline to adopt a new approach to better account for both the fluidity of populations and how historical events have shaped our skeletal characteristics.

#### [GBI Crime Lab Recognized for Implementing National Science Standards](#)

The GBI is proud to announce that the Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) for Forensic Science has recognized the GBI Crime lab for implementing nationally recognized standards for its forensic laboratory system. The voluntary implementation of OSAC standards demonstrates the lab's commitment to serving the citizens of Georgia at a high level.

#### [New DNA techniques helped Army investigators close 34-year-old cold case](#)

Michael Whyte was sentenced last month to life in prison for the murder of Spc. Darlene Krashoc in Colorado Springs, Colo., after Army cold case investigators used new DNA techniques to identify him as a suspect in the 1987 killing.

#### [CSI Vegas looks like it is making a comeback](#)

Just letting folks know that CSI Vegas looks like it is making a comeback

