

[Morning Report: Leadership Shakeup at SDPD's Crime Lab](#)

SDPD confirmed to Voice of San Diego's Andrew Keatts that Capt. Stephanie Rose has been transferred to oversee the crime lab, marking the first time since "sometime in the late 1990s," that a sworn officer has led the crime lab, an SDPD spokesman said.

[Utah rape kit backlog grows 2 years after bill to address it](#)

The state crime lab asked for \$2.4 million for 17 technicians but received \$1.2 million to hire nine technicians, said Amy Lightfoot, the deputy director of the crime lab, KUTV-TV in Salt Lake City reports.

[DNA-Processing Robot Doubles Anoka County Crime Lab's Productivity](#)

As crime fighting gets more sophisticated, so too become the tools necessary to process those tiny amounts of DNA. So the cooperative laboratory acquired a comprehensive robotic work station, called the Eppendorf EP Motion. It can do overnight what would take a scientist a couple of days.

[Man convicted of sex assault 25 years after crime](#)

"I want to commend the excellent work of the Denver Police Department's Cold Case Unit and Crime Lab personnel as well as the attorneys and staff of the Denver DA's Office for their relentless and dogged determination to hold this offender accountable even after all these years," said Denver District Attorney Beth McCann.

[Arkansas ahead of the curve in testing sexual assault kits](#)

"When we ship that kit to a hospital, it has a unique identifier," said Channell. "When they use it on a survivor of sexual assault, the law enforcement agency is now required to pick it up within three days, and it's tracked into the system and they now have a requirement of 15 days to deliver it to us, we have a requirement to test it in 60 days."

[Police: Clearfield couple charged with child rape, thousands of child porn counts](#)

Last Thursday, investigators received the results of the forensic extractions of the seized devices from the home of Martin and Downs in January.

[Prosecutors Usually Send People to Prison. These Are Getting Them Out.](#)

After Aaron Salter was convicted of murdering a man he had never met, he immediately began trying to track down the real killer from behind bars. When another inmate described the crime in detail, Mr. Salter began investigating him. Eventually that other man signed an affidavit swearing that Mr. Salter was innocent.

[Upgrades on track for Vancouver's advanced DNA testing lab](#)

Efforts to establish an advanced DNA testing laboratory at the Washington State Patrol Crime Lab in Vancouver, which will help clear thousands of untested sexual assault kits statewide, are on schedule with the arrival of a robot and newly hired scientists. The high-throughput lab is set to open in summer 2020.

[Christopher Young Charged With Kidnapping, Sexual Assault Of 6-Year-Old Homewood Girl, 6 Years After Girl Is Found](#)

Meanwhile, the girl was then taken to a hospital for an external examination and the collection of a sexual assault kit. In June 2014, Homewood police received a report from Illinois State Police that they did find seminal DNA on the girl's body and clothes, the proffer said.

[Tooele police say they've identified the man found dead in a freezer, but they're not sure how long he's been in there](#)

Officers were initially called to Remington Park Apartments, 495 W. Utah Ave., after a maintenance worker reported he hadn't heard from one of the tenants, a 75-year-old woman, for some time. When police arrived Friday, they found the woman, Jeanne Souron-Mathers, dead.

[More than 6,000 sex assault kits in Missouri are untested. Kansas City has the most](#)

Jackson County has the highest number of untested sexual assault kits in the state, with more than 2,300 kits stored at area police departments and health facilities, a report from the Missouri attorney general's office said.

[Family of Indian River County homicide victim hopes decades-old DNA can help find killer](#)

For 27 years, Wise's family has been burdened by the lingering questions about her death at the hands of a killer who has not been identified and brought to justice.

[Not Just Rodney Reed: New Evidence Taints More Death Row Convictions](#)

In at least one case, lawyers and family members have continued to push for new evidence long after an execution took place. On Monday, a Tennessee judge declined to allow DNA testing requested by the daughter of Sedley Alley, who was put to death in 2006 but claimed his confession was coerced. The daughter, April Alley, will continue to appeal and ask the State Supreme Court to grant permission.

[Rapid DNA technology, with the potential to solve crimes faster, comes to NFSTC in Largo](#)

Thermo Fisher Scientific (NYSE: TMO), a Massachusetts-based life science firm, has established a Rapid DNA Center of Excellence within the National Scientific Forensic Technology Center at Florida International University in Largo. The center combines cutting-edge DNA analysis technology with hands-on DNA training.

[Man convicted in 2010 Montrose murder hopes to leave custody while Innocence Project of Texas pursues exoneration](#)

Houston police suspected the brother, Lydell Grant, then 35, of chasing down Aaron Scheerhoorn and fatally stabbing the 28-year-old man outside of Blur Bar, in the heart of Montrose, just before midnight one December night in 2010.

[Blast at Bengaluru's Forensic Science Lab injures 7](#)

Panic gripped parts of South Eastern Bengaluru following a powerful blast at the Karnataka's Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) on Sarjapur main road in Madivala limits on Friday afternoon. According to the local police as many as six scientists and o...

[Years-long backlog of digital forensic analysis stalls investigations in Virginia](#)

In this digital age, cell phones and computers can hold the key to solving crimes. Now, a WUSA9 Investigation has uncovered Virginia has a years-long backlog of digital devices waiting to be analyzed for criminal investigations that may be delaying justice for victims.

[Institute of Forensic Science gets \\$300-m expansion](#)

A two-storey annex has been built at the Institute at a cost of \$300 million. It boasts closed-circuit televisions (CCTVs), a training/conference room, library, access control, and fire suppression, among other key features. It will also house the national DNA Database.

[Ultrasensitive protein method lets scientists ID someone from a single strand of hair](#)

A new forensic technique could have criminals—and some prosecutors—tearing their hair out: Researchers have developed a method they say can identify a person from as little as 1 centimeter of a single strand of hair—and that is eight times more sensitive than similar protein analysis techniques. If the new method ever makes it into the courtroom, it could greatly expand the ability to identify the people at the scene of a crime.

[Crack In Jane Doe Case From 2001 Leads To Missing San Francisco Woman](#)

Investigators say DNA submitted to a gene ploy lab led to missing woman Perrean Gray, which was a surprise for detectives looking for a missing white woman and Gray was black.

[Rape charges thrown out after DNA samples mixed up](#)

"The BCA is committed to the highest quality standards for our forensic science services and continuously reviews processes and cases to ensure that the justice system has the information it needs to make decisions about cases. We take any mistakes in our work very seriously, learn from them, and identify how to prevent them in the future," read the BCA statement.