

[These Three Forensic Science Techniques From Ancient Rome Reveal Shocking Gaps In Modern Methods](#)

The modern practice of forensic science is generally agreed to date back to at least the early 19th century in Europe, but ancient Roman history contains examples of three seemingly modern techniques that were used to solve crimes centuries before that. Shockingly, some of our modern techniques are not based in accepted science and are not significantly different than the Romans'.

[Ex-director promotes oversight panel as he criticizes State Police labs](#)

As director between 2010 and 2012, John Collins said he was forced to give first preference to troopers instead of scientists when jobs opened up and was told to rehire a "rogue scientist" fired for "knowingly falsifying data" because of binding arbitration.

[SC fines 7 states over non-filling of vacancies in forensic lab](#)

A bench headed by Justice Madan B Lokur slammed the states including Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Odisha, Assam, and Goa for not taking adequate steps to fill up vacancies in FSL.

[Forensic scientist Sue Black wins book award](#)

Judges said the work, reflecting her three decades in forensic science, was "curiously uplifting and life affirming".

[EKU Now Home To State Police Digital Forensics Lab](#)

KSP Forensic Computer Examiner Kim Bradley says EKU student interns next semester may be called upon to help out with the latest digital technology. "We will figure out how to extract the data, but we don't always have time to figure out the why. We're going to leverage the knowledge and the time of the students to figure out the whys, so that later down the road we can go back and look at that again and see, maybe it will help us in another piece of evidence," said Bradley.

[He says he didn't kill a girl in 1984. But his back tattoo says he did, state argues.](#)

But most bizarrely, prosecutors also told the court that while he was in custody waiting for trial, Jackson got "Tammy Welch 1984" tattooed on his back — a confession written in ink, the state alleges.

[Transgender asylum seeker was beaten before her death, according to new autopsy](#)

The autopsy was included as part of a "notice of wrongful death" claim filed by the Transgender Law Center on behalf of Hernandez and her family in advance of a lawsuit it plans to file against federal immigration agencies like ICE and Customs and Border Protection. The notice of claim says the autopsy shows that Hernandez "endured physical assault and abuse while in custody."

[Trashing of rape kits failed victims, jeopardized public safety](#)

A CNN investigation into the destruction of rape kits in dozens of agencies across the country found that police trashed evidence in 400 cases before the statutes of limitations expired or when there was no time limit to prosecute.

[Springfield police issue statement after CNN's report criticizes handling of rapes](#)

Like many other agencies across the country, the Springfield Police Department (SPD) continues to evolve and grow alongside the community we serve. The shift in how society approaches sexual assault and domestic violence has been significant and resulted in changes to how policing agencies serve these victims. In some places law enforcement has been slow to adjust; but SPD has been, and will continue to be, proactive in implementing new and improved practices in responding to and investigating such crimes.

[How taking a home genetics test could help catch a murderer](#)

DNA sleuth CeCe Moore recalls the moment that the pieces came together, in May, in the hunt for her first suspected killer – the man now thought to be responsible for the brutal 1987 murders of a young Canadian couple on a trip to Seattle. While Moore is used to uncovering secrets – she's helped hundreds of adopted children to identify their biological parents – finding someone who might be guilty of murder was shocking.

[ATF assisting overworked, understaffed state crime lab in Mississippi](#)

"We only have four or five firearms examiners for the entire state of Mississippi. So, this tremendously expands our stretch throughout the state in helping with investigations," said Sam Howell, director of the crime lab.

[How rapid DNA testing quickly connects criminals to their crimes](#)

Police now have a new tool to quickly catch criminals. It's called Rapid DNA testing - and it just solved its second case here in Utah - connecting a suspect to a gun. We learn more about it in our Behind the Badge report.

[Springfield police chief: 'We should never have destroyed rape kits'](#)

After an investigative report from a national news outlet singled out his department for destroying rape kits, Springfield's police chief said parts of the Thursday report were misleading and other parts were correct.

[Georgia Grandmother Spent 3 Months in Prison After Police Confused Cotton Candy for Meth](#)

She was released only when the state's crime lab determined the substance cops seized from her car during the stop was blue cotton candy, which was inside a plastic bag and melted under the heat of the sun and then hardened as it cooled. A roadside drug test yielded a false positive for the substance.

[Governor's Office awards Arizona DPS \\$442,000 for traffic enforcement and training](#)

Grant money will be used to purchase equipment, fund training and provide aid to the state crime lab

[State Lawmakers Want Answers For Murder Case Backlog](#)

State Senator Patricia Van Pelt has called the hearing, hoping to find out why there's such a huge backlog of unsolved murder cases at the Illinois Crime Lab. There are 752 of them awaiting DNA analysis, some that date back four years.

[Murder in the Mountains: Gunfire erupts at McDowell picket line, leaving one man dead, two others injured](#)

It was a typical day on the picket line in McDowell County on Jan. 16, 1990. Insults were hurled and rocks thrown as members of the United Mine Workers of America continued an ongoing protest against the non-union Bailey Energy mine. Around 8:30 a.m. the atmosphere changed. Gunfire erupted. When the smoke cleared, one man was dead and two were injured.

['A maniac Trump supporter threw piss on us.' It was the alleged Florida pipe bomber](#)

Without warning, he threw a cup of urine from the driver's side window. It missed the moped, which was pulling away. But the man grabbed a second cup and threw it, too. This time, the liquid splashed all over Gomez, sitting behind Parra. The smell was putrid.