

Handwriting Examiners in the Digital Age

Forensic handwriting examiners authenticate handwritten notes and signatures — or reveal them to be fakes — by analyzing distinctive features in our writing. As people write less by hand, will handwriting examination become irrelevant?

Rare look inside Philadelphia police's forensic science crime lab

"Every gun and every piece of ballistic evidence that's recovered in the city of Philadelphia comes to this lab," said Lt. Joseph Walsh, who is the commanding officer of the Pattern Evidence Unit at the police department's forensic science crime lab.

Amid upheaval at DC crime lab, murder case that exposed problems remains on hold

A D.C. Superior Court hearing scheduled for Wednesday, at which Judge Milton Lee was to hear arguments about whether to dismiss the first-degree murder indictments against Rondell McLeod and Joseph Brown, has been pushed back until at least Sept. 24.

Longtime civil servant named interim director of embattled DC crime lab

WTOP has learned Deputy Mayor for Public Safety Chris Geldart named Anthony Crispino as the interim director of the Department of Forensic Sciences.

Director of D.C.'s troubled crime lab resigns after scathing audit report

The head of the District's troubled Department of Forensic Sciences has resigned after reports of technical errors and management lapses at the crime lab caused its accreditation to be suspended, officials said Wednesday.

Commissioners OK 0.30-mill crime lab/coroner levy for November ballot

If approved, the levy will begin collection in 2022 and will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home an additional \$10.50 per year for five years, or about 88 cents per month, commissioners said.

Attorney General asks judge to block DNA testing in another Orange County death penalty case As in the Tommy Zeigler case, Moody's office said it was not contacted or consulted by defense attorneys or Worrell's office before both agreed to additional DNA testing, despite serving as co-counsel in all post-conviction issues for death penalty cases. In a pair of motions, Moody's office on Tuesday asked Wooten to block the release of evidence while he reconsiders his order allowing testing.

As courts face unprecedented trial backlog, Colorado lawmakers debate bill to help

During the start of the legislative session, Chief Justice Brian Boatright delivered his state of the judiciary speech, outlining the backlog in cases across the state and asking the legislature for help.

'I loved every minute of it': Real-life game of Clue ends for director of state police lab

After a half-century in laboratories around the state and advances in forensic science playing an everwidening role in crime solving, she's preparing to hang up her lab coat on Tuesday.

Dead Calf Found In Wyo. May Have Been Pulled Apart With Two Vehicles

“Evidence at the scene suggests that the calf may have been pulled apart using two vehicles,” Uinta County Law Enforcement’s statement said Thursday. “A number of pieces of evidence, including items that will be tested for DNA and fingerprints were collected and sent to the Wyoming Crime Lab.” [Former HPD officer Steven Bryant pleads guilty to federal charge related to botched Harding Street raid](#)

Evidence showed Bryant lied to protect former officer Gerald Goines, who was later charged with the murders of homeowners Dennis Tuttle and Rhogena Nicholas.

[A Pistol Bought In Mississippi Killed A Teen In Chicago](#)

Malcolm Stuckey was pulling up in a burgundy Pontiac Grand Prix to his friend’s birthday party in Chicago’s once-prosperous Englewood neighborhood when a bullet fired from a gun, bought 840 miles away in Mississippi, tore into his brain.

[Louisiana Hay Farmer Killed In Twisted Murder-For-Hire Plot Masterminded By His Family](#)

While processing the crime scene, where a gun cabinet had been ransacked, investigators turned up a distinctive boot print, they told “Mastermind of Murder,” airing Sundays at 7/6c on Oxygen. Detectives believed that whoever killed Ernest also stole the firearms. Asked by authorities if anything else was missing, Loretta said that Ernest’s truck was also gone.

[‘Not a good shoot’: Experts criticize Overland Park police shooting of John Albers](#)

A Johnson County task force’s investigation of the fatal police shooting of 17-year-old John Albers in Overland Park was incomplete and should be reopened, according to experts who reviewed the case files released by city officials.

[Handwriting examiners in the digital age](#)

People are writing more than ever with their keyboards and phones, but handwritten notes have become rare. Even signatures are going out of style. Most credit card purchases no longer require them, and if they do, you can usually just scratch one out with your fingernail. The age-old art of handwriting is in decline.

[INSIDE LOOK: Forensic Science Examiners Analyze Firearms DNA In Weekend Shooting Spree](#)

It’s the forensic analysis after every shooting that helps investigators build their criminal cases and a database that stands 42,000 forensic images strong of Connecticut’s shootings.

[Digital forensics experts prone to bias, study shows](#)

A study found that experts tended to find more or less evidence on a suspect’s computer hard drive to implicate or exonerate them depending on the contextual information about the investigation that they were given.

[Forensics Department to officially split from Austin Police Department July 1](#)

Dr. Dana Kadavy, the director of the department, wrote to Austin Mayor Steve Adler and City Council members in the memo describing what the department has done to prepare for operating on its own out from under APD.

FilmRise Celebrating 'Forensic Files' 25th Anniversary with TV Special

The series delves into the world of forensic science, profiling intriguing crimes, accidents and outbreaks of disease from around the world. Premiering as "Medical Detectives" on TLC, the program ran for five seasons before moving to CourtTV as "Forensic Files" for another nine years. It amassed 400 episodes and remained their most popular program until the channel pivoted to TruTV and HLN.

Scientists develop indigenous 'Chip-Off' technique to retrieve encrypted data

In a breakthrough in retrieving encrypted data from locked and severely damaged smart cell phones, the forensic scientists at Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), Sector 36, have developed an indigenous chip-off technique for helping the investigative agencies to produce credible evidences against criminals in the trial courts.

Putting Your Smart Phone on the Witness Stand

Digital forensics, or the search, recovery and analysis of evidence found on a suspect's electronic devices has become increasingly popular as more and more people use technology to communicate, which leaves traces of evidence behind, reports The Guardian in a summary of the study.

Nevada Detectives Restart Nearly 3 Decade Search for Killer

Now, because of clues developed with DNA technology, genetic genealogy tracing and old-fashioned detective work, the native Californian who also lived in western Nevada has a real name, and state and county investigators are trying to jump-start their search for his killer.

Graduate Student Creates New Fingerprinting Powder

Kristen Smith had a problem. The Rutgers University–Camden graduate student was conducting research in her forensics lab, following the recipe for a fluorescent-based fingerprint powder, when she realized that she couldn't get a vital component in time to complete the project.