

Wisconsin Crime Labs use new DNA analysis program

"Work never stops, if we can't solve something, we keep working for decades if we have to," Administrator for the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Forensic Sciences Katherine Roehm said about the work forensic analysts put into unsolved crimes.

Rosemont OKs Joining Regional Crime Lab

Quicker forensic testing involving local criminal cases has prompted the village of Rosemont to approve an agreement to become a member of the Northeastern Illinois Regional Crime Laboratory, which is located in Vernon Hills.

'How To Fix a Drug Scandal' Trailer: New Netflix True Crime Series Uncovers a Miscarriage of Justice

Netflix's never-ending stream of true crime docu-series continues with How to Fix a Drug Scandal, a new 4-part series from Erin Lee Carr, director of Mommy Dead and Dearest. The doc follows crime drug lab chemist Sonja Farak who was caught both tampering evidence – and using the drugs she was tasked with testing. As the case unfolded, it became clear that there was a clear effort at a cover-up. Watch the How to Fix a Drug Scandal trailer below.

Man arrested on suspicion of sexual battery in Riverside

Police said a man entered the apartment, sexually assaulted a sleeping woman and then left the apartment when the woman woke up her boyfriend. The man wasn't found in the area by police that night, but DNA evidence was submitted to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department's Crime Lab.

Cedar Rapids investigator dedicated to solving Martinko case

He didn't start out thinking he was going to solve a cold case murder that haunted Cedar Rapids for 38 years, but he always believed it would happen someday because the victim's family deserved to know.

This New Netflix Documentary About One Woman's Drug Addiction Will Be A Wild Ride

She's tackled crime stories involving Munchausen syndrome by proxy, a cannibal cop, and dangerous texting. Now, documentarian Erin Lee Carr is taking on a wild story of drug testing gone very, very wrong.

Forensic anthropology draws scientist to Mercyhurst

According to Dennis Dirkmaat, Ph.D., chair of the Applied Forensic Sciences Department at Mercyhurst, it's a trend that started 10 or 15 years ago. Today, more than half of the department's faculty are women, and of the students who apply to the master's program, 70 out of 80 are women.

Manitowoc librarian: '18 Tiny Deaths' tells the story of the 'Mother of Forensics'

Believe it or not, forensic investigation was established by an elderly woman during the 1930s and 1940s who was an enthusiast of medicine and building miniature dollhouse scenes. The nonfiction title "18 Tiny Deaths: The Untold Story of Frances Glessner Lee and the Invention of Modern Forensics," by Bruce Goldfarb, shares her fascinating story.

Mobile Forensic Lab Expedites Crime Scene Investigation in Fairfax County

To date, the lab has been deployed to four crime scenes – each of them a homicide case. Evidence recovered at those scenes included firearms, blood, and electronics. The lab allowed for those items to be examined and preserved immediately, which expedited the ability of detectives to forensically link suspects with the scene.

After Slow Start, State to Probe 81 Convictions Involving Debunked Hair Analysis

The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation is working with district attorneys and others to examine about seven dozen cases and determine if they should be reopened, possibly leading to reversal of the conviction and release of people from prison. DNA testing of old hair samples also could affirm the conviction.

SI 'bishop' arrested for 1980 cold-case murder of Brooklyn teen Lorraine Snell

A 64-year old storefront bishop was arrested Thursday in Staten Island in the murder of legal secretary Lorraine Snell. Bishop James Burrus was taken in cuffs Thursday morning from the Staten Island garage where he lives and holds church services, behind a laundry on Delafield Avenue.

Sindh Forensic DNA lab holds training session for crime scene unit

The session was attended by more than 25 crime scene investigators (CSI) where the instructors were Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad Khan, Dr Nouman Rasool and Afzaal Hussain Shah.

Making a killing: what can novels teach us about getting away with murder?

Is there such a thing as a perfect murder? In real life, the answer is probably yes, though how would we know about it? Perfection demands that the murder be unsolvable, maybe even unrecorded – a victim disappearing off the face of the earth, a body never found, a killer never caught. In our world of forensic science and DNA evidence, the perfect murder must be as rare as a reclusive celebrity.

In the Criminal-Catching Footsteps of Alphonse Bertillon

Described by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle himself as better than Sherlock Holmes, this Parisian petty clerk came to change the world of criminology. Chloe Govan explains why we should stop confusing him with a brand of ice cream...

Claremont serial killings: Spine chilling moment when DNA link discovered

The thrilling alleged match came for detectives investigating the Claremont serial killings when a forensic expert in a UK laboratory made the call, the trial of Bradley Robert Edwards heard.

Sarasota man sentenced to 25 years in prison for 1994 sexual assault

A “familial DNA analysis” — searches by law enforcement for genetic ties — produced two individuals linked to the suspect in the 1994 sexual assault case.

How the crowdsourced investigation ‘Death in Ice Valley’ became the podcast of the year

Death in Ice Valley is a podcast series that sounds like no other in the world: an immersive listening experience which involves thousands of followers in a live investigation, actively trying to solve a 48-year-old real-life mystery.

Microbial Succession as a Forensic Tool: Estimating time of death

The microbiome can be used to estimate the post-mortem interval, which is also known as the time elapsed since death, of human remains in the case of criminal investigations. This is because microbes are instrumental in the role of decomposition, with the stage of decay indicating time elapsed since death.