

### [Michigan State Police Crime Lab Halts Blood Tests After False THC Positives Discovered](#)

“Out of an abundance of caution, the MSP/FSD today (Aug. 26) notified the Prosecuting Attorney’s Association of Michigan that we are immediately halting the processing of all THC blood samples as we work to learn more and/or until we can institute another validated method of testing to ensure accuracy. When information is known about the scope and impact to cases, it will be shared with our criminal justice partners,” said Shanon Banner, Manager, Public Affairs Section at the Michigan State Police.

### [Inside the State Police Crime Lab and the effort to identify rapists](#)

Under the new law, all new rape kits now must be tested within 30 days, and survivors must have the ability to track where their kits are at all times.

### [CPPJ approves new forensic center to house coroner’s office, crime lab](#)

“This new project will create a 26,000 square foot facility that will house the coroner’s office and the crime lab,” said CPPJ director of facility management Dean Kelly. “The coroner’s office portion of the project will have multiple autopsy suites, evidence storage, tissue recovery suites, as well as a sally port to house the receiving portion of their operation.”

### [Funds allocated for new state crime lab planned in Wauwatosa](#)

Gov. Tony Evers on Tuesday announced \$99.5 million of the State Building Commission’s approval of \$306 million in funds will go toward creating a new state crime lab in Wauwatosa, replacing the current facility in Milwaukee.

### [Forensics lab will soon be independent from Austin Police Department](#)

The turmoil involving the lab began in 2016, when an audit found lab technicians used expired materials and flawed science while processing DNA, which may have botched thousands of cases. The lab closed and the police department contracted out forensics services through private companies as well as the Texas Department of Public Safety.

### [15 months after she said she was raped, an NOPD crime scene tech still waits for justice](#)

Her DNA evidence was caught in a backlog of 73,000 untested rape kits at the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab. Between that and surging caseloads for NOPD sex crime unit detectives, it’s unclear how long it might take to procure the necessary DNA evidence to build a case that would allow prosecutors to bring it to trial.

### [Leah Ochi disappearance: Mother, law enforcement hope new technology will help solve case](#)

Over the last two decades, advances in testing allow lab technicians to find minuscule amounts of genetic material that can be invisible to the naked eye. And newfound DNA has used genetic genealogy in recent years to identify and track down suspects in long cold cases.

### [Accused killer in cold-case murder of Palo Alto teen arrives at Santa Clara County jail](#)

The Maui man charged with the cold-case murder of 15-year-old Karen Stitt of Palo Alto has been flown from Hawaii to Santa Clara County and is now being held in the county jail in San Jose.

### [FINDING JUSTICE What happened to Leah Freeman?](#)

"At the time, we used interpretation guidelines that didn't necessarily discern or distinguish really low levels of DNA," Chrystal Bell, Forensic Services Division director for the Oregon State Police, told ABC News.

### [Davenport man arrested for sexually abusing what police described as 'multiple child victims'](#)

During the period from Jan. 1, 2020, to Jan. 31, 2022, the affidavits state Paulsen abused a girl who was about 8-10 years old at the time. The state crime lab found the child victim's DNA on a sex toy in Paulsen's possession.

### [New undergraduate certificate in forensic sciences begins this fall at ISU](#)

Created through a multi-disciplinary collaboration, the certificate officially begins this fall. Eight students are already enrolled. The certificate not only involves anthropology, but criminology, social work, chemistry, biology, psychology, communication media and persuasion, and the geosciences. The courses are field classes, where students get hands-on experiences and meet guest lecturers who work in the field.

### [Mike Register sworn in as new head of GBI](#)

Register's long resume in law enforcement includes working for the Cobb County Sheriff's Office as well as serving as the chief of police for Cobb and Clayton counties. During his time in Cobb County, he focused on improving relations between county police and a rapidly diversifying community. Register in 2019 was promoted to public safety director in Cobb County, overseeing police, fire and emergency management. Register stepped down from the public safety director's position after only four months in 2019, saying he needed to move out of state for personal reasons.

### [DNA evidence leads to arrest in nearly 30-year-old murder case in DC](#)

A breakthrough occurred in February of this year when a crime lab in Wyoming said a DNA sample from McManus's sock, "resulted in a match with the FBI Federal DNA Database Unit." That match was with William Alphonso Ransford."

### [Forensic science matches skeletal remains to missing persons and cold cases on 'What Remains'](#)

On "What Remains," we'll hear from investigators and scientists using forensic science to match skeletal remains to missing persons. They'll get evidence from the bones and find people's identities. From unsolved murders to unidentified missing persons cases, families are left without answers, and we'll hear about forensic scientists and more working to bring closure and serve justice.

### [Forensic Science Students Collaborate on Impactful Toxicology Research](#)

Mackenzie Pavlik '23 and Abby Veeser '23 M.S. are working together on important research that focuses on drug testing, and they've already shared myriad exciting learning opportunities in the laboratory

### [\\$40K Awarded to ASU Forensic Department to Continue COVID Research](#)

Dr. Gulnaz Javan, a nationally acclaimed forensic scientist at Alabama State University, and her team will be able to further their research related to COVID-19 thanks to the National Science Foundation (NSF). The NSF awarded an additional \$40,000 to extend the Department of Forensic Science's 2020 grant of \$200,000 until August 2024. The two-year program is titled "Infusing Collaborations in Forensics for Conceptualizing Student Innovation at Alabama State University (CSI-ASU)."

### [FIU launches new program in veterinary forensics](#)

FIU is launching a Professional Science Master's (PSM) in Forensic Science track in Veterinary Forensic Science starting Fall 2023. In partnership with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), the curriculum provides those working in animal services a comprehensive skillset to oversee animal cruelty cases.

### [8 Advances in Forensic Science](#)

...we spotlight some of the latest techniques and technologies transforming the face of forensic science.

### [New LA Innocence Project, Funded By Exoneree, Will Partner With Forensic Scientists To Uncover Wrongful Convictions](#)

The new program is unique in that it is the first in a network of more than 70 innocence projects to be partnering with an academic forensic science program — in this case, the California Forensic Science Institute and School of Criminal Justice and Criminalistics at Cal State LA.

### [STRmix™ Celebrates 10th Anniversary](#)

On August 27, STRmix™ will celebrate 10 years since it was first introduced to the world as sophisticated forensic software, capable of resolving mixed DNA profiles which previously were regarded as too complex to interpret.