

[Douglas County crime lab can now test hemp for THC](#)

"We need to be able to tell the difference between hemp and marijuana, we're a forensic lab, we have to answer that legal question," says Christine Gabig, a forensic chemist with the county.

[Crime lab to get \\$250K in Justice Department grants](#)

"The award is backlog- and capacity-reduction, so it's two programs. It used to be two, it's all built into one. It's their effort to help all the DNA labs because everybody knows how expensive this it, the equipment," Tambasco said Thursday.

[GBI names new head of crime lab operations to tackle case backlog](#)

Cleveland Miles, a forensic scientist and 19-year veteran of the GBI, takes over the job from Kathy Lee. Miles will be tasked with overseeing all lab operations for the agency, which does testing for its own cases and those of police and sheriffs' departments around Georgia.

[Maine state crime lab evacuated after reported gas leak](#)

Employees in the crime lab detected a "subtle smell" about 9 a.m., prompting an evacuation, said Stephen McCausland, spokesman for the Maine Department of Public Safety.

[Third State Crime Lab Opens In Lowell](#)

"I think if the state hadn't done this that problem would have only gotten worse," said Nathan Smith, Benton County Prosecuting Attorney.

[Councilor calls for new Boston police crime lab](#)

The council unanimously signed off on At-Large City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George's hearing order on Wednesday to look into expanding the Boston Police Department crime lab, either through renovations or by building a new one.

[City, ex-Atlanta police crime lab director to reach \\$935K settlement](#)

Mikko, who had held the job of crime lab director for less than a year, was fired in June 2013. In 2015, Mikko brought a lawsuit, charging the city fired him after Fulton prosecutors and Atlanta police leaders learned he was going to testify as a private consultant on behalf of a criminal defendant in the Florida case.

[San Diego County Sheriff's Department Crime Laboratory: Green Project](#)

This four-story crime lab is an all-in-one campus with office and lab spaces, conference areas, training and interview rooms, two holding cells, a ballistics lab and 60,000 sq ft of evidence storage in the basement.

[Virginia Sex Assault Survivors Empowered to Track Evidence After Attack](#)

An online tracking system is being put in place to make sure victims stay in the know about where the evidence winds up and what happens to it.

[A look at 'ghost guns' in the Monroe County Crime Lab](#)

Freemesser recently bought a ghost gun online to test in the lab. He says it came with all the parts and instructions necessary to fully assemble the gun, which closely resembled a Glock 9mm handgun.

[Mother of NM murder victim pushes crime lab, DNA testing funds renewal](#)

For the last four months, the “Debbie Smith Act” has stalled in both the U.S. House and Senate. The act, which first passed in 2004, provides millions of dollars in recurring funds for DNA testing toward various rape kit backlogs across the United States.

[Thousands of rape kits logged, tracked one year after N.C. starts tracking system](#)

“It is staggering to learn that nearly 2,500 North Carolinians reported being the victim of a sexual assault in just one year,” Attorney General Josh Stein said in a press release. “Each of these kits represents a tragedy in a person’s life and serves to underscore the need to test these kits and pursue justice for these victims.”

[Illegal marijuana or legal hemp? Senate bill creates confusion for law enforcement](#)

This summer, Gov. Mike DeWine signed Senate Bill 57, making Ohio the latest state to legalize the cultivation of a variety of cannabis known as “hemp.” The non-intoxicating cannabis is harvested for industrial use, including to make CBD products.

[Urbana 15-year-old gets 7 years in juvenile prison for having stolen gun](#)

That gun was later linked through analysis by the state crime lab to a May 12 shooting at a house on West Beslin Street in Urbana. Several people were inside during the shooting but were not harmed. Bullet casings found at the scene matched the gun, which also had the youth’s fingerprints on it.

[Senior Border Patrol Agent Faces Charges of Sexually Assaulting Colleague](#)

A little-noticed court case unfolding in Arizona is casting into stark relief the challenges women face, even now: A senior agent, who is the husband of one of the agency’s highest-ranking and most respected female agents, has been charged with sexually assaulting a junior female agent.

[Second man found guilty in the murder of 9-year-old Tyshawn Lee in Chicago](#)

Jurors found Corey Morgan, 31, guilty of murder in the first degree for abetting his friend Dwright Boone-Doty, who prosecutors say shot the boy in the head after promising to buy him a treat and luring him into an alley.

[Sex Crime Cold Case Spanning 20 Years Culminates With Arrest of Longtime Visalia Resident](#)

Chief Salazar said there were 7 sexual crimes that happened from July '99 to August '02 that had similar descriptions and how the crimes were committed, leading investigators to believe they were done by the same suspect.

[Covington man arrested for 1991 cold case murder of 16-year-old Federal Way girl](#)

In 2011, Detective Jim Allen reached out to Dr. Colleen Fitzpatrick, of Identifiers International, regarding genetic genealogy to determine physical attributes of the suspect, Decker said.

[DA: Office Was Told, But Didn't Approve of, Lowered Rape Kit Testing Standards](#)

Stephan, in an email, said she is glad the department has since abandoned the new procedure. The police chief announced last week that all rape kits, including the ones processed with the lower standards, would be sent to an outside lab for full testing.

[DNA Match Leads to Arrest in 2010 Heroin Overdose Death](#)

A 2017 DNA match on a piece of evidence found in the pocket of a 2010 drug overdose victim led Wednesday to a charge of first-degree reckless homicide against a Madison man.

[GCC breaks ground on DNA lab](#)

"The addition of a DNA Forensic Lab should significantly enhance the ability of local law enforcement to analyze crime scene evidence without having to send it off island," said John Dela Rosa, GCC assistant director of communications and promotions.

['Rapid DNA' promises breakthroughs in solving crimes. So why does it face a backlash?](#)

"There is no question that getting faster DNA results is good for everyone in the criminal justice system," said Lynn Garcia, general counsel of the Texas Forensic Science Commission. "But we have to be sure that any technology is ready for prime time and is reliable and that the people who are using it are trained."

[Colorado wildlife officers turn to forensic scientists to identify aggressive animals, poachers](#)

The lab underwent a state-of-the-art upgrade last summer, and currently provides forensic analysis for positive identification in wildlife attack and poaching cases for 12 different states — soon to be 14 as Kansas and Utah work to formalize contracts with the lab — including Colorado. Officials say the lab serves as a valuable tool in helping to prosecute offenders and protect Colorado's wildlife.