

[Texas Panel Faults Lab Chemist in Bryan Case for “Overstated Findings” and Inadequate DNA Analysis](#)

An influential state commission issued a highly critical assessment on Friday of a second key player in the murder conviction of Joe Bryan, saying a Texas Department of Public Safety crime lab chemist had “overstated findings, exceeded her expertise and engaged in speculation” when she testified in 1989.

[Study: DNA websites cast broad net for identifying people](#)

About 60 percent of the U.S. population with European heritage may be identifiable from their DNA by searching consumer websites, even if they've never made their own genetic information available, a study estimates.

[Supercharged crime-scene DNA analysis sparks privacy concerns](#)

The studies conclude that it could soon be possible to search crime-scene DNA for links to nearly all Americans of European descent, massively expanding the potential reach of an existing forensic genetic database. The results also raise urgent privacy issues, say researchers.

[FBI May Help Identify Migrant Remains Found Along US-Mexico Border](#)

"For our office, the Pima County Medical Examiner's office in Tucson, we have identified 364 of the 2,000 known migrants through DNA. Only 47 of those were made through CODIS", said Anderson.

[People Classified as "Shedders" Make Terrible Criminals, Reveal Scientists](#)

In the 1997 film Gattaca, Vincent (Ethan Hawke) painstakingly brushes his hair, trims his nails, exfoliates his skin, and shaves his face — all to avoid shedding parts of his body carrying his DNA, which could betray his secret identity. When he's done, he burns everything in an incinerator. This might seem like an excessTuscaloosa Co. authorities cracking down on CBD oil salesve amount of precaution to take, even in a sci-fi universe, but as researchers show in a recent forensics study, some people called “shedders” leave much more of themselves behind than others.

[Tuscaloosa Co. authorities cracking down on CBD oil sales](#)

“We’ve talked to a lot of people who told us medicinal marijuana is legal in the state of Alabama now. And that is incorrect. And they told us CBD oil is legal in the state of Alabama now. And that is incorrect,” WANTF Commander Captain Phil Simpson said.

[Life Sentence for Man Convicted of 1988 Pasadena Murder](#)

A 56-year-old man was sentenced today to 32 years to life in state prison for the murder of a jewelry salesman at a Pasadena gas station more than three decades ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

['Justice Served Act' to help jurisdictions solve DNA cold cases](#)

"What this grant does is it provides money to prosecutors' offices but also to other people who want to apply for the grant to help go out there and get this DNA testing that's been done on these cases, look at it and see if we can do anything with it," said Allison Clayton, Deputy Director of the Innocence Project of Texas.

[Epigenetics Market Is Expected To Have a highly Positive Growth – Outlook From 2018-2026](#)

Epigenetics has applications in forensic science for paternity testing, distinguishing between identical twins, identification of tissue origin, and for estimation of postmortem interval. Increasing application of epigenetics is expected to propel growth of the epigenetics market.

[Ohio crime lab expanded to keep pace with drug epidemic](#)

A few years ago, the crime lab received zero submissions for the potentially deadly drug, carfentanyl. Last year, that number reached 1,200.

[Local WSP Crime Lab to benefit from federal grant money](#)

The U.S. Department of Justice National Institute of Justice awarded \$3.5 million in grants to improve forensic science and DNA testing in Washington, with part of that money going to the local Washington State Patrol Crime Lab.

[More cases potentially tainted by high lab worker tossed out](#)

Thousands of additional drug cases tainted by a former chemist authorities say was high almost every day she worked at a state drug lab for eight years must be dismissed, Massachusetts' highest court ruled Thursday.

[DUIs. Overdoses. Murders. State crime lab bottleneck leaves Tri-City families in limbo](#)

All of these investigations have stalled at different levels in the process because their toxicology tests are outstanding.

[Utah one of first with new tech to analyze criminal DNA in less than 2 hours](#)

In many cases, police have to let suspects go while they wait for DNA to be tested. That's no longer the case in Utah because of a new tool law enforcement can use called a Rapid DNA machine.

[Body of registered sex offender found wrapped in plastic; death ruled homicide](#)

Steven T. Johnson died as a result of blunt force trauma to the head, but it's too early to know how long he'd been dead, according to the Montgomery County Coroner's Office.

[Accidental shooting, new technology help police crack metro crimes](#)

With the help of NIBIN technology, the Des Moines Police Department's Division of Criminal Investigation Crime Lab connected the gun to the Casey's robbery and the Rangemasters burglary.

[Keeping track of kits a tool against rape](#)

A new system run by the United Parcel Service is tracking a different kind of package in Connecticut: sexual assault evidence collection kits.

[Motion to suppress evidence has been denied in Missoula double-murder case](#)

On October 1, Standingrock's defense team argued that the state has gathered a substantial amount of evidence in the case and submitted the evidence to the State Crime Lab, but has yet to receive any results.

[Six More Police Districts To Get High-Tech Crime-Fighting Nerve Centers](#)

In addition to the ShotSpotter technology, the centers allow officers to monitor a network of surveillance cameras, license plate recognition software, the location of police units, and incoming calls for service. The screens inside each center are updated every 30 seconds, and the rooms are staffed 24 hours a day.

[Of more than 6,400 untested rape kits statewide, 104 in Whitman County](#)

The Washington State Attorney General's Office completed its inventory last week of untested sexual assault kits throughout the state and of the 6,460 untested kits, 104 were from Whitman County.

[50 years after Michigan family's massacre in cottage, investigators put rumors to rest](#)

Details of the Robison family murders were so heinous and brutal, it's not surprising that whispers about the mass slaying continue to linger 50 years after their bodies were discovered in their lakeside summer home in Northern Michigan.

[Two men charged in Allen murders](#)

Also on Tuesday, Oct. 2, a witness from the Macks Creek area turned over a .45-caliber pistol and ammunition, which the witness said he bought from Medley and Stevenson on Sunday morning, Sept. 30, at about 9 a.m. Some of the ammunition is described as a black-tip hollow-point Winchester brand. Shell casings recovered from the crime scene are a Winchester brand, and a bullet recovered from Joseph Allen's neck area is a black-tip hollow-point.

[New sexual assault kits could solve storage and tracking concerns](#)

"That's a high number of kits that are coming back as that (false reports), said Kristen Pulice, the Chief Operating Officer at the Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault. According to Pulice, the number of kits labeled unfounded or as false reports here in Indiana comes to about 30% of cases and well over the national average of 2% to 8%.

[Elderly woman who reported husband's death from fall now charged with murder](#)

But a deeper investigation by the medical examiner found something more sinister. The crime lab called the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office in July to report that the death was suspicious. More than that, the death had been ruled a homicide due to blunt force trauma.

[Wrongfully convicted of murder: Rodney Lincoln shares his story](#)

Lincoln was wrongfully convicted of the murder of JoAnn Tate and an attack on her two young daughters that occurred on April 27, 1982. His conviction was credited to the testimony of a crime lab analyst who concluded a hair found at the crime scene matched Lincoln's hair, as well as the eyewitness testimony of Melissa Tate. Melissa testified that Lincoln was the perpetrator after police showed her a picture of him.