

[Port St. Lucie crime lab receives \\$160K renovation](#)

Crime Scene Investigator Joel Smith explained that with Port St. Lucie's population growth, there are more crimes to investigate and the risk for a growing backlog. The newly renovated lab provides a larger and more controlled space, allowing technicians to work more effectively.

[Go behind the scenes at the Kentucky State Police forensics lab](#)

As National Forensics Week draws to close tomorrow, WNKY takes you inside the state's largest crime lab for a behind the scenes look at how science answers the questions criminals leave behind at crime scenes.

[GBI Jockeys Temporary Plan to Keep Crime Lab Open](#)

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation Medical Examiner Office has devised a plan to temporarily continue operations at the Central Regional office to allow those counties affected by the suspension to prepare for its potential closure.

[Forensic History: How The Orange County Crime Lab Helped Evidence Mount Against Serial Killer Randy Kraft](#)

Randy Kraft, convicted of murdering 16 men but suspected of having more than 60 victims, was arrested at about 1 a.m. May 14, 1983 after California Highway Patrol Officers observed him swerving on the 5 Freeway in Mission Viejo.

[APD making progress in DNA backlog](#)

The Albuquerque Police Department is trying to tackle a DNA backlog from all kinds of criminal cases it says is 'decades' in the making. But, it has some new technology that is helping the department get through the backlog quicker.

[After a nearly two-year wait, Whatcom man arrested for suspected rape at 2018 party](#)

Deputies began investigating the case Nov. 1, 2018, after receiving a report of a sexual assault of a 19-year-old victim by an adult man that occurred sometime during the night at a Maple Falls party, sheriff's office spokesperson Deb Slater told The Bellingham Herald in an email.

['It's been a long time since I killed someone,' said gunman to woman he sexually assaulted, Lauderhill police say](#)

On Sept. 11, crime lab test results linked the DNA samples to Brown from a database in California where he once lived. He also submitted a DNA sample to Lauderhill police as part of a search warrant on Wednesday.

[Out of the past: Sept. 26](#)

Money is tight and its building is too small, but Southeast Missouri State University officials and state lawmakers have no intention of letting the Regional Crime Lab close; school officials met with state Reps. Mary Kasten, Joe Heckemeyer and Pat Naeger recently to discuss creative ways to pay for a new crime lab building; the lab serves about 45 law enforcement agencies in Southeast Missouri, including local offices of the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, from an old house on the edge of the university campus.

[Gun used in July shootings in South Bend had been stolen from councilman, records say](#)

Contacted by The Tribune, Teshka, who is running for state representative in Indiana's District 7, said he was recently told his stolen gun had been recovered but was unaware it had been involved in a shooting. He declined to discuss details about the gun's theft.

[Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Legacy On Criminal Law](#)

Justice Ginsburg absolutely eviscerated the prosecution argument, highlighting how forensic analysts are vital cogs in the criminal justice machine and defendants should have the chance to cross-examine them. It was such an important opinion, especially in Massachusetts, because it came really on the eve of a couple of our crime lab scandals in Jamaica Plain and Amherst.

[18-year-old charged with attempted murder in shooting at Miami Hills apartments](#)

Police located 17 bullet casings from the parking lot from three different firearms. There were two 9mm and one .45-caliber weapon, according to the probable cause affidavit.

[2 Louisville officers shot amid Breonna Taylor protests](#)

Hours after a Kentucky grand jury brought no charges against Louisville police for Breonna Taylor's death and protesters took to the streets, authorities said two officers were shot and wounded Wednesday night during the demonstrations expressing anger over the killings of Black people at the hands of police.

[In debate over where cops should patrol in Chicago, 'no one wants to lose'](#)

The University of Chicago Crime Lab is now studying how the police department can more efficiently deploy cops in the city's 22 districts. The study is expected to be done by the end of the year, sources said.

[While a Fort Worth murder suspect grew old, the DNA science that jailed him grew up](#)

Edward Hueske, who was hired as a criminalist by the Fort Worth Police Department a month before Walker was killed, said this is a good resolution to this case.

[The 27-Year-Old Cold Case That Will Put Familial DNA on Trial](#)

But unlike in that case and others, the paucity of evidence in the Sergie murder, and the fact that it seems likely to go to trial, has some legal observers predicting that the Downs case may be the first real test of the limits of DNA forensics in criminal prosecutions — that this case may even reach the U.S. Supreme Court. And the decisions handed down along the way could have implications that affect all Americans.

[National Forensic Science Week In Phoenix: Solving Crime With Science](#)

We are wrapping up National Forensic Science Week with a real life example of how crime lab scientists help solve crime. "I always think the answer to this case could be right here in this tiny little volume of liquid," Kelley Merwin said. Merwin is an Assistant Quality Manager at the Phoenix Police Department Crime Lab. The work she and her colleagues do is essential to the criminal justice system. "It's the combination of science and law enforcement, and using science as a tool to find answers for law enforcement," Merwin explained.

[KSP honors lab staff during National Forensic Science Week](#)

Kentucky State Police employs 154 lab employees at six labs across the state and a digital forensic lab in the Electronic Crimes Branch. The labs receive pieces of evidence from every law enforcement agency in the commonwealth.

[National Forensic Science Week 2020](#)

The Department of Public Safety opened the doors to the Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory a little over 30 years ago. Since then we've grown in terms of staff (we'll be close to 40 by the end of the year) and physical space (we moved into our "new" facility in 2012). We are accredited to international standards (ISO 17025), have an exceptional quality assurance program focused on learning and improvement, and are working to fully embrace the broader forensic community.

[How one Hamilton County high school course focuses on forensic science](#)

The group is among dozens of Central High School and Ooltewah High School students enrolled in the future center's biology and scientific research course.

[Governor Holcomb Issues Proclamation For Forensic Science Week, September 20-26](#)

The Indiana State Police would appreciate media support informing the public about the 8th Annual National Forensic Science Week occurring September 20-26, 2020.

[The Science of Solving Crimes: Pasadena Police Forensic Specialists Spotlited on Forensic Science Week](#)

Whether trying to solve home burglaries or murders, the small group of men and women who make up the Pasadena Police Departments Forensics Section work seven days, and nights, each week in their lab and in the field to apply science to criminal investigations.

[NYS Commission on Forensic Science approves use of familial DNA testing on victims' remains](#)

The state's Commission on Forensic Science, which oversees state crime labs, approved the use of familial DNA testing on victims remains. Previously, it was limited to identifying suspects.

[74 cold cases haunt PCSO, closures sought](#)

Despite the recent conviction success rate, there are still 74 cold-case homicides haunting the Polk County Sheriff's Office website, and though their anniversaries come and go on the calendar each year, Judd said none are forgotten or shoved away in a file drawer.

[Houston's Forensic Science Center Develops Test To Differentiate Marijuana From Hemp](#)

As reported by the Houston Chronicle, the city's Forensic Science Center has devised a chemical testing procedure capable of differentiating between hemp and psychoactive cannabis. In June 2019, the law that defines hemp and 'weed' became effective: it distinguishes them from each basing on whether they are above 0,3% THC content.