

[New changes at Illinois crime labs aim to reduce DNA evidence backlog](#)

On Wednesday, state police crime lab experts showed how they are implementing a new system, which they say will streamline the process of evidence submission and analysis.

[How Crime Lab uses academic research to impact public policy](#)

Crime Lab's mission grew out of tragedy. In November 2007, UChicago PhD Amadou Cisse was shot walking near campus in a robbery, one of 443 homicides in Chicago that year. The 29-year-old's death followed other disheartening news. Six months earlier, the Chicago Tribune had published the names of 27 Chicago Public Schools students killed during the school year. A few weeks later, that number grew to 31.

[NC sheriff's office could take control of police crime lab](#)

The crime lab's fate has hung in the balance since January, when a forensic chemist was fired for lying about calibrating machines used to determine whether a substance is an illegal narcotic. Police now send suspected drugs to the state crime lab to be tested.

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The victim's sexual assault kit was not tested by the state's crime lab until last summer. Both agencies declined to say whether the DNA profile yielded from that test produced a positive identification. Smith has not been charged with a sex offense.

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Investigators recently discovered that an unidentified DNA profile they had long believed belonged to a second killer actually came from a forensic scientist.

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Ten years ago, the publication of a national report on forensic science systems in the U.S. found some alarming problems that needed to be addressed. The report, "Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward," led to the creation of the Iowa State University based "Center for Statistics and Applications in Forensic Evidence" (CSAFE).

[She Was Fired After Raising Questions About a DNA Test. Now She's Getting \\$1 Million.](#)

Officials from the chief medical examiner's office in New York City were furious when they heard that Marina Stajic, one of their longest-serving laboratory directors, had openly questioned whether they had sufficiently verified the reliability of a novel form of DNA testing being used in criminal cases.

[The Real Sherlock Holmes: The Story Behind Arthur Conan Doyle's Creation](#)

In 1893, Sherlock Holmes was approaching the peak of his popularity when his creator, Arthur Conan Doyle, decided to do the unthinkable. He vowed to kill off his literary progeny. The method he would use came to him on a trip he made to Switzerland that summer—he would dispose of the world's first and most popular consulting detective by throwing him over the beautiful Alpine Reichenbach Falls.