

### [Allegations Against DC Crime Lab Potentially Put Prosecutions in Jeopardy](#)

Three confidential sources have come forward and alleged that mistakes have been made in the firearms and fingerprints sections of the Department of Forensic Sciences and then covered up by the department's managers.

### [D.C. Forensics Lab 'Deliberately Concealed Information,' Accreditation Board Says](#)

The ANSI National Accreditation Board suspended the D.C. Department of Forensic Science's accreditation over the weekend, and details of the suspension letter now state that the board has "credible evidence" that the lab has "deliberately concealed information from the ANAB assessment team, violated accreditation requirements, engaged in misrepresentations and fraudulent behavior, and engaged in conduct that brings ANAB into disrepute."

### [Dougherty Co. committee, officials talk possible crime lab plans](#)

This time, they met Monday to discuss the potential partnership of Dougherty County with Albany State University (ASU) for a crime lab.

### [New details: What led forensics board to suspend DC crime lab's accreditation](#)

New details are emerging on the reason a national forensics board suspended the D.C. crime lab's accreditation to conduct forensic testing, with the board saying it has "credible evidence" the lab deliberately concealed information and engaged in fraudulent behavior.

### [DC mayor defends crime lab but says she wants issues 'fully investigated'](#)

At the same time, Bowser said her administration would be "fully defending" the lab's practices to the ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB), which inspects the operations of forensic labs across the country.

### [Troubled DC Crime Lab Loses Its Accreditation](#)

The accreditation was suspended on April 2, 2021, according to a notice posted on the board's website. The D.C. Department of Forensic Sciences plans to appeal the suspension as well as a possible accreditation withdrawal, according to Chris Geldart, the city's Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice.

### [Dixie State's Digital Forensic Crime Lab setting the standard as need for digital evidence grows](#)

Digital forensics is the recovery of artifacts found on digital devices which can also be of great evidentiary value – and one lab in Southern Utah is raising the bar in digital sleuthing after opening its doors more than a decade ago.

### [Bill Ensures State's Rape Kit Tracking System Maintained After Federal Funding Ends](#)

The Iowa legislature has voted to set up a state funding source for an automated system that lets law enforcement and victims track the evidence kits used to prosecute rapists.

### [KCPD detectives used Facebook, rental car data, and KCATA surveillance to identify homicide suspect](#)

Police used the ATA video, Facebook profiles and messages, rental car license, GPS and speed data, along with phone records to identify Finnell as a possible suspect in the days following the shooting.

#### [Michael Bell continues push for new investigation with grievance filed against prosecutor](#)

His most recent actions, a grievance filed with the Wisconsin Office of Lawyer Regulation by an investigator working on Bell's behalf against Kenosha County District Attorney Michael Graveley, and a complaint to the Wisconsin Department of Justice for an investigation into "unidentified Wisconsin Department of Justice State Crime Lab DNA analyst(s) regarding their potentially false representations."

#### [REPORT: Northampton County Man Illegally Snooped Through Woman's Phone While Working As PA Cop](#)

However, a forensic evaluation at the PA State Crime Lab showed that Alpizar unlocked the phone once for 18 minutes and a second time for 4 minutes, all the while looking through personal contents including photos, videos, emails, and Snapchat information.

#### [New Public Service Building in Minneapolis consolidates city offices](#)

Sometimes, such as when furniture came in cheaper than expected, they lowered the costs of contracts. Often, they increased them or authorized new ones. At one point, they decided to move the crime lab into the new building, based on a recommendation from police staff, according to City Coordinator Mark Ruff. They also added solar panels to reduce the building's electric bill and carbon footprint.

#### [Bay Area law enforcement backs crackdown on 'ghost guns'](#)

Rosen says the county crime lab has examined 114 ghost guns in 2019 compared with just 25 in 2017 and suspects the numbers are far higher today.

#### [State Rep. Emily Slosberg pushes for statewide system to track sexual assault evidence kits](#)

If passed, the legislation would require the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to create and maintain a statewide system for tracking sexual assault evidence kits from the point of collection through the criminal justice process.

#### [North Carolina police chief resigns amid investigation](#)

A North Carolina police chief placed on administrative leave after it was determined that he failed to produce evidence in multiple cases has resigned from the job, according to the town's mayor.

#### [Washington State Lawmakers Push Greater Protections for Sexual Assault Providers](#)

Washington State Representatives Tina Orwall, D-Des Moines, and Gina Mosbrucker, R-Goldendale, are doubling down on past state victories to further support sexual assault survivors with a bill, entitled HB1109, that would require law enforcement to report changes to investigations related to forensic analysis, implement a review system of officer-survivor interactions to improve the existing training program and expand the statutory rights afforded to survivors, reports the Kitsap Sun.

#### [Governor Whitmer signs executive order establishing Task Force on Forensic Science](#)

"As a national leader in forensic science, the Michigan State Police is committed to further improving the use of forensic science in Michigan through the work of this advisory panel," stated Col. Joe Gasper, director of the MSP. "We look forward to working alongside the other stakeholders to ensure that Michigan continues to set a high bar for forensic science."

#### [Forensics professor's Body Farm work is 'way grosser' but meaningful](#)

Now, she's associate director of the Forensic Anthropology Center (FAC) at UT and a distinguished lecturer in the anthropology department. She first learned about the discipline from a friend who was taking a human osteology class.

#### [Marquette County Prosecuting Attorney joins Forensic Task Force](#)

The task force is comprised of experts in medical, legal, education, and government officials. Their goal is to review Michigan's current forensic measures and give their recommendation of what the best and most accurate measures are.

#### [Who is Daniel Isenschmid? Toxicologist says George Floyd's 'low level' of fentanyl did not contribute to death](#)

The ninth day of the Derek Chauvin murder trial saw two doctors and a forensic toxicologist testifying in the George Floyd case. Forensic toxicologist Daniel Isenschmid, who testified for the prosecution, said on Thursday, April 8, though Floyd's system had fentanyl and methamphetamine, it did not contribute to his tragic death on May 25, 2020.

#### [Medical Examiner, Pathologist Blame Police Pressure for Floyd's Death](#)

Dr. Andrew Baker, the Hennepin County medical examiner, took the stand at the murder trial of former Officer Derek Chauvin for pressing his knee on or close to Floyd's neck for what prosecutors said was as much as 9 1/2 minutes as the 46-year-old Black man lay pinned to the pavement last May.