

#### [Funds allocated for new state crime lab planned in Wauwatosa](#)

Gov. Tony Evers on Tuesday announced \$99.5 million of the State Building Commission's approval of \$306 million in funds will go toward creating a new state crime lab in Wauwatosa, replacing the current facility in Milwaukee.

#### [HOW PETER STOUT TURNED AROUND HOUSTON'S CRIME LAB](#)

His independent crime lab, dubbed the country's worst in local and national news reports in the 2000s, separated long ago from its roots within the Houston Police Department. Under Stout's leadership, it has transformed from a failed forensic lab with a leaky roof, staffed with under-qualified employees who lied about their credentials, and caused wrongful convictions into one of America's most independent and respected public crime labs.

#### [Covington rapist's guilty plea latest success story of St. Tammany crime lab's DNA testing](#)

Earlier this month, the NOPD said it had 670 DNA samples waiting to be processed through the State Police lab. The NOPD is building a new five-story crime lab on Gravier Street that eventually will allow the department to do its own DNA testing, though more equipment and sufficiently trained staff must be in place for the lab to seek accreditation.

#### [CPPJ approves new forensic center to house coroner's office, crime lab](#)

"This new project will create a 26,000 square foot facility that will house the coroner's office and the crime lab," said CPPJ director of facility management Dean Kelly. "The coroner's office portion of the project will have multiple autopsy suites, evidence storage, tissue recovery suites, as well as a sally port to house the receiving portion of their operation."

#### [LSP Crime Lab implements innovative DNA technology](#)

The Louisiana State Police Crime Laboratory (LSPCL) recently became the first agency in the country to receive approval from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to conduct Rapid DNA booking operations. This will enable the LSPCL to immediately analyze and compare DNA samples collected from a qualifying arrestee to evidence samples in the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS).

#### [Charges filed in 1992 double homicide](#)

"For many years, case investigators have continually investigated leads, performed investigative follow-up, performed interviews, collected DNA and fingerprint standards from many individuals-of-interest, utilized alternative investigative strategies, re-tested many articles of evidence, executed search warrants and exhausted follow-up on any and all actionable intelligence related to the case," the complaint says.

#### [New filing in Wilmington crime lab lawsuit alleges culture of gender bias at WPD](#)

The latest filing in a lawsuit filed by the former director of Wilmington's troubled (and now defunct) crime lab accuses top brass, including the current chief of police, of harboring "long-simmering gender-based malice" against her than embodied a toxic "negative attitude toward women" in and beyond the Wilmington Police Department.

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### [Shuttered crime lab DNA section challenges smaller departments In Dayton area](#)

Andzik, the president of the Montgomery County Association of Police Chiefs, said his and other departments are still figuring out the process they're going to use to get DNA evidence they once took the Miami Valley Regional Crime Lab's DNA section to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation's lab in London. The local lab closed its DNA section last month after facing trouble hiring a section leader.

### [Miami Valley Regional Crime Lab shuts down DNA testing](#)

Hiring a qualified technical leader for the section proved to be a challenge over the last two years, Crime Lab Director Brooke Ehlers said, and without the position, the lab couldn't meet its accreditation to enter its samples into a database used by law enforcement. Ehlers said the lab hasn't had issues hiring or retaining scientists in other sections and offered competitive pay and flexibility to try to fill the job.

### [CFR: A surprisingly calm town hall, the WPD crime lab lawsuit](#)

This week we're joined by Rachel Keith who will give us her thoughts on NHCS Town Hall meeting and Ben Schachtman on some new additions to the Wilmington Crime Lab lawsuit.

### [Murder charge dropped against man accused of killing UNC Charlotte student](#)

A murder charge against a man who was accused in 2008 of killing a University of North Carolina at Charlotte student was dropped, according to the Gaston County District Attorney.

### [Tip, DNA match lead to suspect in grisly 1982 killing of California girl](#)

Gary Gene Ramirez, 75, of Maui, is charged with murder, kidnapping and rape in the death of Karen Ann Stitt, of Palo Alto. Stitt, who had taken a bus to Sunnyvale on Sept. 2, 1982, to visit her boyfriend, was found raped and murdered next to a nearby business the next morning.

### [Montana report shows more DUI samples testing positive for marijuana](#)

A report from the Montana Department of Justice shows the number of DUI cases where a sample has tested positive for marijuana-related substances has increased over the last few years – but it's an issue that's more complex than just a single number.

### [Hartland man arrested in connection with 1997 cold case murder](#)

"The diligence of investigators and utilization of scientific advancements, including those used by the MSP Forensic Science Laboratories, were integral to the identification of Virginia Farrell's killer," Senior Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Jennifer Smith Deegan said in a statement.

### [Cold case solved? | Discovery of Port Arthur man's body leads to bones believed linked to 14-year-old missing person case](#)

"There was some evidence still at the scene because whenever they pulled the car out," Chief Lemoine said. "Of course, it has been there those 14 years, and it was filled with mud. As they opened the door to check it for any person in there. A lot of the mud that floated out contained what we think were parts of a body."

### [Forensic lab's 5 divisions help solve crimes in Onondaga County](#)

In Onondaga County, it takes five divisions of specialized professionals and technology to cover all forensic bases, working step by step with law enforcement to keep the community safe. The divisions are firearms, digital evidence, forensic chemistry, forensic biology and latent prints.

### [UPCOMING EXECUTION BASED ON DISCREDITED FORENSIC SCIENCE](#)

Discredited forensic techniques were subsequently used to help convict Chanthakoummane of capital murder, including long-debunked bite mark evidence and hypnosis of witnesses.

### [Two New Forensic Firearm Examination Standards Added to the OSAC Registry of Approved Standards](#)

The Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) for Forensic Science has placed two new standards covering firearm and toolmark analysis, the forensic discipline used in the investigation of gun crimes, on its Registry of Approved Standards.

### [Trace Evidence - Advancements in Forensic Science](#)

The discovery of DNA analysis heralded what has probably been the most important revolution in the history of criminal investigation. At the same time, it marked a key shift in law enforcement's approach: before long, it became clear that in addition to police and public prosecutors, an additional group of professionals would be needed provide decisive information in endeavors to solve crime.

### [Hands-on forensic science course teaches campers about crime scenes at Harrisburg University](#)

Harrisburg University is currently holding this camp. That teaches students how to collect evidence, dust for fingerprints, and what to look for at a crime scene.

### [Why Experience Isn't Always the Best Teacher](#)

My colleagues and I recently found that this phenomenon can affect forensic evidence judgments. In our first study, each participant viewed 100 pairs of fingerprints one at a time. For each pair, they decided whether the two fingerprints came from the same person ("matched") and then learned whether their answer was correct before viewing the next pair. But here's the twist: