

[Marion County Crime Lab works to connect to weapons to crimes](#)

The lab plays a critical role as part of the Crime Gun Intelligence Center, which began operating in January 2019 and includes the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Marion County Prosecutor's Office and the Fishers Police Department. The center has tested thousands of guns leading to hundreds of arrests.

[Morning Report: Crime Lab Manager Is Officially Out](#)

After arguing for years that there was no value in testing the previously untested rape kits, the department finally succumbed to political pressure to begin analyzing them, and immediately started finding potential investigative leads in them, according to records Voice obtained.

[Miami Valley Crime Lab to test Indiana drug evidence](#)

The contract approved by Montgomery County Commissioners on Tuesday calls for the lab to conduct solid-dose drug testing on about 300 cases a month for the Indiana law enforcement agency.

[Montgomery County Crime Lab enters contract with Indiana State Police](#)

"They were looking for more capacity, instead of ramping up with more equipment and staffing, we were able to reach this agreement even though we're crossing state boundaries, other jurisdictional boundaries," said Harshbarger.

[Pathologist hired to staff state autopsy crime lab on Coast](#)

Dr. Staci Turner, who had served as a medical examiner in Mobile, has been hired by the State of Mississippi Forensic Lab.

[Austin to consider stopping arrests, tickets in low-level marijuana cases after hemp law](#)

The resolution, raised by four progressive members of the 11-member council, would largely direct police to stop arresting people or issuing citations in low-level marijuana possession cases where officers won't be able to get a lab report to chemically distinguish between now-legal hemp and illegal marijuana. It also would forbid the city from spending funds or using its personnel to perform such tests.

[Crime lab funding is still a necessity](#)

Even with some new money, the crime lab has not been able to move as expeditiously as it should. As the Bluefield paper noted, one means of decreasing the backlog was a crime lab policy limiting the number of pieces of evidence that can be tested in some cases. That can make prosecuting criminals more difficult.

[Familial DNA leading to high profile arrests in Arizona](#)

Familial DNA is still fairly new but its impact is already being felt in our state. Putting criminals who've evaded capture for years, behind bars.

[Forensic Expert Dr. Henry Lee weighs in on Dulos case](#)

"We help with other national and international cases where the body was never found but subsequently the body surfaced. And some of the cases the body was never found," explained Lee. Dr. Lee said just because there's no body now, doesn't mean one won't be found. "To completely destroy a body is almost impossible," said Lee.

[Lorain County Crime Lab: Substance that caused hazmat situation in Oberlin identified as methamphetamine](#)

The incident occurred on the morning of October 29. An Oberlin officer responded to a suspected overdose in the Walmart parking lot, located on Highway 20. The suspect and the officer were exposed to the substance and became unresponsive.

[Crime-solving science comes to Science Museum Oklahoma's Late Nite Lab](#)

The evening of intrigue will include fingerprinting, DNA extraction, blood typing, and creating codes and secret messages as families work together to learn the science behind solving crimes from 6-10 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 7.

[Wrongfully convicted GA man released from prison after 18 years](#)

The Georgia Innocence Project said Robinson was convicted of rape in 2002, partly based on testimony from a crime lab analyst.

[Man Accused Of Hauling 3,350 Pounds Of Marijuana Through Texas. But Lab Says It Was Legal Hemp.](#)

Last month, a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper arrested a driver who the agency claimed was hauling more than a ton of marijuana through the state near Amarillo. Aneudy Gonzalez was jailed for nearly a month on federal charges, and the plant material was seized. But last week, the 39-year-old was released from jail, his case was dismissed and the cargo is expected to be returned.

[Massachusetts begins rollout of rape kit tracking system](#)

"Massachusetts' kit tracking system is a landmark addition to the services the Baker-Polito Administration has worked to provide to survivors of sexual assault," said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, chairwoman of the Governor's Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. "I'm proud that after consulting with many valued partners, the administration has created a system to deliver important, timely and accurate information to survivors, law enforcement and prosecutors whenever they need it."

[Sheriff's detectives say they've found mom of newborn baby found dead on roadside in 2006](#)

The case was reopened in 2019. Sheriff's detectives did not say what advances helped to discover a new suspect. But they ultimately got a DNA sample from a 32-year-old female who lived in Flathead County, Montana. They did not say if it was that of the suspect's or a family member. But the office said the odds are one in 600 quadrillion that the matched DNA would be unrelated.

[Police: 2 suspects charged in shooting during sale of THC vape cartridges in Zion](#)

Police report officers found Jackson in possession of a 9 mm Ruger handgun at the time of his arrest. It was sent to the Northeastern Illinois Regional Crime Lab to determine if it is the same firearm that was used on Monday evening, according to the release.

[Crime labs analyze science behind crime](#)

Scientists who analyze police evidence are preparing for an increase in cases, as reforms to discovery law require all discoverable materials to be turned over to the defense 15 days after arraignment.

[Advocates plan victim-centered response as Indianapolis could test thousands of sexual assault kits](#)

A \$1.4 million grant will change the way Indianapolis handles sexual assault kits and advocates say they hope to see victims and the community benefit from a new approach.

[Lake County Crime Lab sees less heroin, fentanyl in 2019, but carfentanil increasing](#)

The Lake County Crime Lab was seeing fewer heroin and fentanyl submissions in 2019, but a year after seeing a significant decrease in carfentanil cases, the potent opioid made a comeback.

[NY crime labs face backlogs as criminal justice reforms take hold](#)

New York crime laboratories, many of which are already backlogged and only able to test evidence in a low percentage of criminal cases, could be stretched further by new speedy trial and pre-trial discovery reforms that went into effect this month.

[GBI issues release on 1981 murder victim identity](#)

his citizen believed JANE DOE to be CHERYL HAMMACK. The childhood friend recalled that she knew that her friend, CHERYL, had gone missing in the latter part of 1981 after traveling with the fair. The age and description of CHERYL had remarkable similarities to JANE DOE which peaked her interest. The friend had seen a Facebook post made by an area citizen close to Brooks County about the case. This post was shared many times and that is how the childhood friend saw it.

[Country's first non-profit DNA lab prepares for April opening in Utah](#)

A small group of professionals affiliated with the non-profit Utah Cold Case Coalition donated money to help found Intermountain Forensics, said Danny Hellwig, a founder and forensic DNA analyst. He says it's the first non-profit DNA forensics lab in the U.S.

[Bill Introduced to Ban 3-D Guns Following Murder of Pawtucket's Cheryl Smith](#)

This comes as investigators continue to look into what may be Rhode Island's first murder committed with a 3-D printed gun in the case of Pawtucket's Cheryl Smith.

[STRmix Will Be Used In San Antonio, Golden, And Tucson Forensic Labs](#)

Sophisticated forensic software that can be used to resolve mixed DNA profiles previously thought to be too complex to interpret, STRmix™ is being regularly used in 51 forensic labs throughout the U.S. Another 60 U.S. forensic labs are now in various stages of STRmix™ installation, validation, and training.

[Bed bug probe turns to forensic science, surveillance video](#)

A bottle containing several dead bed bugs that was found Saturday lying on the floor of the men's department was turned over to the Pennsylvania State Police Forensic Service Unit for possible fingerprints, Trooper Cindy Schick, spokeswoman for Troop E headquarters, said Monday.

[American Academy of Forensic Sciences Holds 72nd Annual Scientific Meeting in Anaheim, California, Feb. 17-22, 2020](#)

The 72nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) will take place Feb. 17-22, 2020, at the Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, California. Themed "Crossing Borders," AAFS President Zeno J. Geradts, PhD, will lead the scientific community of nearly 5,000 national and international forensic professionals in the discussion of the most current research and updates in their fields and exchange ideas through collaboration, networking, and cross-pollination of knowledge across the forensic community.