

[Sinkhole opens at District crime lab](#)

A sinkhole has opened outside the District's \$215 million crime lab and nearly two weeks after its appearance city officials still don't know what's causing it, The DC Line has learned.

[Convicted child predator charged with murder of Angie Housman 25 years ago](#)

Cox, a St. Louis native, has been in federal custody since he was convicted in 2003 for his role in an international online child pornography ring. His attorney has not returned a phone call seeking comment. Cox did not make any statements to police who visited him earlier this year, Lohmar said.

[McCamey Crime Lab Provides Leading-Edge Opportunities for Students](#)

The late Bill McCamey '80 MA '82, Western Illinois University law enforcement and justice administration professor emeritus, was considered a "forward thinker," always looking for new ways to recruit students and promote his department, as well as staying up to date on trends to enhance his students' education.

[NBC15 Investigates: Local law enforcement sees increase in cases of online crimes against children](#)

Detectives with Madison SVU describe a trend they are seeing called "sextortion." They say predators will build an online relationship with a child, grooming them into a trusting relationship. Then, the predator will start asking for photos, making promises of sending money or liking photos if the child does, and making threats if they don't. Once a predator has a suggestive photo of a child they threaten to leak the photo if the child does not do as they say.

[Missouri's new law is sending more rape kits to this lab, but testing is still slow](#)

"It comes back to the survivors and remembering that these boxes that we have sitting on shelves represent an individual," Knecht said. "This represents a person's life that was derailed by something that happened to them, something very violent and something very invasive.... When we don't do anything with this evidence, we don't take it off the shelves and test it, we're sending a terrible message to survivors that it doesn't matter if you do this or not and that what happened to you doesn't matter."

[Regional Forensic Science Center Expanding Opioid Testing](#)

Sedgwick County commissioners voted Wednesday to accept a \$155,017 federal grant to pay for the machine. The Wichita-based crime lab will use the new device to streamline testing processes and reduce analysis time.

[Man, 82, Known as 'Helpful Handyman' Charged With Murders of Couple Killed in 1976](#)

Then in 2018, detectives tapped DNA technology company Parabon NanoLabs to help them search for a suspect. Parabon uploaded DNA from the crime scene to GEDmatch and in December found the parents of a possible suspect lived in the Green Bay area, cops said.

[Oakland Votes Unanimously to Decriminalize Psychoactive Plants Like Ayahuasca, Peyote and Hallucinogenic Mushrooms](#)

Oakland City Council voted Tuesday to become the first U.S. city to decriminalize the adult use and possession of psychoactive plants like ayahuasca and peyote, and the second to make the same move for hallucinogenic mushrooms.

[Crescent Hotel in Eureka Springs to display artifacts to public](#)

But just a few months ago archaeologists dug up dozens of bottles out of the ground next to the hotel that are believed to contain his "miraculous cures."

[Law Professor Explores Secret Ocda Dna Database](#)

"[W]hile debate continues over statutorily authorized DNA collection, a less-scrutinized form of databasing that is more expansive than any existing DNA collection statute has emerged in California: prosecutorial DNA databasing," Roth wrote in "Spit and Acquit," published in the new issue of California Law Review. "For over a decade, the Orange County District Attorney (OCDA) has offered defendants accused of misdemeanors and infractions a deal: give the prosecutor's office your DNA, and the office will offer you leniency in your criminal case. In fact, nearly every misdemeanor plea deal in Orange County is now conditioned on providing DNA."

[Jury finds Prentice Foreman guilty of 1979 murder of Dawn Koons](#)

Foreman, 61, was arrested two years ago after his DNA matched to semen found at the crime scene. Foreman and the blonde waitress lived in the same apartment complex on South Real Road in 1979.

[Council OKs 'San Antonio Four' exoneree's appointment to Forensic Science Center board](#)

Vasquez will serve as the board's incoming exoneree member starting this summer, helping to govern the center in its goal to examine and provide scientific analysis of evidence for the Houston Police Department.

[Deadly Research Online by Alleged Serial Killer](#)

Gargiulo was able to escape detection for nearly 15 years before accidentally cutting himself with a knife and leaving a "blood trail" during the Santa Monica attack, Akemon said.

[Forensic Expert Dr. Henry Lee Weighs in on Dulos Case](#)

Dr. Henry Lee is not connected to the Jennifer Dulos investigation, but from his work on the OJ Simpson case, the Newtown woodchipper case, and others around the world, he understands what investigators face as they try to piece together clues from small bits of evidence.

[Scientists Study 5 Cases of Pathological Cannibalism. Narcissism Partly Explains Heinous Act.](#)

Scientists recently reviewed five medical case studies of male patients ages 18 to 36 who had practiced pathological cannibalism — or cannibalism as a result of mental disease. All of the patients were residents at a psychiatric facility in Villejuif, France, over a period of 20 years, the researchers reported in a new study.

[Va's state labs developing new tests for hemp, marijuana as current methods fall short](#)

State labs are running into a "challenge," the Director of the Dept. of Forensic Science says, after a new law that passed this year legalized industrial hemp. At this time, tests done there can't distinguish the difference between hemp and marijuana.

[Ancient fingerprints and forensic science challenge ideas about 'women's work' in Ancestral Puebloan society](#)

This discovery, reported in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science, uncovered physical evidence to show both males and females were involved in pottery production in a village of Ancestral Pueblos.