

### [Klingbeil trial day 3: Crime lab presents results](#)

Leah Innocci, a staff member with the state lab, said when analyzing six different blood spots on a t-shirt recovered from the crime scene, none were determined to have hit the shirt through a splatter impact. This is significant because it bolsters the state's position that Klingbeil shot his wife at point blank, with gun pressed against her head in a premeditated fashion.

### [Did Ohio lawmakers accidentally legalize marijuana? Top law enforcers say yes](#)

"Now we have to be able to distinguish the difference between hemp and marijuana," said Jason Pappas, Vice President of the Ohio Fraternal Order of Police. "That is not possible for a human being to do, that has to be done through crime analysis."

### [Broward Public Defenders Accuse Head Prosecutor of "Institutional Failures" of Justice](#)

Satz's office this morning sent a long response to various points in the letter — the office says it stands by the way it handled the crime-lab fiasco and stresses that it is in the process of creating a Conviction Review Unit, which should be operational within the next few weeks.

### [Fact check: Did Kamala Harris block evidence that would have freed inmates?](#)

The San Francisco drug lab was shut down after a lead technician, who testified on behalf of prosecutors on drug cases, was found to have systematically mishandled the drug samples seized from suspects, even consuming some herself.

### [Drug analysis taxes South Dakota crime lab](#)

The lab's director, Brendan Matthew, says increased cases of methamphetamine created a backlog of about two months in 2016, prompting the lab to hire another chemist. Matthew says they are very busy, but so far, have been able to keep up with the caseload.

### [Riverside Police Use Private Crime Lab For Quicker Results, Charges](#)

Riverside Police Chief Tom Weitzel said that, two days after 20-year-old passenger Brandon Cerero was killed in a high-speed crash in Riverside, detectives were told by the state police crime lab it could be 90 to 120 days before toxicology results would be back for the driver's blood and urine.

### [Behind the scenes of Houston's new crime lab](#)

"We receive samples from predominantly the Houston Police Department," Houston Forensic Science Center CEO/President Peter Stout said. It's a construction zone, soon to be crime lab. Evidence from crime scenes, drugs, DNA, even finger prints will go there.

### [Germantown Man Charged In 2017 Gaithersburg Rape](#)

On Feb. 8, 2018, the Montgomery County police Crime Laboratory received notice from the Combined DNA Index System, or CODIS, that an someone's DNA sample obtained from an Aug. 7, 2017, attempted residential burglary in Gaithersburg matched the DNA sample obtained from the first-degree rape, a Montgomery County police statement said.

#### [Texas was warned its hemp law would complicate marijuana prosecutions. Lawmakers didn't listen.](#)

In early April, members of the Texas House Agriculture and Livestock Committee sat through two hours of testimony supporting a bill to legalize and regulate hemp and its derivatives, like CBD oil. Most of the discussion focused on farming and regulatory procedures. Near the end of the hearing, though, the Texas Department of Public Safety's crime lab director, Brady Mills, was brought up to the microphone to address any law enforcement concerns the legislators may have overlooked.

#### [College athlete says it was bird poop, not cocaine](#)

The driver of the vehicle, 21-year-old Shai Werts, insisted the substance was bird excrement that he tried to clean off at a car wash a few days earlier. Suspecting the substance was cocaine, the deputy conducted two field tests on the alleged poop that had positive results.

#### [Utah launches forensic EHR system for sexual assault investigations](#)

"Now, every nurse who does a medical forensic exam for an adolescent or adult patient has access to this record," said Susan Chasson, a sexual assault nurse examiner with the Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault, the publication reports. "We're all using the same form. It's all stored in the same place."

#### [Utah is the first to create a statewide electronic system for rape kits](#)

For sexual assault victims, it means the crime lab may be able to test their kits faster. For investigators, it means faster and easier access to secure files. And all for \$50,000.

#### [Man pleads guilty to 2012 rape after DNA connect him to the case](#)

The offender demanded his victim turn over her ATM card and PIN number. Then, before leaving the apartment, he smoked a cigarette.

#### [Jury selection underway in Mateen Cleaves trial](#)

The DNA evidence provided by the Michigan State Police Crime Lab allegedly found more than one DNA donor other than Cleaves. Although Cleaves' DNA is present, Manley said the activity between Cleaves and the plaintiff was consensual.

#### [New legislation will allow Seattle DNA kits to finally be tested](#)

New legislation would allow Seattle to upload data from hundreds of DNA kits collected in sex-based and domestic violence convictions in the city to the federal Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) database, a move officials say will help identify suspects in sex crimes across the country.

#### [DNA profile indicted in 'Baby Hope' investigation of newborn abandoned in Wheaton](#)

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin said the indictment was prompted in part by the three-year statute of limitations on filing charges in the case.

#### ['We don't give up:' Cold case detectives hope DNA, witnesses will lead to answers in 1979 murder](#)

At the time of Radbil's death, authorities said swabs were taken from her body, but some of those weren't sent to the crime lab until DNA testing became more commonplace. In this case, DNA testing played a significant role when samples were sent to the lab in 1999.

### [Cass County Youth Leader Arrested for Multiple Counts of Possession of Child Pornography](#)

The investigation, which was led by the Cass County Criminal District Attorney's Office, began early in June when suspicious images were located on his work computer at a local church where he served as the youth leader and secretary. The images were inappropriate images of members of his youth group. The computer was taken to the Cass County Criminal District Attorney's Office Cyber Crime Lab for processing which yielded hundreds of images of child pornography which Barkman had created himself.

### [Adam Braseel walks free after 12 years in prison for Grundy County murder — but at a cost](#)

Braseel agreed to enter a best interest plea, also known as an Alford plea — meaning he didn't admit guilt but acknowledged enough evidence to convict — to aggravated assault in the case. He's already served more time than he could have been sentenced to for that charge.

### [A 14-year-old was raped and murdered in NC in 1980. Police just made an arrest](#)

The case involved work from “current and retired agent and officers” in the Surry County Sheriff's Office, the State Bureau of Investigations, the State Crime Lab, the State Bureau Cold Case Unit, the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office, and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and Stokes County Sheriff's Office, the release said.

### [Judge sets \\$1M bail for Alaska cold-case murder suspect](#)

Its report showed a hit on one of Downs' relatives. [...] A search warrant was executed to search Down's home in Maine and to get a sample of his DNA. The Maine State Crime lab analyzed Downs' DNA profile and confirmed a match found from Sergie's vaginal swabs after her death.

### [There will be blood, and physics, too: The messy science of bloodstain pattern analysis](#)

But that might be in the process of changing—thanks in part, perhaps, to the work of a team of physicists that's marrying the study of blood spatter to fluid dynamics. Their latest model, published today in the journal *Physics of Fluids*, can now accurately match a bullet of a certain size and shape to the size, number, and speed of blood droplets produced by a gunshot wound.

### [The Hunt For Anne Frank's Betrayer Continues - Now With High-Tech](#)

Former FBI agent Vincent Pankoke is directing a team of forensic scientists and others in the hunt for the person who turned Anne Frank and her family in to the Nazis, National Geographic reported. The “cold case” team is revisiting archival material with the help of a program developed by the data science company Xomnia and is using three-dimensional scanning technology to assess who might have heard a sound from the Frank family's hiding place.

### [Illinois State Police say Will County forensic lab is 'falling apart,' seek replacement](#)

The agency has said building a new facility has been a top priority over the past five years because of the condition of the agency's forensic science laboratory in Joliet, which was built in the early 1960s. Now, ISP officials said, a new facility is desperately needed.

### [Second season of Netflix's 'Mindhunter' focuses on the Atlanta Child Murders](#)

The team's focus this season is on the mysterious murders of more than 25 black children and young adults in Atlanta, deemed the "Atlanta Child Murders." While local police is convinced that the culprit may be the Ku Klux Klan, Ford thinks the culprit could be someone else. This puts him at odds with local investigators and his own team as they fight to find the murderer before they strike again. Also to be featured in this new season is Charles Manson (Damon Herriman), the cult leader who has become Ford's obsession. Ed Kemper (Cameron Britton), the serial killer who becomes the duo's first real test subject, is also back.

### [Mysterious Connecticut 'Vampire' Finally Identified 200 Years After Burial](#)

In a Connecticut graveyard dating to the late 18th century, one grave stood out. Its occupant, a man who died about 200 years ago, had been dug up and reburied with his head and limbs piled on top of his ribcage, hinting that he was suspected of being a vampire.

### [The impact of reviving the federal death penalty](#)

"The most disturbing fact for everyone, even death penalty supporters, is of course the astonishing number of individuals who have been sentenced to death and were later exonerated," said Scott Sundby, a professor of law and Dean's Distinguished Scholar at the School of Law, who is the author of "A Life and Death Decision: A Jury Weighs the Death Penalty."

### [Bibb Sheriff's Office says new ballistics technology will help reduce gun crime](#)

"The National Integrated Ballistic Information System is a valuable tool in our effort to reduce violent gun crime in every Georgia community" said ATF Special Agent in Charge Art Peralta. "ATF is proud of our partnership with the Bibb County Sheriff's Office and we will continue to work side by side to make Bibb County communities safer."

### [Charleston Police announce new tool for solving gun-related crimes](#)

"The integration of NIBIN into investigations of gun-related crimes in our city has already proven to be beneficial in linking cases that otherwise would not have any apparent connections," Chief Smith stated. "We are optimistic that having this valuable investigative tool at our immediate disposal will enhance the solvability of violent crimes by generating timely leads for our detectives."

### [Ex-CFB Player Accused of Shooting Rampage, Killing Multiple People](#)

A 22-year-old man has been arrested in connection with three apparently random shooting deaths in a New Orleans suburb, and ballistics evidence connects him to a fourth death inside the city limits, a Louisiana sheriff said Wednesday.