

[Governor DeWine launches Ohio Crime Lab Efficiency Program to eliminate backlogs, decrease testing turnaround time](#)
As part of Governor DeWine's new Ohio Crime Lab Efficiency Program, Ohio's 14 certified crime laboratories will receive a combined total of \$10 million to reduce and eliminate backlogs, increase overall lab efficiency and decrease evidence processing time.

[Capitol Report: State crime lab could become an election issue](#)

But Kaul, who's up for reelection this fall, argued in an interview the state is on the right track with the crime lab after a challenging 2020 due to COVID-19 that forced a reorganization to account for safety protocols.

[\\$250K awarded to Lorain County Crime/Drug Lab](#)

The funding is part of a \$10 million package for Ohio's crime labs targeting the elimination of processing backlogs and increased efficiency.

[Jefferson County Officials Looking Over Crime Lab Submissions](#)

(Hillsboro) A group of Jefferson County officials will be looking over the information submitted by several companies that have expressed interest in building the new Sheriff's Office crime lab. The deadline to submit the information was on Tuesday of last week. Jefferson County Sheriff Dave Marshak says he has looked over the information and numbers and quotes.

[Dept. of Justice: AG Kaul releases 2021 annual crime lab report](#)

"The Wisconsin State Crime Lab is well positioned for the future," said AG Kaul. "Despite the continued impacts of the pandemic, the DNA queue is declining and turnaround times in most areas compare favorably with those from around the country. In the next budget, I am hopeful that the legislature will agree to provide sufficient funding and position authority for the crime lab to build on this progress."

[JusticeTrax Debuts Cloud Version of Crime Lab Software](#)

Fresh off a change of ownership, JusticeTrax is launching all of its software — which help law enforcement with laboratory and evidence management — into the cloud.

[Starting in May the Washington Crime Lab will test sexual assault kits within 45 days](#)

Starting May the Washington State Crime Lab must test sexual assault kits within 45 days of receiving them. This is according to House Bill 1166 passed in 2019.

[This gas, not for cars, is in short supply. It fuels Miami crime lab, balloon biz and more](#)

World events, including the war in Ukraine, have spurred a shortage of once-plentiful products in the United States, everything from pet food and poultry to microchips, new cars and the gasoline that powers them.

[After almost two decades, suspect arrested in child rape case from 2002](#)

According to law enforcement, it's thanks to the continued testing of backlogged rape kits at the Washington State Patrol Crime Lab.

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The laws regarding test kits changed in 2015, after House Bill 1068 passed. This law was intended to help reduce the backlog of sexual assault kits in the state. It requires all sexual assault kits to be tested. This law also provided funds to help do so.

A Century of Ballistics Comparison Giving Way to Virtual 3D Methods

The forensic science community has responded to the challenges with research, much of it supported by the National Institute of Justice. Over the past decade the Institute has supported efforts to establish a statistical basis for firearm toolmark comparisons and move from 2D to 3D comparisons. Much of the research has been in collaboration with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), which in 2016 created the NIST Ballistics Toolmark Research Database (NBTRD).

WSP falls short on processing DNA tests before deadline, blames pandemic

"We're confident in saying that 90-95% of every new sample that comes in will be able to be turned around in that 45-day benchmark," said state patrol spokesperson Chris Loftis. "And we're confident it's only going to get better every single month."

How a weekend crime lab shift helped crack broad daylight killings outside mall

New information released to the WBRZ Investigative Unit on Friday shows the speed and focus of Baton Rouge Police detectives working to make an arrest after the high-profile, afternoon drive-by shooting outside the Mall of Louisiana at the end of February.

Push for awareness, education in Georgia as fentanyl overdoses increase

The crime lab at the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, which tests drugs submitted by law enforcement agencies, has seen an 80% increase in fentanyl results in the past year. It's showing up in a variety of drugs including methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin and counterfeit pills.

Year after murder, sheriff waiting on crime lab to name 'likely suspect'

"We are waiting on the WI (Wisconsin) Crime Lab to process pertinent evidence regarding this case," Mrotek told the Record. "Upon the Crime Lab's completion, we will forward the case to the District Attorney's office for their review and believe they will issue an arrest warrant for the suspect. Our suspect is incarcerated at this time in another county jail regarding other charges."

Queecha Thornton Promoted To Assistant Deputy Director Of GBI's Georgia Crime Information Services

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation announces the promotion of Queecha Thornton to Assistant Deputy Director of the Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC), Information Services. Mrs. Thornton will oversee criminal history and applicant services in GCIC.

Ballistics services added to WA crime lab, DNA lab still on track to open this year

"Including latent identification and recovery, digital evidence examination, analysis of seized drugs, fire debris, body fluid identification, serial number restorations, and then we also have audio, visual and photography services," said Forensic Services Director Judy Gordon.

[Ending the backlog: How Washington state is working through 10,000 untested sexual assault kits](#)

The problems first surfaced publicly in 2014 when a non-profit founded by Law & Order: SVU star Mariska Hargitay began sending public disclosure requests to police agencies across the country.

[The Boston Police Department Announces the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative During Sexual Assault Awareness Month](#)

The development of a Boston SAKI Multidisciplinary Working Group (MWG), led by the BPD's Sexual Assault Unit (SAU) and made up of internal and external CJ partners, including the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office (SCDAO); as well as service providers who specialize in supporting victims of sexual assault (BARCC & SANE[1]);

[He caught the Golden State Killer, but the obsession took a toll](#)

The first line in Chapter 1 of "Unmasked: My Life Solving America's Cold Cases" tells you almost everything you need to know about author Paul Holes: "My ex-wife used to say my job was my mistress, and I chose my mistress over everyone."

[Human remains were found in Andalusia on Dec. 22. They haven't been identified, in part because of a backlog of cases at the forensics lab](#)

"This is a really frustrating case," Rock Island County Coroner Brian Gustafson said last week. "I wish I had answers for you. But in cases like these we have to keep reminding ourselves that there is only so much we can control. I can't walk into an Illinois State Police lab and demand results. We have to realize that the ISP has many, many cases."

[Forensic expert's flawed DNA analysis leads to release of O.C. murder defendant, D.A.'s review](#)

This month, after Hong said she would not be able to repeat her earlier testimony about a 1988 slaying, prosecutors struck a deal with the defendant, Daniel McDermott, who pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter.

[Santa Fe County Sheriff opens up about 'Rust' investigation](#)

"This is one of the biggest most public and sensationalized crime scenes that I've ever handled," Mendoza said.

[Ghost guns: Eyewitness News investigates a growing menace](#)

Eyewitness News was granted exclusive access inside the ATF, the NYPD forensic crime lab and a shooting range to show you what's being done about this "emerging threat" and how ghost guns are shattering the lives of families.