

[Jury: \\$6 million to widow of SDPD crime lab worker accused in cold case homicide](#)

The jury awarded \$3 million in damages related to illegal search and seizure of property. Another \$3 million in damages was related to the widow's loss of her husband, due to abuse of power during the police investigation.

[Keetley murder trial day 6: Crime lab digital analyst takes stand](#)

When Bell received Keetley's laptop, on May 17, 2013, FDLE asked her to look for more than a dozen terms on the device. Bailon, Kreeper, Ocean Mist Gang, Glock, barrel silencer magazine, rifle, drum, gun, uniform and enforcement were just some of the keywords that were on the list.

[Federal prosecutors question 'integrity and competence' of D.C. crime lab](#)

The three-month inquiry by the U.S. attorney's office and the FBI also uncovered concerns that managers with the D.C. Department of Forensic Sciences may have glossed over potential problems because of fears that prosecutors would blacklist analysts from testifying in court.

[Report: State crime lab has backlog of cases, wants more money from state lawmakers](#)

According to information obtained by Local 5, the average turnaround for a DNA case is 231 days. Right now, there is a total backlog of 626 DNA cases at the state crime lab. There are 910 toxicology reports awaiting testing as well, according to the report from the Iowa Department of Public Safety.

[Rape kits sit in labs, untested as required](#)

Hundreds of rape kits are sitting untested in New York State Police crime laboratories as standards are being skirted, a situation that's left law enforcement officials also questioning whether the labs can keep up with new pre-trial discovery rules.

[California man free after DNA site leads to new arrest in 1985 murder](#)

"The interrogation methods were high-risk and were concerning to us that they likely resulted in a false confession or a false implication," O'Connell explained.

[Retired police, criminalists describe handling of evidence in Michelle Martinko murder case](#)

Retired law enforcement officials and criminalists testified Friday about how DNA evidence from the Michelle Martinko fatal stabbing in 1979 was tested over the years as investigators continued their search for who killed the 18-year-old.

[O.C. moves to clear backlog of unprocessed rape kits](#)

The Orange County Board of Supervisors this week took a step toward processing the county's substantial backlog of rape kits when it approved a \$612,000 contract with a third-party forensics tester.

[Rape Kit Backlog Cleared In Santa Clara County](#)

"These are very invasive examinations and they're done at a time when someone has been victimized and assaulted and feels very vulnerable," said District Attorney Jeff Rosen. "The least we can do is test that kit and try to find any evidence that we can."

[Thomas M. Muller, innovative director of the Baltimore Police Department Crime Lab, dies](#)

"Director Muller wanted the best for his lab, and the best for his people. He wanted us to shine," Karin Lipski, a firearms examiner, said at the time of her retirement in 2018. "And he wasn't afraid to try new things to solve crimes."

[Bexar Crime Lab to Start Testing Cannabis in Drug Cases](#)

In September, Bexar Commissioners Court approved the \$100,000 gear upgrade that's enabling the lab to start testing confiscated weed.

['They lied to us': Mom says police deceived her to get her DNA and charge her son with murder](#)

On an October morning in 2018, Eleanor Holmes and her husband left home to run an errand and found two men inside their front gate. They introduced themselves as detectives from Orlando, Florida, and said they needed the couple's help.

['Clearfield Rapist' pleads guilty to 17 felonies including sex assault, kidnapping](#)

Bennett said a Utah State Crime Lab scientist's investigation identified a distant relative of Burns', then she built a family tree and narrowed her search to a half brother of Burns.

[CA Jury Awards \\$6M After Crime Lab Worker Suicide](#)

A California jury awarded \$50,000 in punitive damages Tuesday to the widow and estate of a crime lab worker who killed himself after being wrongly implicated in a murder investigation, reports Courthouse News Service. The jury had awarded \$6 million in the same case on Friday against found former San Diego police detective Michael Lambert.

[Katie's Law helping solve crimes in Albuquerque](#)

"It's a huge deal," said Alanna Williams, who is a forensic scientist at the Albuquerque Police Department's Crime Lab. "So we are getting approximately double the amount of arrestees on top of convicted offenders. It's astronomically increased our statistics as far as CODIS (Combined DNA Index System) hits."

[New forensic technology at Iowa State University could determine the age of fingerprints](#)

The newest tool in forensic science can analyze a person's chemical profile with a single fingerprint, and could determine how old that fingerprint is.

[A special SAPD lab helps investigators crack cases. Here's how it works.](#)

When gunshots rang through the RIM Shopping Center on Dec. 8, police said the deadly shooting was targeted. According to authorities, Savawn Kyle, 26, was in the car with his 8-year-old son, driving through the shopping center when someone in another car pulled up and opened fire.

[Texas man close to exoneration after computer algorithm leads to new suspect](#)

The search process used in Grant's case has enormous potential to solve cold cases or re-evaluate other convictions that could pave the way for more exonerations nationwide, forensic scientists say.

[Bossier man once missing charged with murder; investigation continues into recovered human remains](#)

Investigators at the crime scene could not give an exact estimate of how long it would take them to process the scene. The Bossier Parish mobile crime lab was parked at the scene along with about a dozen vehicles including ATVs.

[Lawmakers restore money initially cut from Gov. Kemp's budget](#)

Kemp proposed cutting \$1.6 million – reducing positions for scientists and lab techs this year, while the crime lab struggled to eliminate a sizable case backlog that included 786 untested rape kits.

[Mother accused of sex trafficking 15-year-old daughter to wealthy yacht owner](#)

According to the criminal complaint, the victim told her mother, who is not being identified to protect her daughter's identity, but Hooper encouraged her to bring the teen to his yacht. Court documents allege the teen's mom was paid for her role.

[Prosecutor says Onalaska man, killed, dismembered Auburn man](#)

According to the CDPC, when the WSP Crime Lab processed blood from the flooring for DNA, it found Snarski's.

[Minnesota legislators push to test, securely store all rape kits](#)

Unanimously passed out of the Minnesota House Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform committee on Tuesday, Feb. 18, House File 2983 would require law enforcement to test every rape kit, the only exception being if it were "restricted," meaning the survivor did not consent to its testing. The bill would also require the state crime lab to store untested rape kits at a central location for more than two years after collection, and record data from the kits in a centralized database.

[Brother testifies about man charged with killing 8 people](#)

Mississippi Crime Lab investigator Terrence Packer on Thursday identified several guns that were recovered at the third home where people were killed. The jury was shown photographs of the guns and dozens of projectiles and shell casings from the two rifles and two pistols scattered about the living room where the a body lay just inside the bullet-ridden door.

[Police: note left with body in Tooele freezer said wife is not to blame](#)

Mathers was reportedly in the final stages of terminal bladder cancer and reportedly only had months, or even weeks to live. Plus, the ME found "highly lethal levels" of prescription narcotics in Mathers' blood. Investigators also found a garbage bag over Mathers' head. Without being able to determine which of these things killed him, the ME reports the death was due to "undetermined causes."

[More than a dozen people charged in connection to 2019 violence in GR](#)

"Experts at the Michigan State Police crime lab analyzed those guns. They are traced to 15 different house shootings and other shootings in the city," Becker said.

[Possible Human Bones Found in Backyard of Orange County Home](#)

Orange County investigators Tuesday were analyzing bones found in the backyard of a Mission Viejo home to determine if they were human.

[Innocence Project's Hanlon named to governor's task force](#)

The task force was created by Gov. JB Pritzker in August. The group is tasked with analyzing the operations and oversight of critical Illinois State Police laboratories, ensuring they use the latest forensic technologies to solve crimes and protect the public, and make recommendations to the legislature and other stakeholders as forensic science continues to evolve.