

[Charleston leaders call new forensics crime lab a "gamechanger"](#)

The new building will house CPD's Forensic Services Division. The 22,000 square-foot facility is outfitted with state-of-art technology. Police Chief Luther Reynolds said it gives them new tools to tackle crime.

[Ballistics work at D.C.'s crime lab criticized by forensic experts](#)

The District's crime lab erroneously concluded bullet casings found at the scenes of two fatal shootings were fired from the same gun, then sought to minimize the mistake, according to a panel of independent forensic experts commissioned by the D.C. attorney general.

[San Martin man sentenced to 33 years for violent 'crime spree'](#)

Both vehicles initially stopped, and an argument began. Navarro produced a handgun and fired at the victim three times. The crime was solved after investigators matched bullet casings at the incident to a firearm found on Navarro months later, authorities said.

[Deadly fentanyl, meth combo found in tablets that look like 'party' drugs, Houston forensic lab warns](#)

Fentanyl has been found in Houston-area XTC tablets — they are made to look like a "party" drug but instead could be deadly, especially to the young people who tend to buy them, warned The Houston Forensic Science Center on Thursday.

[Columbia County DA voices support for spending on crime lab updates](#)

In an appearance alongside Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul and Division of Forensic Science Administrator Nicole Roehm, Columbia County District Attorney Brenda Yaskal made clear that additional toxicologists and newer equipment at the state crime lab would benefit the county justice system.

[Gun found on Michael Reinoehl was the same one used in downtown Portland killing last August, crime lab rules](#)

The .380-caliber handgun that police recovered from Michael Reinoehl after officers shot and killed him outside a Washington apartment complex in September was the same gun used in the fatal downtown Portland shooting of a right-wing activist after a pro-Trump rally, forensic tests confirmed.

[Beaumont doctor indicted, accused of sexually assaulting patient](#)

Authorities later conducted a search warrant for DNA cheek swabs from Holmes. Results from a Texas Department of Public Safety crime lab revealed a match between DNA swabs taken from an area of the victim's body and the oral swabs from Holmes.

[Winnebago County state's attorney's office seeks to thwart Pursley's innocence certificate](#)

When Judge Joe McGraw acquitted Pursley of the crime in January 2019, he did so in part using the tests results of the Integrated Ballistic Identification System, or IBIS, a test believed to be more accurate than testing methods in 1993 because it uses much higher-resolution and multidimensional images for ballistics analysis.

['CSI: Vegas' Officially Picked Up To Series By CBS With William Petersen, Jorja Fox & Wallace Langham Returning](#)

The venerable CSI franchise is officially coming back. CBS has given a straight-to-series order to CSI: Vegas, a sequel to the mothership CSI series, CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, for the 2021-21 season.

[Woman killed in mass shooting believed protecting child](#)

The Orange Police Department on April 1 held two press conferences to provide additional information about the shooting, which was the deadliest incident in the city of Orange since 1997.

The man suspected in the shooting is Aminadab Gaxiola Gonzalez, 44, Lt. Jennifer Amat said.

['Words Cannot Describe The Heartbreak': Missing 10-Year-Old Girl's Remains Found In Iowa Pond](#)

Breasia "Bree" Terrell was reported missing in July after sleeping over at Henry Earl Dinkins' apartment in Davenport. He is the father of the girl's half-brother. After months of searching, a set of human remains was found on Mar. 22 by two people fishing at a pond 20 miles north of Davenport, local outlet KTIV reports. The Davenport Police Department announced on Wednesday that those remains have been identified as the missing child following an autopsy by the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation Criminalistics Laboratory.

['It is so hard to talk about' | Sexual assault survivor shares her story](#)

According to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, in February, the Knoxville Crime Lab had 209 pending requests waiting to be processed for sex offense cases.

[Man charged with accessing phone without consent](#)

Nesquehoning police Chief Sean Smith released an affidavit regarding Victor A. Alpizar, 30, of Hayes Street, who was formerly employed as a part-time police officer in the borough.

[Foxx says new study backs her stance that too many misdemeanor cases are brought to court](#)

In the more than four years since Foxx became Cook County's top prosecutor, she's emphasized that police should search for alternatives to prosecuting people for non-violent misdemeanors, crimes that carry a penalty of up to a year in jail.

[Houston Texans cheerleader also solves crimes as forensic scientist](#)

On weekdays, you can find Emily in her white lab coat carefully analyzing DNA at the Texas Department of Public Safety's crime lab. On Sundays though, you can find her on the football field.

[Investigators find more than 60 one-pot meth bottles, thousands of used needles in Langlade County lab](#)

A special team removed more than 60 one-pot production bottles, as well as dangerous chemicals, fuels, medications and other ingredients used to make meth. Officials said several of the bottles had already exploded and more than 1,000 used hypodermic needles were found on the property.

[Firearms, drugs, cash seized from parolees in Lenawee County](#)

Investigators from the Region of Irish Hills Narcotics Office worked with Michigan Department of Corrections agents to check on people on parole from prison. At one residence, officers seized a 12-gauge shotgun; an AK-47-style rifle with multiple magazines including a 75-round drum; an AR-style rifle with multiple magazines; one 9 mm pistol with a 31-, 40- and 50-round drum magazine; another 9 mm pistol with two magazines; two simulated suppressors; and more than 1,000 rounds of various pistol, shotgun and rifle ammunition, a news release from RIHNO said.

[Middlesex DA Asks SJC To Examine Convictions From Hinton Drug Lab](#)

The now-closed Hinton State Lab became infamous after a 2014 investigation revealed significant mismanagement, subpar training and other issues which culminated in two chemists --Sonja Farak and Annie Dookhan-- being convicted of corruption in one of the largest crime lab scandals in American history.

[Human remains found in crawl space identified as Mississippi woman missing since 2016](#)

Results from the Mississippi Crime Lab report that DNA results show the match to be 99.4% certain. The cause and manner of death are yet to be determined pending the findings of the Mississippi Crime Lab.

[Gov. Whitmer launches task force on forensic science](#)

The Democratic governor signed an executive order to establish the task force, which will recommend methodology improvements, processes to address misconduct and procedures to provide updates on developments in the field. The task force will work within the Michigan State Police.

[April 2 - Indiana State Police hiring forensic scientists](#)

The Indiana State Police is accepting applications for three civilian positions at the Fort Wayne Regional Laboratory. The FWRL will hire three forensic scientists: two for the Drug Identification Unit, and one for the Forensic Biology (DNA) Unit.

[Experts present details about finding first fentanyl-laced ecstasy tablet in Houston area](#)

Health and law enforcement officials also shared findings of the first fentanyl identification in what was believed to be XTC, or ecstasy, according to a news release.

[TBI estimates state is missing 76,000 DNA profiles of criminal offenders](#)

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation estimates there could be more than 76,000 missing DNA profiles of criminal offenders whose DNA should have been lawfully collected by law enforcement and corrections facilities.

[NEW TECHNIQUE IDENTIFIES DNA FLOATING THROUGH THE AIR](#)

It's a cool trick that should prove useful for conservationists and ecologists, Gizmodo reports, but the study is also fascinating from a human perspective. If DNA in the air can be used to track down specific species, it's reasonable to assume that this tech would also be able to identify people someday — tech that could be useful for forensic investigations, but that also would raise questions about security and personal privacy as well.

[EXCLUSIVE: NamUs Announces New Contractor, Sub-Contractor](#)

For more than a decade, NamUs has offered critical investigative support and free forensic services, ranging from DNA testing to fingerprint examination to forensic anthropology and odontology. Owned and managed by NIJ, NamUs has helped investigators, coroners and medical examiners solve more than 2,700 missing persons cases and identify over 2,000 decedents from their remains.

[DC Forensic Lab Under Investigation Regarding Ballistics Casework](#)

The Firearms Examination Unit (FEU) at the D.C. Department of Forensic Sciences (DFS) should immediately cease casework and a comprehensive evaluation of the competence of all current examiners should be performed, according to an audit conducted by the District of Columbia Office of the Attorney General (OAG). The results were revealed in court documents obtained by WTOP.

[Child Abuse or Accident? Bringing Science to Forensic Investigations](#)

The pediatrician and the bioengineer have been working together ever since, supported in part by a series of research grants from the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) dating back to a 2008 project to develop a system for detecting tell-tale bruising in infants. Then there was their research into classic metaphyseal lesions, a fracture type commonly associated with abuse in infants, and more recently, the biomechanical characterization of short-distance falls in children. Currently Bertocci and Pierce, with mechanical engineers Angela Thompson and Raymond Dsouza of the iRAP Laboratory, are developing an injury risk curve that will help predict the likelihood of head injuries in pediatric falls.