

### [Director of Arkansas State Crime Lab discusses how forensic scientists play a role in all criminal investigations](#)

Kermit Channell II, the Executive Director of the Arkansas State Crime Laboratory, talks with Mitch McCoy about the role forensic scientists play in all investigations.

### [A victory for survivors: Utah eliminates backlog of thousands of untested rape kits](#)

Rape kits from across the state were collecting dust without ever making their way to a lab for analysis. It meant law enforcers weren't connecting the dots in the cases that could help bring offenders to justice.

### [Arrest of lab worker at SF medical examiner's office, allegedly with evidence bag of meth, could taint cases](#)

A lab analyst for the San Francisco medical examiner's office has been arrested and charged in Utah after he was allegedly found with an evidence bag of methamphetamine, a case that's touched off a sweeping review by the district attorney.

### [Minot Police Crime Scene Response Unit explains investigative procedures](#)

The Crime Scene Response Unit is called upon by Minot Police when necessary to secure a crime scene and conduct an initial investigation. What the Response Unit does and some of the methods they use were presented at the second session of the Police Citizen's Academy held Tuesday evening at the City Auditorium.

### [A colorful solution for cleaning up crime labs](#)

In a drug analysis lab, the spread of drug particles is an unavoidable risk. Tiny particles from the drug samples under analysis get scattered around the room, be it via particles settling on the workstations or sticking to the gloves of the technicians who handle them. To prevent cross contamination, workspaces are cleaned thoroughly between sample tests and procedures are in place to prevent the spread of drug samples becoming a health risk to the chemists at work.

### [Familial DNA match leads to suspect, arrest in 35-year-old murder of Rochester teenager](#)

This week, in what is the first Monroe County criminal case to use "familial DNA," police arrested a Florida man and charged him with second-degree murder in the homicide of Wendy Jerome, whose body was found in an alcove of Schools 33 and 11 near Webster Avenue. Timothy Williams, now 56, lived in the same neighborhood in Rochester in 1984.

### [Selah man accused of raping teenage girl in 2018](#)

Audel Radillo-Contreas was accused of raping a 17-year-old girl in 2018 after the Washington State Patrol crime lab identified his DNA from samples taken from the victim, according to a Yakima police probable cause affidavit.

### [First trial in DeBerry double homicide case delayed again](#)

The first of four trials related to a 2017 DeBerry double homicide has been delayed once again as officials wait on evidence from the state crime lab.

### [ATF rolls high tech van into Cleveland as part of Operation Legend](#)

The ATF has two NIBIN mobile crime labs, one is in Cleveland. NIBIN is the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network.

### [Suspect in slaying freed after hearing](#)

A suspect in the killing of an Alzheimer man walked out of court a free man Friday after District Judge Kim Bridgforth ruled the evidence presented by the Jefferson County prosecuting attorney's office was not sufficient to establish probable cause to move forward with the prosecution.

### [As Indiana cannibalism case begins, attorney says evidence resembles 'a horror movie'](#)

On the anniversary of the day Tammy Jo Blanton was found butchered in her bathtub, the trial began for the man accused of killing her and consuming her flesh.

### [The Only Lab in the World Dedicated to Crimes Against Wildlife](#)

Similar to a traditional forensic laboratory, the US Fish & Wildlife Service Forensics Laboratory examines, identifies, and compares evidence using a variety of scientific procedures and instruments with the goal of connecting a suspect, crime scene, and victim with physical evidence. However, instead of the ultimate goal of seeking justice for human victims, the Ashland, Oregon-based lab focuses on crimes against animal victims.

### [DNA leads to arrest in murder of a New York teenager 35 years ago](#)

A 14-year old was raped and killed while delivering a birthday card in her neighborhood on Thanksgiving Day 1984 and her body was found by a pedestrian near a school dumpster that night with signs of trauma.

### [GBI closing Medical Examiner's Office in Macon](#)

"We already have a delay in death certificates, the average time now is three months. With the addition of 37 counties, it's probably going to be 6 to 7 months. So no death certificates being signed without the cause of death, and a delay in funeral arrangements," explained Jones.

### [Morning Report: Downtown Jail Outbreak Goes From Bad to Worse](#)

As of Thursday, there were 129 active coronavirus cases among inmates and 140 people had recovered. There were another dozen active cases among staff members.

### [This Texas law unintentionally caused cannabis arrests to drop in the state](#)

The Austin Police Department will no longer cite or arrest people for small possessions of cannabis, Police Chief Brian Manley wrote in a July memo. The announcement essentially decriminalized weed possession in the city, but data shows that marijuana arrests were already trending downward statewide.

### [Sheriff's office investigating after possible human remains found](#)

The Greene County Coroner's Office removed the remains and sent them to the Arkansas State Crime Lab in Little Rock for autopsy to determine the identification and cause of death.

### [Saginaw man leaves \\$2.7 million to city police, fire and American Red Cross](#)

\$900-thousand will go to the police department and another \$900-thousand will go to the fire department. The two department's budgets for the next fiscal year shows the significance of the gifts, the \$900-thousand is more than ten percent of the fire budget. Thomas says his mother Carol remembers why Rutledge, who made the will in 2006, wanted to leave so much money to public safety.

### [Shocking find: Car of Mid-Michigan man missing for 9 years found in Clare](#)

He said the man recently bought the car, which was part of an estate sale in Saginaw, and a new title was printed for the car on Aug. 21. The man told Baus he believed there was blood on the floor board of the car.

### [Tift County toddler shot in home](#)

The Tift County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a child not breathing. Upon arrival at 1706 Mosley Avenue in Tifton, deputies discovered two-year-old Mirakle Brown who was unresponsive and later pronounced deceased at the scene. Preliminary information indicates that Mirakle and a six-year-old child were in a bedroom alone when a firearm was discharged, striking Mirakle in the head. The investigation remains active and ongoing.

### [Tournament Fishing Cheaters Convicted with Forensic Science](#)

"Some of the largemouth bass they'd turned in had little heads and fatter bodies, indicating a different diet than the fish at Lake Powell, which were more lean," DWR Lt. Paul Washburn said. "The fish also had red fins, which indicated they had undergone some stress."

### [Study confirms widespread literacy in biblical-period kingdom of Judah](#)

Researchers have analyzed 18 ancient texts dating back to around 600 BCE from the Tel Arad military post using state-of-the-art image processing, machine learning technologies, and the expertise of a senior handwriting examiner, and concluded that the texts were written by no fewer than 12 authors, suggesting that many of the inhabitants of the kingdom of Judah during that period were able to read and write.

### [Police Reform for Nashville](#)

There are solutions which can begin to correct the problems facing law enforcement. Some of the solutions may in fact incorporate a few of the ideas proposed by advocates which change responsibility for certain activities away from a law enforcement responsibility to that of non-law enforcement agencies.

### [Can Dogs Detect COVID-19?](#)

Gadberry, a researcher with the U.S. Army's Combat Capabilities Development Command Chemical Biological Center, has studied canine detection for military explosives. When the question about COVID-19 arose, her team partnered with the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine Working Dog Center.

### [COVID-19: FSL adopts new work style](#)

From organising online training programmes for its staff to sending smaller teams to crime spots, the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) has changed its work style during the coronavirus pandemic, an official said.

### [Police forensics join AI algorithms to track down who wrote the Bible, and when](#)

Old-fashioned police forensics analysis met hi-tech computer algorithms in a new study of 2,500-year-old pottery sherds, in which Tel Aviv University researchers conclude that literacy was widespread enough for the fledgling People of the Book to have penned parts of the Bible in the 7th century BCE.

### [Justice for Survivors Act signed into Missouri law](#)

...collect feedback from stakeholders, practitioners, and leadership throughout the state and local law enforcement, victim services, forensic science practitioners, and health care communities.

### [Fairfield police: DNA used to arrest suspect in 2019 crimes](#)

Fairfield Police Lt. Antonio Granata said Angel Luis Mercado, 29, is charged with seven counts of third-degree burglary, seven counts of criminal mischief, three counts of criminal attempt at sixth-degree larceny, two counts of sixth degree larceny, fifth-degree larceny and fourth-degree larceny.

### [City of Selah names new police chief](#)

The city's next police chief will replace Rick Hayes, who retired after more than 33 years in law enforcement. He came to the Selah Police Department in 1993.

### [43% of DNA samples can be linked to a person - FSI report](#)

Forensic Science Ireland says that almost half of DNA samples taken from crime scenes can now be linked to a person.

### [The Irish criminals nailed and cases solved thanks to forensic science](#)

Forensic science and DNA would wind together into chains of evidence that wrapped around the killer and put him away for life.

### [The controversial company using DNA to sketch the faces of criminals](#)

It was April 2019 when it all started to fall apart for Parabon Nanolabs. At the time, it was the most famous forensic-genetics company on the planet. From its headquarters in Reston, Virginia, Parabon was helping police to crack cold-crime cases almost weekly, such as the murder of a Canadian couple in 1987 and the case of a young woman who was sexually assaulted and killed in the 1960s.

### [University Study Confirms Widespread Literacy in Biblical-Period Kingdom of Judah](#)

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[Firearm ownership among LGBT adults](#)

Nearly 16% of LGBT adults in California own a gun or live in a household with a gun. These study results appear in the peer-reviewed journal Violence and Gender. [Click here to read the article now.](#)