

### [Baylor's Mayborn Museum Will Host 'True Crime Exposed' to Investigate Forensic Science](#)

Baylor University's Mayborn Museum Complex will host its fifth annual Director's Forum, "True Crime Exposed: Examining the Elements of Forensic Science." The event will begin at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at the museum, 1300 S. University Parks Drive.

### ['Fund forensics or more crimes will go unsolved'](#)

The quality of justice in the criminal courts is at risk because of the problems with the forensic science service, the country's most senior criminal judge has warned. Fewer crimes will be solved, and when they come to court, there will be fewer convictions.

### [Public health warning released after significant increase in seized carfentanil in Cuyahoga County](#)

According to the medical examiner, the Cuyahoga County Regional Forensic Science Laboratory has seen an increase in seized carfentanil powder and tablets being tested over the past month.

### [State investigators say sexual assault kit tracking system will aid investigations, inform victims](#)

A state agency is preparing to launch a website to keep tabs on forensic evidence collected after a sexual assault. State officials hope to launch the site in March. The new system and newly proposed legislation could help investigators solve sexual assault cases and give victims more peace of mind.

### [Deputies in Spartanburg County ID victim in 20-year-old cold case linked to 2nd cold case murder of juvenile in North Carolina](#)

In January of 2019, DNA of both victims was compared, and it was determined that the woman killed in South Carolina, identified by fingerprints with the help of the Korean National Police and INTERPOL as Myoung Hwa Cho, was the mother of the North Carolina victim, identified by the Orange County Sheriff Charles Blackwood, as 10-year-old Robert "Bobby" Adam Whitt.

### [Research shows hidden fire risk of emollients](#)

The scientists tested a variety of emollients, some of which are commonly used for treating skin conditions such as eczema and psoriasis. The findings have been published in the Fire Safety Journal and were presented at the UK Association of Fire Investigators conference in Leeds last week.

### [Podcast to feature Grundy County's Jane Doe murder victim case](#)

The body was found on Oct. 2, 1976, by an area farmer in a field 1.4 miles east of LaSalle County on the north side of U.S. Route 6, according to a story in the Morris Daily News on Oct. 4, 1976. She had been shot in the back of the head, and the bullet exited the forehead. A plastic bag and a knitted sweater covered her head.

### [A dogged investigator made sure the 'Boy under the Billboard' was not forgotten](#)

When a young boy's skeleton was found under an Interstate 85-40 billboard in September 1998, Orange County investigators knew almost nothing about who he was, how he got there, or who killed him.

### [Maharashtra: Wildlife forensic lab to come up in Nagpur](#)

In what will help faster detection of crimes against the wildlife, the state government is planning to establish a forensic division in Nagpur. A senior home department official told DNA that they had received a proposal from the Directorate of Forensic Science Laboratories (DFSL) for setting up an animal DNA analysis facility at the Regional Forensic Science Laboratory (RFSL) in Nagpur.

### [Never Forgotten: How the State Crime Lab works with law enforcement on missing persons cases](#)

According to Channel, in missing person cases it's important for family members to submit DNA samples so that if remains are recovered they can test against family samples for comparison to help with identification.

### [Attorney General Josh Kaul says he will bolster State Crime Lab staff, increase pay to speed up processing](#)

Wisconsin's Department of Justice says it plans to hire more employees and is developing a pay progression program to speed up processing times at the State Crime Lab, where some types of evidence testing has continued to lag.

### [State Crime Lab releases list of frequently submitted substances](#)

Senior Forensic Scientist Manager Jennifer McNair said the number of drugs being submitted is "steadily increasing" each year.

### [How 'Optical Tweezers' Could Address One of Crime Labs' Biggest Challenges](#)

"In sex assault case work, you'll often have sperm cells mixed with many other cell types," Reiner said. "It's easy to identify a sperm cell under a microscope. So we take our laser tweezers and use them to pick out the sperm cells and isolate them from the other cell types. After this, we can extract them for DNA analysis."

### [Police Release New Sketch Of The Doodler Serial Killer, Who Terrorized San Francisco's Gay Community In The 1970s](#)

Police are hoping the new age-progressed sketch will bring justice for the victims in a case that once terrorized the city's gay community. They are also offering a \$100,000 reward for information leading to the killer's arrest.

### [Maricopa County to outsource its criminal toxicology lab to Pennsylvania](#)

Instead of having in-house chemists continue to do the toxicology work, Chief Medical Examiner Jeffrey Johnston has ordered that incoming work be outsourced to NMS Laboratories, a privately operated, Pennsylvania-based lab that does toxicology analyses for hospitals, universities, law enforcement, attorneys and medical examiners.

### [Her murder went unsolved for nearly 40 years. Then DNA pointed to a serial rapist named 'Animal.'](#)

Portland police announced Thursday that improbable intact DNA saved from under Anna Marie's fingernails had at last pinpointed her killer, a man police had never suspected: Jerry "Animal" McFadden, a notorious serial rapist and murderer from Texas who once inspired one of the state's biggest ever manhunts.

[4 men now face sex-assault charges as Tucson police clear rape-kit backlog](#)

Two men are facing charges in serial rape cases and two others have cases pending in court after the Tucson Police Department cleared a decades-long backlog of nearly 2,000 sexual-assault kits.