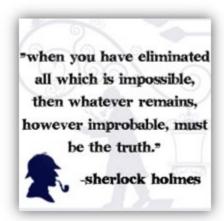
The Saint Paul Police Crime Lab: An Evolution in Forensics

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Forensic science is the application of science to criminal and civil law. Forensic scientists, preserve, and analyze scientific evidence during the course of an investigation.

"The process... starts upon the supposition that when you have eliminated all which is impossible, then whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth. It may be that several explanations remain, in which case one [tries] test after test until one or other of them has a convincing amount of support." — Sherlock Holms in "The Sign of the Four"



Today's Saint Paul Police Forensic Services Unit exemplifies the Department's commitment to embracing the world of science and the role it plays in serving the community while solving crimes. But this did not happen overnight...