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KCPD crime lab backlogged in pending evidence

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The Kansas City Police Department is trying to unbury itself from 3,100 pieces of evidence at its crime lab that it doesn't have the staff to look into, [KCTV5 reports](#).

The department is hurting after it froze ten positions for the last five years, but Police Chief [Darryl Forte](#) has brought back six positions to try to release the growing pressure on the lab. More than 2,000 fingerprint and 500 DNA analyses await, in addition to 600 firearms cases.

A new crime lab in the works could serve as a release valve, but the project currently is \$6 million over budget.