Digital Forensic Crime Labs

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Digital forensics labs throughout the country were set up and subsidized by United States Department of Justice. Most labs are administered by police or law enforcement agencies. In 2009, the National Academy of Science released “Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward,” which made several recommendations. Among the recommendations were that criminal labs should be independent of police/law enforcement in order to retain an appearance of objectivity. This talk delves into the tensions between the recommendations and the practice, the ethical implications and current issues affecting digital forensics labs today.

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