
New Crime Laboratory Director

by Division Chief David Fisher

On July 1, 2005, Gregory LaBerge started as the new Director of the Crime Laboratory Bureau. Gregg has been with the Denver Police Department for almost 10 years in the crime laboratory and was the driving force behind the rapid development of the DNA lab from the time he was a volunteer in 1995. From 1996 until present, Gregg was responsible for writing grants that totaled over \$2 million for the DNA laboratory in addition to providing investigative support on over 1,500 cases. Gregg now brings this talent to the entire laboratory.



Gregg has been involved in some of the most difficult and high profile forensic cases in Colorado history including the Jon Benet Ramsey investigation, the Kobe Bryant case, the Jacques Richardson serial sexual assault cases, the Ned Pace serial homicide cases and,

most recently, the Brent Brents serial rape cases. These cases coupled with Gregg's extensive experience with forensic investigations will be a great asset in the development of the crime lab.

For over six years, Gregg, in cooperation with Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey and the National Institute of Justice, has developed a unique DNA training program for police investigators and District Attorneys. This program entitled "From Crime Scene to Courtroom" has trained over 1,000 investigators in many western states and is now being used by the federal government as a template for nationwide training. Gregg is very active with the National Forensic Science Technology Center in teaching statistics for forensic science and developing programs for officers of the court. Gregg is also an active auditor of crime laboratories for both the FBI and the Standards Council of Canada.

In 2005, at Gregg's direction, the Denver Police Department's DNA received ISO 17025 accreditation, which is the highest honor a forensic laboratory can achieve worldwide. Denver was the first municipal laboratory in the United States to achieve this accreditation and only the second publicly funded facility in the nation accredited under ISO 17025. This level of accreditation is the work standard for laboratory quality and performance and the rest of the laboratory is working diligently toward this goal.

We are pleased to have Gregg as our Crime Laboratory Director and know that he will help us to continue developing our laboratory into a world class forensic system to support our investigators. □