

Boulder DA's Office prepares to review cases following investigation into former CBI scientist



Yvonne Woods, a forensic scientist with the Colorado Bureau of Investigations, testifies on July 23, 2009, in the trial against Kevin Elmarr, who was accused of killing his ex-wife, Carol Murphy, in 1987. (Marty Caivano/File photo)



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The Boulder County District Attorney's Office said it will be reviewing past and current cases in which Yvonne "Missy" Woods has given expert testimony after the Colorado Bureau of Investigation announced it will be opening an investigation into the former forensic scientist.

On Monday, the CBI announced that an internal investigation has been launched into Woods after "anomalies" were found in her DNA testing. The CBI announced that along with the help of other agencies, they would be undertaking an "meticulous review" of Wood's work, which spans over 29 years, according to a CBI release.

The release also stated Woods, "is no longer an employee" of the CBI.

Woods has served as an expert witness multiple times in Boulder County cases, including the case of [Kevin Elmarr, who was found guilty of first-degree murder on Oct. 24, 2015](#). Woods' attorney Ryan Brackley wrote in a text Thursday that she is cooperating with the CBI's inquiry.

"Ms. Woods expects nothing less than a full, complete and professional investigation into these allegations and has already communicated her intent to cooperate with CBI's inquiry into identifying any anomalies in her work," Brackley wrote. "Ms. Woods stands by the reliability and integrity of her work on matters that were filed in court, and particularly in cases in which she testified in court under oath."

Boulder County District Attorney spokesperson Shannon Carbone said they are waiting on the CBI's investigation to determine the particular issues or potential impacts of Woods' work.

"We need to learn more from CBI and the investigation about what she did, over how long a period, and whether her conduct impacted DNA analysis," Carbone wrote in an email. "It is a serious concern and our office is committed to ensuring that pending and closed cases have been prosecuted with accurate information and the utmost integrity."

The office said Wednesday they've sent out written notices to all pending cases in which Woods is listed as a witness and will be going back to closed cases as well.
