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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



**TRUE CRIME meets daytime TV on the Tamron Hall Show:** Coordinated by the media relations team, Professor Patricia Eddings and criminology students Jacey Concannon and Preston Schroeder headed to New York City this week for an appearance on the Tamron Hall Show. Along with classmates, the UTA team helped crack a 34-year-old homicide cold case. Catch the episode **TODAY at 4 p.m. on KTXA Ch. 21**. The show started airing in markets across the country this morning. #ICYMI: The achievement by Professor Eddings' students has been showcased by national media outlets including [The New York Times](#), [USA Today](#), and [NBC Nightly News](#)—with more exciting coverage to come. Stay tuned.

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## EXPERT INTERVIEWS



**UT Arlington study identifies challenges—and solutions—for sexual assault care in rural areas:** Coordinated by the UTA media relations team, social work Professor Morgan PettyJohn spoke with [KERA](#) about her latest research examining the barriers to building a rural workforce of certified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE). "Texas is such a large and rural dominant state," she said. "There's only about 88 out of Texas' 254 counties that have an active SANE program. And, of course, those tend to be clustered and concentrated around the major cities." The [Denton Record-Chronicle](#) and [NewsBreak](#) shared this story.

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