

# Forensic Genetic Genealogy

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FORENSIC GENETIC  
GENEALOGY PROJECT

PROFILE OF CASES  
SOLVED – 2022

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# The Forensic Genetic Genealogy Project, 2022

**I began this project in 2020 for the purpose of creating a registry of cases which have been solved using the techniques of forensic genetic genealogy (FGG).**

My goal in launching this project is to keep track of these cases as they make their way through the justice system to determine how courts are ruling on this novel form of evidence.

I also wanted to construct an adequate sample frame for further research into forensic genetic genealogy. I hope that this research will assist in our understanding this burgeoning investigative technique, and provide information to academic and public authorities seeking to better understand forensic genetic genealogy and formulate public policies surrounding its development and use.

When this project began, there had not yet been a systematic attempt to define FGG and to collect information about its use to clear cases. This research was conducted to fill this void, and to shed light on the use of FGG to date. This data has been collected and made available to assist with further research into FGG, and to provide accurate information to academic and public authorities seeking to better understand FGG and to formulate public policies governing its development and use.

The Forensic Genetic Genealogy Project consists of a dataset of cases solved using FGG, as well as this User Manual, which explains how the data was collected and coded. I have also included in the User Manual an annotated bibliography of the sources used to collect this data, as well as a brief digest of each case. This data can be found on Mendelay Data. The first results of this project have now been published as follows:

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# What is Forensic Genetic Genealogy?

**D**NA Genotyping and Sequencing. In this photo, a technician at the Cancer Genomics Research Laboratory, part of the National Cancer Institute's Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics (DCEG), washes arrays used in DNA sequencing for medical research. This kind of sequencing searches an individual's genome for small variations, called single nucleotide polymorphisms or SNPs. SNPs are places in the genome at which there is a mutation in a single nucleotide. The sequencing used in genetic genealogy

samples about 700,000 to 800,000 SNPs across the genome to come up with a unique SNP profile for that individual. Genetic genealogy searches for continuous stretches of shares SNPs that two individuals have inherited from a recent common ancestor. Such sequences are known as 'Identical by Descent' or IBD. The longer and more frequent are such IBD segments, the more closely related the two individuals are likely to be.

Photo Credit: National Cancer Institute, Unsplash, [https://unsplash.com/photos/ysv6k\\_gPOZM](https://unsplash.com/photos/ysv6k_gPOZM).

# What is Forensic Genetic Genealogy?

**F**orensic genetic genealogy (FGG) is an interdisciplinary practice that combines genomics and computer database technologies, as well as traditional and genetic methods of genealogical research to identify unknown individuals by reconstructing their ancestral lineages and drawing out their family trees.

## ***Genomics:***

Forensic DNA work examines hyper-variable regions of the genome known as Short Tandem Repeats (STRs) that distinguish one individual from another with a high degree of accuracy and precision. These DNA profiles can then be stored in law enforcement databases, such as CODIS, where they can be used to connect a single suspect to multiple offences, and to search against future crime scene samples [1].

An FGG investigation, on the other hand, begins by producing a DNA profile of the unknown individual using Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs). In cases where whole genome sequencing is performed, this data is translated into a usable SNP profile. SNP profiles identify variation at different areas of

the genome, examining about 700,000 to 800,000 SNPs [2,3].

## ***Computer Database Technologies:***

The SNP profile of the person of interest is uploaded into one or more DNA databases that use a set of algorithms designed to match relatives. The D2C databases that are being used for FGG use proprietary algorithms to match segments, which is a limitation of this technique when it is being used as evidence in criminal cases [4]. The algorithms examine the number and length of matching DNA segments which are then used to assess the degree of relatedness between the person of interest and those persons who have uploaded their profile into the database [4,5]

At present, about 60% of searches concerning a person of interest of European ancestry will result in a match to at least a third cousin; often, this will be a sufficiently close relationship to identify the person of interest [6]. This is the rate-limiting step of FGG: a successful identification through FGG depends mainly on the ability to match the suspect with the DNA of a close relative [6]. A database that covers about 2% of the population has a very high probability of disclosing a 3<sup>rd</sup> cousin relationship to any

person - provided that the samples for the database have been chosen at random [6]. A database of this coverage is foreseeable in the near future, given the continued popularity of genetic genealogy.

Most cases included in this dataset used the GEDmatch or FamilyTreeDNA (FTDNA) databases, where users are able to opt-in and out of law enforcement matching for criminal offences in their account settings. In North America, FTDNA will permit law enforcement searching unless users specifically opt-out in their account settings [7], while GEDmatch opts all users out of law enforcement searching in criminal investigations [8]. GEDmatch has recently modified their terms of service and privacy policy to automatically opt users in for human remains investigations whose object is the identification of a decedent [8]. This change was due in part to the difficulties faced by the parents of Wendy Stephens, a victim of serial killer Gary Leon Ridgway, known as the 'Green River Killer'. They had attempted to upload a DNA profile to GEDmatch to locate their daughter but were not opted-in to law enforcement matching [9]. These policies have been criticized by scholars as not ensuring that users have the knowledge they need to give informed consent on this issue and to opt-in and -out of law enforcement matching as they may choose [10,4].

### ***Genealogy:***

Once a relative match is identified using a DNA database, genealogists then use traditional sources of information to draw out family trees

to identify the person of interest [5]. These may include birth, death and marriage certificates, obituaries and grave records, and other sources of publicly available information. Once one or more relative matches have been made in the database, tracing out the family trees is a time-consuming and non-trivial task [6].

Investigations are best able to advance when a match is found with a relative who is a 3<sup>rd</sup> cousin or closer. DNA-matching algorithms often look for segments of DNA that two individuals share in common. These individuals likely inherited these shared segments through their descent from a common ancestor, and such segments are known as 'Identical by Descent' (IBD) [2,11]. Genetic genealogists then identify clusters of shared matches and work with these genetic networks to identify the most recent common ancestor (MRCA) of each cluster. The MRCA is the most recent ancestral couple from whom the individuals are descended [2]. Once a MRCA has been found, genealogists build out the family tree to identify all the descendants of the MRCA. The person of interest will be normally found among this group of persons [2].

There may be cases where a sufficiently close match cannot be found, or where the family tree may be difficult to construct due to non-parental events, adoptions, or endogamy. In such cases, investigators may request DNA samples and other information from relatives of the person of interest [2]. Such 'targeted kinship testing' should be conducted with due attention to the ethical and privacy issues involved in the police collection and storage of the DNA samples of those who are not

Suspects, as recommended by SWGDAM [5]. This includes informed consent for potential relatives who are approached for a DNA sample [12], as well as the requirements that these samples later be destroyed and not uploaded into a law enforcement database [5].

Further investigative methods are used to narrow down this list. Forensic phenotyping, of both visual characteristics and biogeographical ancestry, can be used to confirm or exclude certain hypotheses, and to narrow the candidate pool [6]. In some cases, the use of information from the Y-chromosome or mitochondrial DNA can provide information as to the male and female lineages respectively, and even to identify a possible surname for the person of interest, as was done by Colleen Fitzpatrick in the investigation of the ‘Phoenix Canal Killer’ [13]. An FGG investigation may be able to narrow down the candidate pool to a single sibling cohort. When combined with other techniques, such as geographical profiling and non-forensic evidence, the suspect lists can be narrowed down to a very small group composed of one or a few individuals [6].

### ***Forensic DNA Profiling:***

Once the FGG investigation has produced a list of candidates for identification, this information is confirmed using a variety of methods. For criminal investigations looking to identify the source of a crime scene sample, this will involve matching the suspect’s forensic STR-DNA profile to the crime scene DNA to exclude or include the suspect [5]. In the case of decedents, confirmation is generally

made through kinship testing with a close living relative. Other methods of confirmation used in this dataset include comparing the STR-DNA profile obtained from the crime scene to a sample taken at an autopsy or from the exhumed remains of a deceased suspect.

This section and the following section concerning research methods was excerpted from our 2022 paper in *Forensic Science International: Genetics* [14].

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# Research Methods

This research attempts to collect all publicly available information concerning cases that were successfully cleared through FGG, going back as far as possible in time and ending on December 31, 2021. Cases were selected for inclusion in the sample through internet searches, discussion boards related to genetic genealogy, missing persons, and cold cases, as well as press releases and blog posts from private companies and non-profit organization known to perform FGG, publications devoted to advances in forensic science, and published court records. There are well over 1000 news articles, blog posts, press releases and court records described in the annotated bibliography that were used to gather the data contained within the dataset.

This research was not able to uncover all cases cleared using FGG. The cases collected in this dataset are likely biased in favour of cases that were well-publicized, and that were conducted by the larger forensic organizations, including Parabon Nanolabs, Barbara Rae-Venter, the DNA Doe Project, Advance DNA, Othram Inc., Bode Technologies, and United Data Connect.

This data set only includes cases that have been successfully cleared, and cases for which a public agency had specifically confirmed that FGG had been used in the investigation. This research does not include data on pending FGG investigations that have not yet been cleared. Information on pending investigations is rarely made publicly available, and there are significant ethical issues in publicizing information that may interfere with ongoing criminal investigations.

This data is not able to capture cases in which law enforcement agencies have not come forward with information about the investigative methods they have used to clear a case. The data may be biased in favour of cases involving serious crimes, such as homicides, that are better publicized and more likely to have excluded cases in which the investigation is not publicized for privacy reasons – such as the identification of unknown decedents, living does, or cases where an investigation is ongoing.

A ‘case’ for the purposes of this dataset is defined as the identification of a decedent or a living doe and, in the case of criminal investigations, a victim-offender pair. This

victims, as well as the prevalence of serial/recidivist murderers and sexual offenders. Each case is assigned a unique Case Identification Number (Case ID). Cases were included from all countries which have used FGG to date. The information on FGG cases was entered into the database by a single researcher, and so there were no issues concerning inter-coder reliability.

Cases are only chosen for inclusion in the sample if a public authority had confirmed that FGG was used in the investigation, and the investigation met the following definition of FGG:

1. **Investigative Body:** The investigation was led by a public, and not a private, authority, such as a law enforcement agency or a coroner/medical examiner's office. Cases that are initiated and led by private individuals and organizations, even though they may uncover criminal activities – such as child abductions or incest – are not included in the dataset.

2. **Investigative Techniques:** The investigation must use the techniques of genomics, computer database technologies, and traditional genealogy, as outlined above. Cases were included when family lineages were drawn out to at least three or more generations. The sample includes investigations that use Y-chromosome STR profiles and/or mitochondrial DNA profiles to trace the paternal and maternal lineages of persons

of interest. Cases solved through familial searching of law enforcement databases are not included in this data set.

3. **Investigative Purpose:** The investigation must be for a forensic purpose, meaning that the evidence thus produced is relevant to an ongoing legal dispute. Most cases considered here are for the identification of perpetrators of criminal offences or the identification of decedents but can also include the identification of living does. Not included are cases that are of purely historical interest, or the identification of unknown soldiers by military authorities. Two cases have been included that were investigated as ongoing criminal matters but were found to be historical cases upon a successful resolution. These cases were not included in data analyses.

4. **Causation:** This database only includes cases that have been successfully cleared using FGG. The resolution of any investigation – particularly very large and lengthy investigations as were many of the cases described here – has many causes. In order to be included here, the FGG investigation must have played a **significant causal role** in the resolution of the case.

# Table of Abbreviations

Abbreviation Used in Database	Meaning
AA	African American Ancestry
AB	Alberta
ACQ	Acquaintance
ADM	Evidence Admitted by Court
ADV	Adverse Admission of DNA Evidence by Accused
AF	Sub-Saharan African Ancestry
AGG	Aggravated Assault
AID	Aiding & Abetting Intentional Homicide
AK	Alaska
AKZ	Ashkenazi
AL	Alabama
ANC	<u>Ancestry.com</u>
APD	FGG Evidence Appealed, Appeal Denied
APP	FGG Evidence Admitted, BeingAppealed
AQT	Acquitted at Trial
AR	Arkansas
ARG	Offence Motivated by Argument
AS	East Asian Ancestry
AST	Assault
ATM	Attempted Murder
AUT	Autopsy Sample
AZ	Arizona
BC	British Columbia
BCA	Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
BGA	Biogeographical Ancestry

<b>Abbreviation Used in Database</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
BI	Bureau of Investigation
BLD	Blood
BNE	Bone
CA	California
CAN	Canada
CASEID	Case Identification Number
CCIU	Cold Case Investigation Unit
CCO	County Coroner's Office
CCU	Cold Case Unit
CD	County Detectives
CED	Case Cleared by Exception Due to Death of Suspect
CHARGE1	Most Serious Criminal Charge Laid
CHARGE2	Second Most Serious Criminal Charge Laid
CHD	Child Abuse, Not Sexual (when criminal charge)
CHD	Child (When Victim Offender Relationship)
CHK	Choking
CIR	Circuit Court
CLEAR	Date Case Cleared
CMEO	County Medical Examiner's Office
CO	County
CO	Colorado (When Referring to U.S. State)
CO	Coroner's Office (When Investigating Organization)
COMPL	Court of Common Pleas
CON	DNA Sample Provided Consensually
CONFIRM	Confirmation of FGG Investigation
CPD	County Police Department
CRIM	Criminal Investigation

<b>Abbreviation Used in Database</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
CSA	Central/South American Ancestry, Including Mexico
CSO	County Sheriff's Office
CT	Connecticut (When Referring to U.S. State)
CT	Court
CTR	Convicted at Trial
CTRUL	Court Ruling on FGG Evidence
DC	District of Columbia
DCI	Department of Criminal Investigation
DE	Delaware
DEC	Decedent
DENT	Dental Records
DES	Desecration of Human Remains
DIS	Charges Dismissed
DISP1	Disposition of Most Serious Charge
DISP2	Disposition of Second-Most Serious Charge
DIST	District Court
DIV	Division
DNADBS	DNA Database Used in FGG Investigation
DOJFDNA	Department of Justice Familial DNA Search Team
DOM	Offence Motivated by Domestic Violence
DTR	Suspect Died During Trial
DVI	Disaster Victim Investigation
EU	European Ancestry
EXH	Exhumation of Human Remains
F	Female
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FDLE	Florida Department of Law Enforcement

<b>Abbreviation Used in Database</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
FDM	First Degree Murder
FGG	Forensic Genetic Genealogy
FGGOPEN	Date FGG Investigation Opened
FGU	Forensic Genealogy Unit
FL	Florida
FLDO	Forensic Laboratory for DNA Research
FNG	Fingernal Scrapings
FPT	Confirmation Made Through Fingerprint Match
FRD	Fraud
FTDNA	Family Tree DNA
GA	Georgia
GEDM	GEDmatch
GP	Guilty Plea
HOM	Homicide, Not First Degree Murder or Manslaughter
HR	Hair
HRI	Human Remains Investigation
HTF	Homicide Task Force
HUM	Human Remains
IA	Iowa
ICCDAM	Idaho Cold Case Advanced DNA Methods Working Group
ID	Idaho
IGU	Investigative Genealogy Unit
IL	Illinois
IN	Indiana
INC	Incompetent to Stand Trial
IND	Indigenous Ancestry
INF	Infant of Unknown Age

<b>Abbreviation Used in Database</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
INS	Indian Subcontinent Ancestry
INVEST	Type of Investigation
IP	Innocence Project
JUV	Juvenile Court
KID	Kidnapping
KS	Kansas
LA	Louisiana
LAW	Law Enforcement Sample
LD	Living Doe Investigation
LDOE	Living Doe
LED	Law Enforcement Division
LIV	Sample Taken from Living Person
LVR	Living Relative
M	Male
MA	Massachusetts
MAG	Magistrate Court
MAN	Non-Negligent Manslaughter
MD	Maryland
MDE	Middle Eastern & North African Ancestry
ME	Maine
MED	Medical Sample
MEO	Medical Examiner's Office
MI	Michigan
MIL	Military Records
MM	Multiple Murderer
MMP	Multiple Murder Charges Pending
MN	Minnesota

<b>Abbreviation Used in Database</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
mo	Months of Age
MO	Missouri
MPS	Ministry of Public Security
MS	Mississippi
MSA	U.S. Metropolitan Statistical Area
MT	Montana
mtDNA	Mitochondrial DNA Database
N	No
n/a	Not Applicable
NB	Newborn, <24 hours old
NC	North Carolina
NCIS	Naval Criminal Investigative Service
NCO	No Charge, but More Serious Charge Laid
nd	No Data Available
NH	New Hampshire
NM	New Mexico
NOR	Norway
NTCHI	University of North Texas Center for Human Identification
NV	Nevada
NY	New York
OFM	Other Family Member (Not Spouse, Parent, Child)
OH	Ohio
OK	Oklahoma
ONT	Ontario
OP	Case Open
OPEN	Date Case Opened
OR	Oregon

<b>Abbreviation Used in Database</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
ORG	Offence Motivated by Organized Crime, Including Gang-Related Activities & Drug Trafficking
OTH	Criminal Offence Coded as 'Other' in the FBI UCR, Not Domestic Violence
PA	Pennsylvania
PAR	Parent
PCR	Accused Motioned for Post Conviction Review
PD	Police Department
PEN	Pending Before a Court
PERP	Suspected Perpetrator of Criminal Offence
PERPBGA	Suspected Perpetrator Biogeographical Ancestry
PERPNM	Suspected Perpetrator First Name
PERPG	Suspected Perpetrator Gender
PERPLNM	Suspected Perpetrator Last Name
PLA	Placenta
POI	Person of Interest
POIAGE	Person of Interest Age
POIBGA	Person of Interest Biogeographical Ancestry
POIFNM	Person of Interest First Name
POIG	Person of Interest Gender
POILNM	Person of Interest Last Name
PRT	Partner/Spouse
PS	Police Service
RI	Rhode Island
ROB	Robbery/Offence Motivated by Robbery/Burglary
SAK	Sexual Assault Kit
SAL	Saliva
SAMPSRC	Source of DNA Sample Used in FGG Investigation

<b>Abbreviation Used in Database</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
SC	South Carolina
SD	South Dakota
SDCJ	State Division of Criminal Justice
SECFOR	Suspected Perpetrator Member of Public Security Forces
SEM	Semen
SEV	Several
SEX	Sexual Assault
SEXVL	Sexual Violence
SL	Charges Dismissed Due to Statute of Limitations
SM	Serial Murderer
SMP	Serial Murder Charges Pending
SMSU	South Missouri State University
SP	State Police
SRMDR	Serial Murder
SSO	Serial Sexual Offender
SSOP	Serial Sexual Offender Charges Pending
ST	State
ST	State Troopers
STK	Stalking, Criminal Harassment
STR	Stranger
SU	State University
SUP	Superior Court
SUR	Surruptitious Sampling
TCH	Touch DNA
TDTF	Trans Doe Task Force
TF	Trans Female
TM	Trans Male

<b>Abbreviation Used in Database</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
TN	Tennessee
TTH	Tooth
TX	Texas
UNS	Unspecified Sample Source
USA	United States of America
UT	Utah
UTT	Uttering Threats
VA	Virginia
VICAGE	Age of Victim
VICBGA	Biogeographical Ancestry of Victim
VICFNM	First Name of Victim
VICG	Gender of Victim
VICLNM	Last Name of Victim
VICPREL	Relationship of Victim to Perpetrator
VUNVIC	Victim Especially Vulnerable
WA	Washington
WAR	Wrongfully Arrested
WCH	Wrongfully Charged
WCN	Wrongfully Convicted
WI	Wisconsin
WPN	Using a Weapon in Commission of an Offence
WRPROS	Wrongful Prosecution
WRT	DNA Warrant
WY	Wyoming
Y	Yes
Y-STR	Y-STR DNA Database
YK	Yukon



# Code Book

This section explains each heading in the database, what information was collected, and how it was coded.

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## CASEID: Case ID Number

A case is defined as an individual who is being identified as part of an ongoing FGG investigation, either as a suspected criminal perpetrator, a living doe, or a decedent. For criminal investigations, a case is defined as a victim-offender pair. This way, information is collected on individual victims as well as individual offenders, and can be used to better analyze serial offending.

Each case is given a unique four-digit number, beginning with the number 1001, based upon the order in which the case was added to the database.

## INVEST: Type of Investigation

This heading describes the type of investigation which used FGG. Each type of investigation is defined below. As of the 2021 version of the database, there were no investigations into mass graves, a subset of human remains investigations, or into immigration detainees, a subset of investigations into living does.

## CRIM: Criminal Investigation

In this type of investigation, a biological sample from the crime scene that is thought to be probative of guilt is used to obtain a DNA profile of the suspected perpetrator of a criminal offence.

## HRI: Human Remains Investigation

In this type of investigation, a sample from a decedent is used to develop a DNA profile to identify the person and return their remains to their family members. In some cases, these individuals have been victims of criminal offences. In others, the individual's death is not suspicious, and is not linked to criminal activity. In a small number of cases, the victim and the perpetrator of a criminal offence have both been identified through FGG, and these investigations are recorded separately.

## DVI: Disaster Victim Identification

This is a subset of Human Remains Investigations in which FGG is used to identify an unknown individual who has died in a mass disaster, and who cannot be identified through traditional means. As of the 2021 database, FGG was used to identify two unknown victims of the 2018 Paradise Camp Fire in California.

## **MGI: Mass Graves Investigation**

This is a subset of Human Remains Investigations in which FGG is used to identify an unknown individual who has died as a result of an armed conflict or widespread human rights abuse such as genocide, war crimes, or crimes against humanity, who has been buried in a mass grave, and who cannot be identified through traditional means.

## **LD: Living Doe Investigation**

This is an investigation in which FGG is used to identify an unknown but living individual. Examples of living does include disabled persons, injured persons, and child victims of criminal offences who are unable to identify themselves.

## **IMM: Immigration Detainee Investigation**

This is a subset of Living Doe Investigations in which FGG is used to identify an unknown person who is in immigration detention.

## **POI: Person of Interest**

This heading describes the person of interest in an FGG investigation. If there is no data, then this is coded as ‘nd’. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as ‘n/a’.

## **DEC: Decedent in a Human Remains Investigation**

## **LDOE: A Living Doe**

## **PERP: Suspected perpetrator of a criminal offence**

## **POIFNM: First Name of Person of Interest**

This heading indicates the first name of the person identified using FGG, where known. If there is no data, then this is coded as ‘nd’. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as ‘n/a’.

## **POILNM: Last Name of Person of Interest**

This heading indicates the last name of the person identified using FGG, where known. If the individual has been identified but their name is not known, then they are coded as ‘Jane Doe’ for females and ‘John Doe’ for males. If a nickname has commonly been used to describe an individual whose legal name is not known, then this may be used here.

If the person’s name is known but has been withheld for privacy considerations, then this has been coded CON for “Confidential”.

If there is no data, then this is coded as ‘nd’. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as ‘n/a’.

## **POIG: Gender of Person of Interest**

This heading indicates the gender of the person identified using FGG, where known. If there is no data, then this is coded as ‘nd’. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as ‘n/a’.

**M: Male**

**F: Female**

**TF: Trans Female**

**TM: Trans Male**

**OT:** Other Gender

### **POIAGE: Age of Person of Interest**

This heading describes the age of the person of interest in years, where known. In cases where the age of a young child is given in months, this is indicated as ‘mo’. Where the age is not known precisely, an estimated age range may be given. If there is no data, then this is coded as ‘nd’. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as ‘n/a’.

**NB:** A newborn infant who was born alive but lived for less than about 24 hours.

**INF:** An infant of unknown age but is not a newborn.

### **POIBGA: Biogeographical Ancestry of Person of Interest**

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### **PERPFNM: First Name of Perpetrator**

This heading indicates the first name of the suspect in a criminal investigation, where known. If there is no data, then this is coded as ‘nd’. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as ‘n/a’.

### **PERPLNM: Last Name of Perpetrator**

This section indicates the last name of the suspect in a criminal investigation, where known. If the person’s name is known but has been withheld for privacy reasons, then this has been coded as **CON** for ‘Confidential’. If the suspect has not yet been identified, as in a HRI where the case remains open, then it is coded as ‘nd’ to indicate that there is no data. If this heading is not applicable, then it is coded as ‘n/a’.

## **PERPG: Gender of Perpetrator**

This section indicates the gender of the suspect in a criminal investigation, where known. If there is no data, then this is coded as 'nd'. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as 'n/a'.

**M:** Male

**F:** Female

**TF:** Trans Female

**TM:** Trans Male

**OT:** Other Gender

## **PERPAGE: Age of Perpetrator**

This heading describes the age of the suspect in a criminal investigation in years, where known. Where age is not known precisely, an estimated age range may be given. If there is no data, then this is coded as 'nd'. If this heading is not applicable, then it is coded as 'n/a'.

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## **OPEN: Date Case Opened**

This heading indicates the date that the investigation was opened. Normally, for CRIM investigations it will be the day that the crime was committed, or the date that a homicide victim was discovered. For HRI investigations, it is given as the day when the remains were found, in those cases in which the date of the homicide or death of the decedent is not known.

Where a month or day is not known, this is

coded as ‘nd’.

### **FGGOPEN: Date Forensic Genetic Genealogy Investigation Opened**

This heading indicates the date on which the FGG investigation was opened, where this information is known.

Where a month or day is not known, this is coded as a ‘0’. If there is no data, then this is coded as ‘nd’.

### **CLEAR: Date Case Cleared**

This heading indicates the date that the investigation was cleared. Normally, this is the date that an arrest is made in a criminal case, or the date on which police have publicly announced the clearance of the case. For human remains investigations, it will normally be the date that the investigating authority or the forensic organization announces that the individual has been identified. If there is no data, then this is coded as ‘nd’.

### **CHARGE1: First Criminal Charge**

This heading indicates the most serious charge laid when the case includes a criminal investigation. Charges are grouped into the broad categories described below. These headings also include inchoate offences and modes of participation, except for charges relating to attempted murder, which is coded separately.

If there is no data, then this is coded as ‘nd’. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as ‘n/a’.

**AGG:** Aggravated assault.

**AID:** Aiding & Abetting Intentional Homicide

**AST:** All forms of assault that are not aggravated, and are not sexual offences.

**ATM:** Attempted murder.

**CHD:** Child abuse and child endangerment, excluding sexual offences.

**CHK:** Choking and choking-related offences short of homicide.

**DES:** Concealing a corpse, or desecration of human remains.

**FDM:** Includes the most serious homicides, such first-degree murder, capital murder, or aggravated murder.

**HOM:** Second degree murder, including all forms of homicide other than first-degree murder and non-negligent homicide, and including those in which the severity of the charge is not specified.

**KID:** Kidnapping, including when combined with a sexual offence.

**MAN:** All negligent homicide charges, including infanticide and death by child neglect.

**OBS:** Obstruction, tampering with evidence.

**ROB:** Burglary, robbery, and home invasion, including when combined with a sexual offence.

**SEX:** All sexual offences, including rape,

**STK:** Stalking, &/or criminal harassment  
**WPN:** Use of a weapon, deadly weapon, or firearm, including where use of weapon is an aggravating factor in the commission of another criminal offence.

## **CHARGE2: Second Criminal Charge**

This heading indicates the second most serious charge laid when the case includes a criminal investigation. Where there has been a sexual offence in conjunction with a homicide, this is always listed as the second most serious charge. Charges are grouped into the broad categories described below. These headings also include inchoate offences and modes of participation, except for charges relating to attempted murder, which is classified separately.

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## **SEXVL: Sexual Violence**

This heading indicates whether a crime had an element of sexual violence in the way in which it was conducted or in its motivation, irrespective of whether the accused was charged with a sexual offence. There are many reasons why charges for sexual offences are not laid, including being barred under existing

Data is coded Y for ‘yes, and N for ‘no’. If there is no data, then this is coded as ‘nd’. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as ‘n/a’.

### **MOTIV: Motivation for the Offence**

This heading describes the motivation for a criminal offence. This heading is correlated with those given in the Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reports Expanded Homicide Data under the heading ‘Victim Circumstance.’

If there is no data, then this is coded as ‘nd’. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as ‘n/a’.

**ARG:** The offence was motivated by an argument, including arguments over money and property.

**DOM:** The offence was one of domestic violence, including all felonies related to domestic violence, as well as infanticide and neonaticide. Excludes child sex offences, which are coded as crimes with a sexual motivation.

This category is coded as ‘Other’ in the FBI UCR data.

**ORG:** The offence was motivated by organized crime, including all crimes involving drug trafficking, and adult and juvenile gang-related homicides.

**OTH:** All offences not otherwise specified.

**ROB:** The offence was motivated by robbery or burglary. Does not include sex offences

where a robbery or burglary took place as an incident to a sexual assault.

**SEX:** The offence was motivated by sexual assault.

### **DISP1: Disposition of First Criminal Charge**

This heading describes the disposition of Charge 1, the most serious criminal charge. A disposition refers to the outcome of a criminal case that has been cleared and put before the court system.

If there is no data, then this is coded as ‘nd’. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as ‘n/a’.

**AQT:** Accused was acquitted after a trial.

**CED:** Case was cleared by exception due to death of perpetrator.

**CEO:** Case was cleared by exception due to a reason other than the death of the perpetrator.

**CTR:** Accused was convicted after a trial.

**DIS:** Charges were dismissed by the prosecutor.

**DTR:** Suspect died while the trial was ongoing.

**GP:** Guilty plea entered by defendant.

**INC:** Accused found incompetent to stand trial.

**NC:** No charge against accused; this includes cases in which police have identified a lead suspect, but the investigation is ongoing, and charges have not yet been laid.

**NCO:** Accused was not charged with this offence but has been charged with one or more

other more serious offences.

**NCT:** Defendant pleads no contest, a subset of entering a guilty plea.

**OP:** Case is still open as a suspect has not yet been identified.

**PCR:** Accused has asked for a post-conviction review.

**PEN:** Case is currently pending before the court.

**SL:** Perpetrator not charged because of a statute of limitations

#### **DISP2: Disposition of Second Criminal Charge**

This heading describes the disposition of Charge 2, the second most serious criminal charge. If there is no data, then this is coded as ‘nd’. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as ‘n/a’.

**AQT:** Accused was acquitted after a trial.

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#### **SRMDR: Serial and Multiple Murder**

The definition of a serial offender is that given by the FBI, which considers a serial offence to be two or more criminal offences committed by the same perpetrator in separate incidents. Where an offender has committed two crimes as part of the same incident, this is coded as a multiple murder. In cases in which an offender currently has charges pending before the court that would render them a multiple or serial offender, this is indicated, and these offences will be monitored as they go through the court system.

To be included under this heading, the accused must have been found guilty of at least two

murders, either by entering a guilty plea, making an adverse admission, being linked to the offence through forensic DNA evidence, or the case has been cleared by exception due to the death of the offender.

If there is no data, then this is coded as 'nd'. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as 'n/a'.

**MM:** Multiple Murderer. The suspect has committed two murders arising out of a single incident

**MMP:** Multiple Murderer Pending. The suspect has charges pending which, if convicted, will constitute two murder convictions arising out of a single incident.

**SM:** Serial Murderer. The suspect has committed at least two murders, arising out of separate incidents.

**SMP:** Serial Murderer Pending. The suspect has charges pending which, if convicted, will constitute at least two murder convictions arising out of separate incidents.

#### **SRSO: Serial Sexual Offender**

The definition of a serial sexual offender is an offender who has committed two or more sexual offences in separate incidents. To be included under this heading, the suspected perpetrator must have been found guilty of at least two separate sexual offences, either by entering a guilty plea, making an adverse admission, being linked to the offence through forensic DNA evidence, or the case has been

cleared by exception due to the death of the offender.

In cases in which an offender currently has charges pending before the court that would render them a serial sexual offender, this is indicated, and these offences will be monitored as they go through the court system.

If there is no data, then this is coded as 'nd'. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as 'n/a'.

**SSO:** Serial Sexual Offender. The suspect has been convicted of at least two sexual assaults arising out of separate incidents.

**SSOP:** Serial Sexual Offender Pending. The suspect has charges pending which, if convicted will constitute two sexual assault convictions.

#### **CITY: Location of Criminal Offence**

This heading indicates the city, in which the offence took place, or where the decedent's remains were located. If the location is in a rural area, then the county in which the offence took place will be indicated here.

#### **STATE: State**

This heading indicates the state, province or district in which offence took place, or where the decedent's remains were located. The standard abbreviations for US states and Canadian provinces have been used.

## **COUNTRY: Country of Criminal Offence**

This heading describes the country in which the offence took place, or where the decedent's remains were located. Each country is given a three-letter abbreviation of its name.

**AUS:** Australia

**CAN:** Canada

**CHN:** China

**NOR:** Norway

**SWE:** Sweden

**USA:** United States of America

## **COURT: Prosecuting Court**

This heading indicates the prosecuting court in cases where charges are pending or have been tried. It includes the geographical jurisdiction as well as the level of the court. If there is no data, then this is coded as 'nd'. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as 'n/a'.

Abbreviations used are as follows:

**CIR:** Circuit

**CO:** County

**COMPL:** Common Pleas

**CRIM:** Criminal

**CT:** Court

**D.C.:** District of Columbia

**DIST:** District

**DIV:** Division

**INTP:** Intermediate People's, referring to courts in China

**JUD:** Judicial

**JUV:** Juvenile Court

**MAG:** Magistrate

**OK:** Oklahoma (Federal Court)

**SUP:** Superior

## **ADM: Accused's Admission of DNA**

This heading indicates whether the suspected perpetrator has admitted that they are in fact the source of the DNA found at the crime scene as evidenced by the FGG investigation. This data is coded as Y for 'yes' and N for 'no'.

'Yes' includes cases in which the accused has entered a guilty plea to the charges. Also included are cases in which the accused is reported as having confessed this information to the police or the public, and they are basing their defence on a separate ground. The most common instances of this are an accused admitting that he had sexual relations with the victim, but claims this was consensual, or a mother in an infanticide case admitting that she is the mother of the infant in question.

If there is no data, then this is coded as 'nd'. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as 'n/a'.

## **CTRUL: Court Ruling on Admission of FGG Evidence**

For cases that are pending before a court, this heading indicates what the court's ruling on the FGG evidence has been. If there is no data, then this is coded as 'nd'. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as 'n/a'.

**ADM:** The court has admitted the FGG evidence.

**APD:** The FGG evidence was appealed, and the appeal was denied.

**APP:** The FGG evidence was admitted by the court, and this decision is being appealed to a higher court.

**PEN:** The case is pending, and no decision has been made as to admissibility.

**REJ:** The court has not admitted the FGG evidence.

#### **WRPROS: Wrongful Prosecution**

This heading indicates whether an innocent person has been wrongfully prosecuted for a criminal offence in that case. If there has been more than one person wrongfully prosecuted, this is indicated by a number at the end of the letter code.

If there is no data, then this is coded as ‘nd’. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as ‘n/a’.

**WAR:** Wrongful Arrest. An individual has been wrongfully arrested for that offence.

**WCH:** Wrongful Charge. An individual has been wrongfully charged for that offence.

**WPR:** Wrongful Prosecution. An individual was wrongfully prosecuted in court for that offence but was acquitted or the charges were withdrawn before they could be convicted.

**WCN:** Wrongful Conviction. An individual was wrongfully convicted of that offence.

#### **SECFOR: Suspected Perpetrator Member of the Security Forces**

This heading indicates whether the suspected perpetrator is or has been a member of a public security force, either as a police officer, firefighter, or member of the military. It is coded as Y for ‘yes’ and N for ‘no’. If there is no data, then this is coded as ‘nd’. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as ‘n/a’.

#### **VICFNM: First Name of Victim**

This heading indicates the first name of the victim of a criminal offence, where known. It will be the same as the POI, if the decedent has been determined to have been the victim of a homicide. If there is no data, then this is coded as ‘nd’. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as ‘n/a’.

#### **VICLNM: Last Name of Victim**

This heading indicates the last name of the victim, where known. It may be the same as the POI, if the decedent has been determined to have been the victim of a homicide.

If the individual’s name is not known, then they are coded here as ‘Jane Doe’ for females and ‘John Doe’ for males. If a nickname has commonly been used to describe an individual whose name is not known, then this may be used here.

If there is no data, then this is coded as ‘nd’. If this heading is not applicable, as when a decedent is not thought to have been the victim

of a homicide, then this is coded as ‘n/a’.

### **VICG: Gender of Victim**

This section indicates the gender of the victim of a criminal offence, where known. It will be the same as the POI, if the decedent has been determined to have been the victim of a homicide.

If there is no data, then this is coded as ‘nd’. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as ‘n/a’.

**M:** Male

**F:** Female

**TF:** Trans Female

**TM:** Trans Male

**OT:** Other Gender

### **VICAGE: Age of Victim**

This heading indicates the age of the victim of a criminal offence in years, where known.

In cases where the age of a young child is given in months, this is indicated as ‘mo’. Where age is not known precisely, an estimated age range is given. If there is no data, then this is coded as ‘nd’. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as ‘n/a’.

The homicides of infants who are thought to be under 12 months of age are coded as follows:

**NB:** A newborn infant who was born alive but lived for less than about 24 hours.

**INF:** An infant of unknown age, but is not a newborn.

### **VICBGA: Biogeographical Ancestry of Victim**

This heading indicates the biogeographical ancestry (BGA) of the victim of a criminal offence, where known. Biogeographical ancestry is not synonymous with race or ethnicity, but rather indicates the likely geographical region where the individual’s recent ancestors lived. It is divided up into broad, continental, regions.

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### **VICPREL: Relationship of Victim to Perpetrator**

This heading indicates the relationship of the victim of a criminal offence to the suspected perpetrator, where known. The categories have been drawn from the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports in order that they might be compared.

If there is no data, then this is coded as 'nd'. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as 'n/a'.

**ACQ:** Acquaintance. The victim is known to the suspect but is not related.

**CHD:** Child. The victim is the child of the suspect, including adopted and stepchildren.

**PAR:** Parent. The victim is the parent of the suspect.

**PRT:** Partner. The victim is the partner of the suspect, including a spouse, common-law spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend.

**OFM:** Other family member. The victim is any other family relation to the suspect other than a child, parent or partner.

**STR:** Stranger. The victim is a stranger to the suspect.

### **VUNVIC: Vulnerable Victim**

All victims of violent crime are vulnerable, but this heading indicates whether the victim is part of a group that would render them especially vulnerable to criminal activity. This category includes children and teenagers under the age of 19 years, elderly persons over the age of 65 years, persons with physical or mental disabilities, sex workers, and trans- and gender-fluid persons. These persons are coded as 'Y' for yes. Victims who do not fall into one of these categories are coded as 'N' for no.

If there is no data, then this is coded as 'nd'. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as 'n/a'.

### **SAMPSRC: Source of DNA Sample**

This heading indicates the source of the DNA sample used for the FGG investigation, where known.

If there is no data, then this is coded as 'nd'. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as 'n/a'.

**AUT:** Sample taken at autopsy.

**BLD:** Blood located at the crime scene.

**BNE:** Bone. Sample taken from skeletal remains.

**FNG:** Tissues taken from underneath a victim's fingernails.

**HR:** Sample taken from human hair found at a crime scene or from the decedent.

**HUM:** Sample taken from human remains, not otherwise specified.

**HUM/BLD:** Sample taken from the blood of a

decedent.

**LAW:** Sample on file with a law enforcement agency or database

**LIV:** DNA sample taken from a living human.

**MED:** DNA sample of file from a previous medical procedure.

**PLA:** Placenta

**SAK:** Sexual assault kit, taken from a living sexual assault victim, or during an autopsy.

**SAL:** Saliva, taken from clothing or bitemarks found at a crime scene.

**SEM:** Sample taken from semen or sperm located at crime scene or on victim's body or clothing.

**TCH:** Touch DNA from crime scene, including skin and epithelial cells.

**TTH:** Tooth

**UNS:** Sample source not specified.

### **DNADBS: DNA Database Used**

This heading indicates the DNA database used in the FGG search, where known.

If there is no data, then this is coded as 'nd'. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as 'n/a'.

**ANC:** Ancestry.com.

**DNASLV:** Othram's DNA Solves Database.

**FTDNA:** Family Tree DNA, includes autosomal, Y-STR, and mtDNA unless specified.

**GEDM:** GEDmatch.

**mtDNA:** A search involving the Y-chromosome haplotype, in which the database not specified.

**Y-STR:** A search involving the mitochondrial DNA haplotype, in which the database not specified.

### **CONFM: Method of Confirmation of FGG**

This heading indicates the method of initial confirmation of the leads provided by the FGG investigation. In criminal investigations, this initial confirmation will be followed by forensic STR typing of the suspect's DNA profile, which can then be used as evidence in a court.

If there is no data, then this is coded as 'nd'. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as 'n/a'.

**AUT:** DNA match confirmed through tissues collected during an autopsy.

**CON:** DNA match confirmed through suspect providing a consent sample of DNA.

**DENT:** Human remains identification confirmed through dental records on file.

**EXH:** DNA match confirmed through exhumation of suspect's remains.

**FPT:** DNA matched confirmed through a review of fingerprints on file.

**LAW:** DNA match confirmed through law enforcement sample of individual's DNA already on file

**LVR:** DNA match confirmed by a match to a living relative.

**MIL:** DNA match confirmed through military records.

**SUR:** DNA match confirmed through police taking a surreptitious sample of a suspect's DNA.

**WRT:** DNA match confirmed through police taking a suspect's DNA on the authority of a warrant

#### **DNAOTH: DNA Sampling of Other Suspects**

This section indicates data on whether DNA samples have been taken from other suspects before the FGG investigation commenced. The data is indicated by a number, where available. The data is entered once per criminal investigation, including in cases where there are multiple victims.

If there is no data, then this is coded as 'nd'. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as 'n/a'.

**SEV:** DNA samples taken from more than one suspect, but the number is not specified.

**N:** No. DNA samples are not known to have been taken from other suspects.

**Y:** Yes. DNA samples are known to have been taken from at least one other suspect, but the number is not specified.

#### **INVESTORG: Investigating Organization**

This heading indicates the public organization that is conducting the investigation. The data includes the following abbreviations, as well as the standard two-letter US state abbreviations.

**BCA:** Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

**BI:** Bureau of Investigation

**CMEO:** County Medical Examiner's Office

**CCO:** County Coroner's Office

**CCU:** Cold Case Unit/Cold Case Task Force

**CD:** County Detectives

**CO:** Coroner's Office

**CPD:** County Police Department

**CSO:** County Sheriff's Office

**DCI:** Department of Criminal Investigation

**HTF:** Homicide Task Force

**FBI:** Federal Bureau of Investigation

**FDLE:** Florida Department of Law Enforcement

**IP:** Innocence Project

**LED:** Law Enforcement Division

**MEO:** Medical Examiner's Office

**NCIS:** Naval Criminal Investigative Service

**NTCHI:** University of North Texas Center for Human Identification

**PD:** Police Department

**PS:** Police Service

**SDCJ:** State Division of Criminal Justice

**SMSU:** South Missouri State University

**SP:** State Police

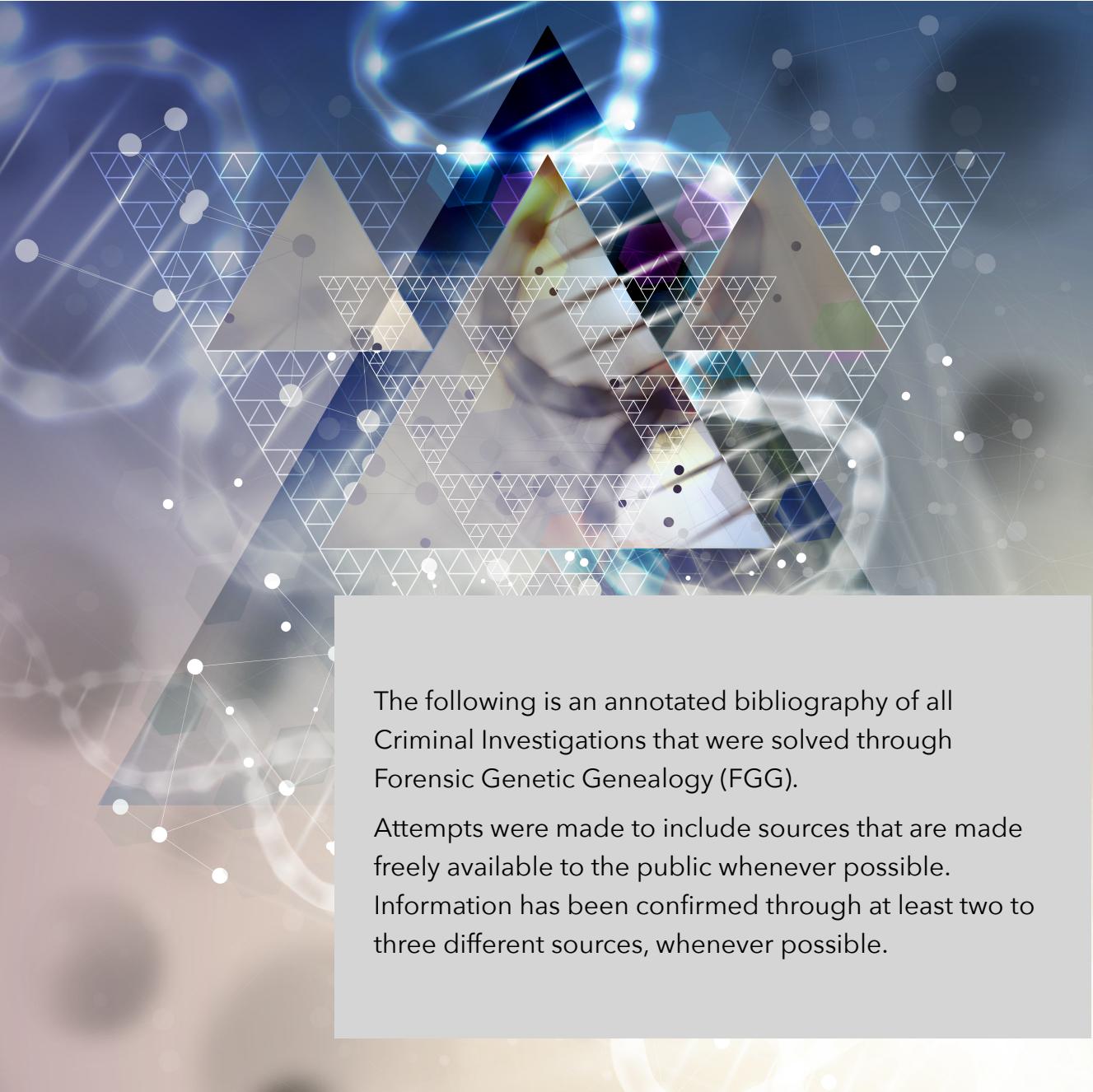
**ST:** State Troopers

**SU:** State University

**FORORG: Forensic Organization**

This data indicates the organization that undertook the FGG portion of the investigation. If there is no data, then this is coded as 'nd'. If this heading is not applicable, then this is coded as 'n/a'.

# Annotated Bibliography: Criminal Investigations



The following is an annotated bibliography of all Criminal Investigations that were solved through Forensic Genetic Genealogy (FGG).

Attempts were made to include sources that are made freely available to the public whenever possible. Information has been confirmed through at least two to three different sources, whenever possible.

# Criminal Investigations

## Case ID 1589: Ailes, Lloyd Wendell

Lloyd Wendell Ailes, 58, was arrested on December 9, 2021, for the January 9, 2006, rape of a student at the University of Miami in Oxford, Ohio. The suspect wore a mask throughout most of the attack, but the victim was able to see her attacker's face long enough for a composite sketch to be prepared. After the sexual assault, the attacker took \$60 from the victim's purse. A DNA sample was obtained but produced no leads.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. The genealogical research was particularly complex in this case due to a non-paternal event. Ailes' father was a man with whom Ailes' mother had been having an extra-marital relationship, and this was unknown to all parties involved.

Ailes is facing charges in the Butler County Court of Common Pleas, where he has been held on a \$775,000 bond. He has been indicted by a Grand Jury on charges of rape, aggravated robbery, and aggravated burglary, with the use of a firearm.

A similar sexual assault took place in March of 2006 in nearby Fayette County, Indiana. That case remains open, but Ailes' DNA profile has been linked to DNA evidence collected in that case, as well. Prosecutors state that they continue to investigate that assault, but no charges have been laid as of the time of writing.

Ailes' attorneys challenged the DNA evidence, alleging that there are technical deficiencies in the warrant used to obtain Ailes' DNA sample. They alleged that the affiant and the person who signed the warrant are different, and therefore all DNA evidence should be excluded.

Ailes pled guilty to the charges in early May of 2022. In July of 2022, Ailes was sentenced to 17 years in prison for two counts of rape with a firearm enhancement. He will serve 10 years concurrently for two counts each of aggravated burglary and aggravated robbery.

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#### **Case ID 1107-1110: Alexander, Marlon Michael**

Marlon Michael Alexander was charged on September 14, 2018, for the home invasion sexual assaults of four women that took place between 2007 and 2010 in Germantown and Gaithersburg, Maryland.

His first victim was a 25-year-old woman in Gaithersburg. She is reported to have been a

police officer, and she was able to fight off her attacker. This may be why the subsequent victims were all elderly women. One woman was attacked in her home twice, first on 19 June 2010 and then again on 5 January 2011. On August 21, 2010, an 86-year-old woman was raped at a senior living center. The victims were threatened, and the attacker used a weapon. The cases were linked together through semen recovered from the crime scenes.

The FGG investigation was performed by Parabon Nanolabs. The confirmation was made after police obtained warrant to take a DNA sample from Alexander.

Alexander pled guilty to these offences in May of 2019 and has been sentenced to life in prison.

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### **Case ID 1663: Alexander, Warren Luther**

On March 15, 2022, authorities arrested 71-year-old Warren Luther Alexander for the July 7, 1992, rape and murder of 29-year-old Nona Stamey Cobb near Elkin, North Carolina. Her body was found around 6:15 am in a rural area of Surry County, just off the northbound side of the Interstate-77 highway. She had been sexually assaulted and strangled to death. Cobb had last been seen the day before at a truck stop at the Welcome Center in Cleveland County getting into a truck with an unknown male.

The case was reopened for further DNA testing in April of 2021. The FGG investigation was conducted by Colleen Fitzpatrick of Identifinders International. There is currently no information on how police made the initial confirmation.

Police suspected that Cobb may have been a victim of a serial killer named Sean Patrick Goble as he was known to attack women

engaged in sex work that he picked up at truck stops in the area. He would then cross state lines and dump their bodies along different interstate highways. Goble was excluded in 1995 when his DNA profile was compared with the semen collected from Cobb's body at her autopsy.

Cobb was from King's Mountain, North Carolina. She was a widow who was suffering from a drug addiction, and she had recently lost custody of her 3-year-old son to her sister.

Authorities state that there are several unsolved homicides of sex workers in the area in which Goble has been eliminated as a suspect. They are now investigating whether Alexander may be responsible for some of these murders.

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### Case ID 1369-1372: Alleano, Angelo Jr.

Angelo Alleano Jr. was arrested on May 27, 2020 and charged with four home invasion rapes in Manchester, Connecticut that took place between 2001 and 2008. Alleano was 47 years old at the time of his arrest. He had worked a firefighter for 24 years in Manchester, and was the union president.

Prosecutors had obtained a ‘John Doe Warrant’ in 2010 to stop the statute of limitations from running. Police had also obtained an FBI profile from the FBI Violent Crime Behavioral Analysis Unit in 2008. The FBI profile indicated that the suspect was white or Hispanic, of medium build, and about 28 years old at the time of the first attack in 2001, all of which appears to have been correct. The FBI profile also indicated that the offender might be a police officer or a firefighter, because of his familiarity with the town’s streets, and recommended taking their DNA samples, but this suggestion appears to have been dismissed by investigators. It is partly due to cases such as this one that this project has included data on whether the suspect is a member of police or security forces: this may shield suspects from suspicion, while facilitating certain kinds of crimes, such as home invasion rapes.

There is no information on who conducted the FGG investigation in this case, but it was funded by a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and its Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI). These grants are intended to assist investigators with the testing of

sexual assault kits and the closure of sexual assault cases.

Most of the male relatives in the neighborhood voluntarily submitted their DNA samples to the police, but there is no public estimate of how many individuals this included.

Alleano pled guilty to all charges. Alleano was convicted of four counts of sexual assault and sentenced to 25 years imprisonment followed by 10 years of special parole. Alleano will also be required to register as a sexual offender with the Connecticut Sex Offender Registry. Only one of the victims is still alive.

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### **Case ID 1356: Anderson, Daniel Alan**

Daniel Alan Anderson has been identified as the lead suspect in the murder of 15-year-old John Muncy. Muncy's dismembered body

was located beside a roadway in Delaware County, Ohio on October 16, 1983. It is thought that Muncy was kidnapped from the East Side of Columbus, Ohio, near where he lived.

The blood of the suspected perpetrator was collected from Muncy's body at the time of the offence, and a DNA profile was later obtained. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. The FGG investigation in this case narrowed the suspect pool down to Daniel or one of his two brothers. FGG can often narrow a suspect down to a sibling cohort, and these siblings must then be eliminated through additional investigative methods. In this case, Daniel's two living brothers were quickly eliminated as suspects without their DNA being tested. There is no data in this case as to how the initial confirmation was made.

Anderson died in 2013, and so the case has been cleared by exception. Investigators state that Anderson had a violent criminal past involving other young boys.

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### **Case ID 1462: Anderson, David Dwayne**

On February 10, 2021, David Dwayne Anderson was arrested for the rape and murder of 34-year-old Sylvia Quayle in Cherry Hills Village, Colorado. An unknown male broke into her home by removing the screen to a bathroom window and disabling her telephone line. She had been sexually assaulted, strangled, stabbed, and finally shot in the head. Her father found her body the next morning.

A male DNA profile was developed in 2000 from a semen sample on a rug near her body. The FGG investigation was conducted by United Data Connect. The family tree in this case was very large, totalling over 3,300 people.

Anderson was identified as the lead suspect in January of 2021. The confirmation was made through police surveillance and the surreptitious sampling of items from the trash that had been discarded outside his home, including a can of vanilla Coke. On January 29, 2021, DNA testing indicated that

Anderson’s profile was the same as that of the semen found near Quayle’s body.

Anderson is charged with two counts of first degree murder – murder by deliberation, and murder in the commission of a felony.

His first trial in March of 2022 ended in a hung jury. A jury convicted him on both counts of first-degree murder on July 30, 2022. On August 4, 2022, he was sentenced to life in prison. He will be eligible for parole after 20 years.

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#### **Case ID 1209: Anderson, Eddie Lee**

Eddie Lee Anderson was arrested on May 24, 2019, at his home in New Orleans for the 1976 murder of Leslie Penrod Harris in Costa Mesa, California. Penrod Harris and her husband had just moved to the area. On the evening of May 17, 1976, Leslie had stepped out while she and her husband were having dinner at a restaurant in Costa Mesa, and never returned. Her nude body was found early the next morning by military police. She had been sexually assaulted and died by strangulation.

This case was reopened in 2017, and a DNA profile was obtained from autopsy swabs. This DNA profile was used to do familial searching of the California state DNA database, but this produced no leads. In August of 2018, investigators turned to FGG. The FGG investigation in this case was conducted by the FBI Investigative Genealogy Unit (IGU). The initial confirmation was made when Anderson voluntarily provided a DNA sample to police.

The charges against Anderson are currently pending in Orange County Superior Court. At the time of the murder, Anderson was stationed as a Marine at the nearby Marine Corp Air Station El Toro and he lived very close to the restaurant from where Penrod Harris disappeared.

Anderson died in December of 2020 from complications due to COVID-19 while awaiting trial. He was 68 years old.

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### **Case ID 1620-1621: Arnold, Kelvin**

Kelvin Arnold was identified on January 4, 2022, as the lead suspect in the June 7, 1995, rape and murder of 14-year-old Nacole Smith in Atlanta Georgia. She was on her way to school but she turned back to retrieve some forgotten homework. She cut through a wooded area near her home, where she was attacked. Her body was found later that day. She had been sexually assaulted, and then killed with two gunshots to her face.

Arnold is also identified as the lead suspect in the sexual assault of 13-year-old Betty Brown that took place in the East Point suburb of Atlanta on June 20, 2004. The forensic match between the two cases was made in 2004; Smith's case had been reopened in 2002, and a DNA profile of the suspect was obtained at that time.

There is no information as to who conducted the FGG investigation. It has been reported that it was conducted by investigators at the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. It was not reported how police made the final confirmation, only that they obtained Arnold's DNA from an unrelated piece of evidence.

Arnold passed away in August of 2021 in a hospice in Fulton County of liver and kidney failure. He was 49 years old. He has not been linked through his DNA profile to any other rapes and murders, but police continue to investigate. A sketch had been made of the suspect by Brown, and he had been a person

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### **Case ID 1742, 1757: Artman, Garry Dean:**

Garry Dean Artman, 64, was arrested on August 19, 2022 for the October 3, 1996 rape and murder of 29-year-old Sharon Kay Hammack in Caledonia Township, Michigan. Hammack had been hogtied, strangled, and then stabbed twice in the head. Her body was dumped along the roadside near 76th Street and Kraft Avenue. Hammack, the mother of two young children, struggled with addiction, and she was one of about a dozen women - many of whom were engaged in sex work - who were killed in and around Grand Rapids at this time.

Hammack was found the same day she was murdered, and semen was recovered from her body. A DNA sample was also recovered from the rope with which she was tied. There is currently no information on who conducted the FGG investigation. The FGG investigation narrowed the suspect list down to four brothers.

Artman lived and worked near where Hammack was killed in 1996. Artman is currently charged with open murder, felony murder, and first-degree criminal sexual conduct in Kent County Criminal Division. He was arrested in Mississippi and is awaiting extradition.

Hammack was four weeks pregnant at the time of her murder. Her family states that she was a loving woman who was working on getting sober and giving her children a good life when she was murdered.

On September 19, 2022, Artman was charged with the murder of 24-year-old Dusty Myriah Shuk near New Market in Frederick County, Maryland. Her body was found by a passing

motorist on May 4, 2006 along the Interstate-70 highway. She had no shoes or identification. She had two tattoos on her back depicting dragons with the words 'Gypsy Rose'. She had been beaten and stabbed to death.

The DNA profile of the suspect in both homicides were linked in CODIS on August 18, 2008. The FGG investigation was conducted by Identifinders International.

Artman has a lengthy history of violent sexual assaults. He was convicted of a 1979 rape in which he sexually assaulted a woman at knifepoint after offering her a ride in his vehicle. He was also convicted of sexually assaulting two teenaged girls in October 1980 in Port Huron. He was then charged with sexually assaulting a 17-year-old girl in December of 1980 after he had been released on bond. He served the maximum sentence of 11 years, and was released in June of 1992. Police found several pairs of women's underpants in a storage facility belonging to Artman in Kent County, Florida. They are searching for other victims.

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### **Case ID 1523, 1597: Avis, Brian**

59-year-old Brian Avis was arrested on September 17, 2021, for the July 19, 1996, home invasion rape of a 10-year-old girl in Brigantine, New Jersey. The girl was sleeping in her bedroom when an intruder broke in and raped her. He fled when the girl woke. Police recovered semen from the victim's bed. This was part of a series of reports of an individual engaged in voyeurism and attempted sexual assaults of young girls in Brigantine between 1995 and 1996.

A DNA profile of the suspect was developed and entered into CODIS in 2002, but there were no hits. There is currently no information on who conducted the FGG investigation, but it is described by Atlantic County prosecutors as a private company. Police obtained a warrant to detain Avis and take a sample of Avis' DNA, which was found to be included in the crime scene sample.

Avis was charged with aggravated sexual assault of a child under 13 years, burglary, and endangering the welfare of a child in Atlantic County Criminal Court. The string of sexual offences in Brigantine at the time are still being investigated by police.

Avis was indicted by an Atlantic County Grand Jury on November 30, 2021, for several charges of sexual assault, aggravated sexual assault, and attempted sexual assault

on a child under the age of 13, as well as burglary to inflict bodily injury, and child endangerment through sexual conduct in relation to both victims.

Police in Brigantine alerted authorities in Galloway Township of the charges against Avis, and that after arresting Avis they had obtained a fingerprint hit to the home invasion assault of a 5-year-old girl on July 18, 2003, in Galloway Township.

Avis pled guilty in June of 2022. In September of 2022, he was sentenced to 17 years imprisonment for offences against both victims.

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#### Case ID 1322: Backman, Wesley

Wesley Backman has been identified as the lead suspect in the 1996 rape and murder of 25-year-old Tangie Sims in Aurora, Colorado. Sims' body was found on October 24, 1996, in an alleyway. She had been sexually assaulted and stabbed to death. Her killer had cut himself during the attack and a DNA profile was produced from blood collected at the crime scene.

This case was investigated by the Aurora Police Department, with the FGG work carried out by United Data Connect. United Data Connect was founded by former Denver DA Mitch Morrissey and specializes in FGG investigations. The initial confirmation was

made with the assistance of a living close relative of Backman.

This case was cleared by exception due to the death of Backman in 2008. He had been a long-haul truck driver whose routes took him near the area where Sims' body was found.

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#### Case ID 1392: Baer, William

See also: Melissa Jo Schafer.

William Baer was arrested on July 1, 2020, for the 1999 home invasion robbery and murder of 39-year-old Saad Kawaf in

Jacksonville, Florida. Baer had worked at the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office as a Detective for 27 years before retiring. At the time of the murder, Baer was engaged in surveillance against Kawaf as part of an ongoing drug investigation. Baer thus learned that Kawaf had yet to make a weekly bank deposit of \$30,000, and was keeping this cash in his home.

On May 17, 1999, two suspects, a male and a female, entered Kawaf's home to steal the \$30,000. Kawaf was tied up in the garage and stabbed to death by the male suspect. Kawaf's wife heard the commotion in the garage, and when she went in, she was grabbed and tied up by the female suspect. Ms. Kawaf bit the female suspect and obtained some of her DNA this way. She then told the female suspect that the cash was hidden in a kitchen cabinet. The female is believed to be Baer's then-wife, Melissa Jo Schafer.

DNA was obtained from blood on the suspect's shirt; blood on the kitchen counter; finger clippings from Kawaf; and water bottles and soda cans from Baer's garbage. The FGG investigation was conducted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), under the direction of Lori Napolitano.

Both defendants have pled guilty in Duval County Circuit Court. Schafer pled guilty in return for her testimony against Baer. She was sentenced in March of 2022 to 30 years for second-degree murder, armed robbery, kidnapping, and aggravated battery. Baer was sentenced in September of 2021 to life in prison on charges of first-degree murder, armed robbery, kidnapping, and aggravated battery.

Many people whose cases Baer worked on during his time with the Jacksonville County Sheriff's Office, from 1979 to 2002, will now be filing post-conviction appeals.

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### Case ID 1358-1360: Baldwin, Clark Perry

Clark Perry Baldwin was arrested on May 6, 2020, for the 1991 murder of 33-year-old Pamela Aldridge McCall. The body of Aldridge, who was pregnant at the time she was killed, was disposed of in a rural area of Spring Hill, Tennessee, sometime in March of 1991. Aldridge had been raped and strangled. Sperm was recovered from her pantyhose and used to obtain a DNA profile of the suspect.

This DNA evidence was uploaded to CODIS and, while it generated no hits to the perpetrator, it was a match to DNA profiles obtained from two unsolved homicides in Wyoming, both of whom remain unidentified. The first victim, known as 'Bitter Creek Betty', was found on March 1, 1992, off Interstate-80 near the Bitter Creek turnout in Sweetwater County, Wyoming. She was nude and had likely died of strangulation. The second victim, known as the 'I-90 Jane Doe',

was found in April 1992, just off the Interstate-90 near Sheridan, Wyoming. She was also pregnant at the time of her murder. Both victims are believed to have been in their early 20s at the time of their murders.

There is currently no information as to which organization conducted the FGG investigation, but the FBI is reported to have been involved in the surreptitious sampling of discarded items from Baldwin's trash that were used to perform an initial confirmation of the DNA match.

Baldwin worked as a long-haul truck driver, with a route that would have taken near where the victims were murdered. Baldwin had earlier been charged in 1991 with raping and attempting to strangle a 21-year-old woman in Wheeler County, Texas. The charges were dropped when the victim could not be located, even though he had admitted to committing this crime.

The case against Baldwin for the murder of Aldridge is currently pending in the Maury County Circuit Court.

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#### Case ID 1493: Bieker, Paul

Paul Bieker was arrested on June 15, 2021, for the March 2003, rape and kidnapping of a 17-year-old girl in McCleary, Washington. The girl was kidnapped from her home, sexually assaulted and then abandoned in her own vehicle.

A DNA profile of the suspect was generated from a sexual assault kit taken at the hospital. There is currently no information on who performed the FGG investigation. Police made the initial confirmation by surreptitiously sampling an item discarded by Bieker.

Bieker lived close to the victim at the time of the 2003 attack. Police are also investigating Bieker for the June 26, 2009, rape and murder of 10-year-old Lindsey Baum, who was also abducted and raped in McCleary. No charges have been filed in that case at the time of writing.

Bieker was found guilty of first-degree rape by a jury in Grays Harbor County on June 3, 2022.

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#### Case ID 1161-1162: Bjerke, Jesse

Jesse Bjerke was charged with the kidnapping and sexual assaults of two lifeguards working at public pools in Virginia. The first incident took place on August 1, 2014, in Fairfax County, Virginia, and the second on September 3, 2016, in Alexandria, Virginia. Bjerke is also charged with using a firearm in the commission of the offences. At the time of the assaults, he was employed as an emergency room nurse.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. The initial confirmation was made through surreptitious sampling, both of Bjerke's garbage and of an item he discarded at a restaurant. The City of Alexandria also reported that, at the time of his arrest, Bjerke had been reading about the use of FGG to identify suspects in crimes, and that he had sought to delete some public information about himself.

Bjerke pled guilty to the offences and has been sentenced to 65-years in prison. As part

of his plea agreement, Bjerke is appealing this decision, and his guilty plea will be withdrawn if his appeal is successful. His attorneys allege that Bjerke's DNA was collected and searched without a warrant in a way that violated his Fourth Amendment rights. The Alexandria County Circuit Court Judge, Lisa Kemler, ruled against the defence, and admitted the DNA evidence.

Bjerke appealed to the Virginia Supreme Court. The matter was heard on December 14, 2021. His attorneys challenged the surreptitious sampling of DNA shed in public places and argued that police were required to obtain a warrant before sampling the drinking straws for his DNA. They did not challenge the use of FGG, or the results of the forensic DNA profile.

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### **Case ID 1307: Blair, Curtis Edward**

Curtis Edward Blair has been identified as the lead suspect in the 1984 rape and murder of 15-year-old Reesa Dawn Trexler in Salisbury, North Carolina. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Blair.

Trexler was raped and stabbed to death in her grandfather's home while he had gone out to the grocery store, and he found her body when he returned home a short time later. One of the stab wounds was so severe, it severed her spinal cord.

Police have neither confirmed nor denied the identification. They state that the body of the suspect was exhumed in order to make the confirmation. It is known that Blair worked very close to the Trexler residence at the time of the murder.

There have been many suspects over the years. Jodie Trexler Laird, Reesa's sister, was long accused of involvement in the crime. Laird was instrumental in finding her sister's killer, and in clearing herself and her family from suspicion. Investigators have stated that she is now completely exonerated.

This case shows the damage that can be done over time when a case is not cleared – even when there is no evidence against those who are wrongfully suspected, and they are never formally charged. When police refuse to name the suspect, the case is not really cleared in the eyes of the public. This is

significant for those who might also have been victimized by the real perpetrator, as well as those who may continue to be wrongfully suspected of the crime. Since criminal investigations are performed in the name of the public, and using the resources of the public, the community should also receive the benefits of having the case cleared and the suspect publicly named.

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### **Case ID 1458: Blair, David Lee**

David Lee Blair was arrested on January 26, 2021, for the 2016 murder of 75-year-old

George Washington Price in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Price was found stabbed to death in his home on March 24, 2016.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs.

Blair is currently being held without bond and the case against him is pending in the Pasquotank District Court.

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#### Case ID 1335-1596: Blankenship, William Brian

William Brian Blankenship was charged on February 11, 2020, with three home invasion rapes that took place in Cincinnati, Ohio between 1999 and 2001. The victims included an adult woman, a 14-year-old girl, and a 10-year-old girl. This youngest girl was kidnapped from a camper in her driveway and

taken to a nearby field where she was sexually assaulted.

These cases were linked through DNA profiles obtained from the victims' sexual assault kits. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs.

Investigators also used Y-STR DNA to narrow down the male lineage to whom the suspect belongs. Investigators were then able to obtain a search warrant for a sample of Blankenship's DNA to confirm that his profile is consistent with that found at the crime scene.

Authorities in Cincinnati alerted investigators in Campbell County, Kentucky, where Blankenship was a long-time resident. As a result of their investigation, Blankenship was charged for sexual assaults on six further victims. Three of the victims were adults, and two were around twelve years old. Prosecutors have not stated whether they have DNA evidence in these cases.

The final victim, described as being between 12-14 years of age, was known to Blankenship who groomed the child over a period of two years from about 1989 to 1991. He is charged with statutory rape in connection with this victim, who has come forward only recently.

On February 10, 2023, Blankenship pled guilty in Hamilton County to three counts of rape; in exchange, the other charges against him in that jurisdiction were dismissed.

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### **Case ID 1390: Bloomquist, Brent**

Brent Bloomquist was arrested on July 1, 2020, for the 2002 sex assault of a 62-year-old woman. She had been walking home on the night of May 31, 2002, in Arvada, Colorado, when she was grabbed from behind by an unknown assailant.

A DNA profile was obtained from semen found at the crime scene, and a 'John Doe Warrant' was issued for the suspect. The FGG investigation was conducted by United Data Connect.

The suspect's DNA has matched another cold case rapes in the area, but since a DNA warrant was not issued in those cases, the statute of limitations may have run out.

On January 11, 2021, Bloomquist pled guilty to the charges in Jefferson County Court. In April of 2021, he was sentenced to 4 years in prison.

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### **Case ID 1147: Boice, Shane**

Shane Boice was arrested on January 2, 2019, for a 2012 home invasion rape in Belle Fourche, South Dakota.

A DNA profile of the suspect was produced from samples found at the crime scene. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs.

Boice pled guilty to this offence, and charges related to the home invasion were dropped as part of the plea agreement. In February 2021, he was sentenced to 45 years in prison.

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### **Case ID 1636-1638: Bolsinger, John Charles**

On February 2, 2022, police announced that John Charles Bolsinger (b. September 17, 1957) was identified as the lead suspect in the killing of three women in Eugene, Oregon, in the 1980s.

Gladys Mary Hensley, age 62, was killed a few days before her body was found on June 5, 1986. An employee of the apartment complex in which she lived went to check on her after she had not been heard from for several days.

Janice Marie Dickinson, age 33, was killed on June 19, 1986. Her body was found behind a car dealership. She was naked and had been sexually assaulted.

Geraldine Spencer Toohey, age 73, was found dead in her home on February 28, 1988. She had also been sexually assaulted.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs, who had earlier performed forensic phenotyping for this case in 2016. They produced a Snapshot of the suspect in 2017, but all of the suspects thus identified were cleared. The FGG investigation produced four possible suspects.

Bolsinger died by suicide on March 23, 1988, at the age of 30. Bolsinger had a lengthy record for violence against women. He was convicted of the 1980 murder of 33-year-old Kaysie Sorensen in Salt Lake City, Utah. Sorensen's body was found with a clock radio cord wrapped around her throat. Bolsinger claimed that the sexual intercourse and the use of the cord were consensual, and that her death was accidental. He was released on parole a few months before Hensley's murder.

After Dickinson's murder, Bolsinger was arrested for breaking and entering into another woman's home and attempting to attack her. She managed to fight him off, and he was captured with the assistance of the K9 unit. He was given a 5-year sentence but was released again on parole in 1987, a few months before Toohey's murder.

Police state that throughout the years of the investigation, several suspects had their DNA taken, and were excluded as suspects.

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### **Case ID 1246-1249: Bortree, Ralph**

In August of 2019, Ralph Bortree was identified as the lead suspect in a series of violent rapes in Sidney and Logan County, Ohio.

On July 31, 1993, a 19-year-old woman was forced off the road by another vehicle in Logan County, Ohio. She was kidnapped at gunpoint, raped, beaten, and her throat slashed several times. She was left for dead in the ditch, but she survived and was able to make it to a nearby home for assistance. Semen was recovered from the shirt she was wearing, and a DNA profile of the suspect was obtained.

This DNA profile was linked to three other sexual assaults. On May 23, 1992, a 19-year-old woman was walking home alone in Shelby County when she was abducted at gunpoint and raped.

On July 22, 1993, a 16-year-old girl was abducted from her vehicle at gun point; the assailant then attempted to rape her, and she fled.

On May 24, 1995, a 20-year-old woman was abducted from her car at gun point, and she managed to struggle and get free.

In 2019, investigators engaged Advance DNA to conduct the FGG investigation. Advance DNA identified three brothers, one of whom was serving a life sentence for sexual assault at the time. Detectives then investigated the remaining two brothers. Police made the initial confirmation to Bortree from the surreptitious sampling of a cigarette he had discarded near his workplace.

The statute of limitations has run out on the kidnapping and sexual assault charges. Bortree was indicted on the 1993 charge of attempted aggravated murder. He was convicted of this charge in November of 2020 after a four-day jury trial. The jury reached a guilty verdict after deliberating for only one hour.

Judge David Faulkner rejected the defendant's arguments that the length of time the case had been open had violated his rights to mount an adequate defence, as well as his arguments that the surreptitious sampling of the cigarette butt violated his Fourth Amendment rights.

Bortree appealed that decision. The matter was heard by the Supreme Court of Ohio in June of 2022. In November of 2022, they found that the law in force in Ohio at that time did indeed bar a prosecution for attempted aggravated murder under R.C. 2923.02(A) after a 6-year statute of limitations. They vacated Bortree's conviction and his 11-year sentence.

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**Case ID 1100-1105: Bowden, Darold Wayne**

Darold Wayne Bowden was charged on August 22, 2018, with a series of sexual assaults that took place between 2006 and 2008 in Fayetteville, North Carolina. The suspect in this case was known as the 'Ramsay Street Rapist' and the 'Phantom of Ramsay Street', as he operated near Ramsay Street in Fayetteville, where he has been linked to the home invasion rapes of six women.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs.

Bowden has been involved with Neo-Nazi groups, and has been charged with over 70 criminal offences, none of which were serious enough to have his DNA sample taken. This has caused a push to increase the kinds of offences for which arrestee's DNA can be collected and uploaded into CODIS.

In February of 2022, he entered a guilty plea in Cumberland County Superior Court and was sentenced to serve 29 years in prison.

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### **Case ID 1305, 1333: Bowman, Dennis Lee**

Dennis Lee Bowman was identified as the lead suspect in the September 11, 1980, rape and murder of 25-year-old Kathleen O'Brien Doyle. Doyle was the wife of a Navy pilot. She had been raped, strangled, and stabbed to death in her home. Bowman was himself in the Navy Reserves at the time of the murder.

The FGG investigation in this case was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs.

On June 10, 2020, Bowden pled guilty to first degree murder and sexual assault in the death of Doyle. At age 71, he was sentenced to two terms of life imprisonment.

As a result of his arrest for Doyle's murder, he was charged in connection with the 1989 murder of his adopted daughter, Aundria Michelle Bowman. Aundria's remains were found in a shallow grave on Bowman's property in February of 2020. He is charged with homicide, child abuse, and mutilation for the disposal of her remains. It is suspected that he killed her after she accused him of sexually abusing her.

Bowman had earlier been convicted of a sexual assault in Ottawa Co, Michigan, in 1981, but this conviction was later struck down by the appellate court. This case had been pending before the courts when Doyle was killed.

Two serial killers were wrongfully charged with the murder of Doyle: Henry Lee Lucas and Ottis Toole, both of whom made several confessions to unsolved murders that they later recanted. Further inquiries led investigators to drop the charges against

Lucas and Toole. For further information on Lucas, see also Debra Jackson, below.

On December 22, 2021, Bowman pled no contest in Allegan County Circuit Court to second-degree murder for the killing of Aundrea Bowman. In February of 2022, he was sentenced to 30 to 50 years for second-degree murder.

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#### Case ID 1383-1384: Bradley, Robert Lynn

Robert Lynn Bradley has been identified as the lead suspect in the 1991 murder of Wanda Dean Kirkum. Kirkum’s body was found in

the Florida Keys on February 15, 1991. She had been raped and strangled with her bathing suit top. She was unidentified for many years and, because she is thought to have been killed on Valentine's Day, she became known as 'Valentine Jane Doe.' It is now known that she was 18 years-old at the time of her murder and had been hitchhiking in the area.

The FGG investigation was performed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), who identified both the victim and the perpetrator in this homicide.

Bradley was murdered in Tarrant County, Texas in April 1992 when he was 31 years old. Investigators matched the DNA found at Kirkum's crime scene with a DNA sample collected at Bradley's autopsy. This case was cleared by exception.

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#### Case ID 1401: Branch, Steve

Steve Branch was identified as the lead suspect in the 1996 rape and murder of 17-year-old Jessica Baggin in Sitka, Alaska. On August 3, 2020, police visited Branch, then 66, at his home in Arkansas and asked him to voluntarily provide a DNA sample. About a half an hour later, Branch committed suicide with a gunshot to his head. At his autopsy, a DNA sample was taken and confirmed to be consistent with the DNA sample taken from the crime scene.

Baggen was raped and murdered only a few blocks from her home. She had been walking home alone from her sister's house along a well-travelled and visible route, making her murder particularly devastating for this small community of only 8000 persons.

The FGG investigation in this case was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs.

A local maintenance worker named Richard Bingham had earlier confessed to the crime. He was tried and acquitted in 1997. He has cognitive disabilities and was coerced into a confession by police. None of the physical evidence linked him to the crime. Bingham spent 13 months in prison before being acquitted by a jury, after only two hours of deliberations.

Branch had been charged with the sexual assault of another local teenage girl two months before Baggins' murder, but he was only arrested for this crime three months later. Branch might have been a suspect, but by that time Bingham was already in jail, wrongly accused of the crime. Theriault Boots of the *Anchorage Daily News*, below, reports that one of the lead detectives on the case, Nick Ward of the Sitka Police Department, was married to a sister of Branch. Branch was later acquitted of that rape, on the grounds that he believed she had consented.

After his acquittal, Bingham never went back to Sitka. He stated to Theriault Boots that it is only now that Branch had been identified as the true killer that the "fog of suspicion that has clouded his life is lifting."

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#### Case ID 1121-1125: Brashers, Robert Eugene

Robert Eugene Brashers has been identified as the lead suspect in a series of violent sexual assaults and three homicides. The case has been cleared by exception due to his death in 1999. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs.

The first victim was 28-year-old Genevieve (Jenny) Zitricki, who was raped and strangled in her apartment in Greenville, South Carolina, on April 4, 1990.

Brashers is thought to be responsible for the violent home invasion rape of a 14-year-old girl in Memphis, Tennessee in March of 1997.

He is also thought to be responsible for the March 28, 1998, murders of 12-year-old Megan Scherer and her 38-year-old mother Sherri in their home in Portageville, Missouri. Megan had been raped before she was killed. Sherri's son found the bodies of his mother and sister when he came home from school.

Later that same day, Brashers is thought to have broken into the home of a woman in Dyersburg, Tennessee. The attacker attempted to rape her and then shot her and fled. The bullet was linked to the Scherer murders.

On April 12, 1998, Brashers was arrested trying to break into a woman's home, but he was released. He committed suicide during a police stand-off on January 13, 1999.

Brashers' daughter, Deborah Brashers-Claunch, gave police a DNA sample to confirm his identity as the source of the crime scene DNA. Brashers-Claunch, was only 7 years-old when her father killed himself. She had been taken out of a motel room shortly before his suicide. She stated to Sweeny that she was willing to assist in the investigation, even though the truth has been very hard for her to learn. Brashers' body was then exhumed to confirm the DNA match to the crime scene DNA.

Brashers had been convicted of beating and shooting a woman in Port St. Lucie, Florida in 1985, for which he was sentenced to 12 years. He was released in 1989 after serving 3-and-a-half years.

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### **Case ID 1559: Brodie, Thomas Craig**

On July 9, 2021, the Sexual Assault Investigative Unit Cold Case Team charged Thomas Craig Brodie for a May 4, 1991 home invasion rape in Calgary, Alberta. After an evening drinking at a Calgary strip club, an intruder broke into the home of a woman known in court records only as DG. He broke a basement window and came up the stairs, with his face covered up by his t-shirt, and said to the victim, “I want to f—k you, bitch.” The 28-year-old victim ran from the intruder, locked a door, and phoned 911. The 911 call, played in court, discloses that the victim was heard screaming before the call was disconnected. The victim was brutally assaulted, punched repeatedly in the head, and raped twice while her 18-month-old baby slept upstairs. The intruder wiped down his fingerprints before leaving.

A DNA profile of the suspect was obtained from a sexual assault kit taken at the hospital, but there were no leads. There is no information at this time on who performed the FGG investigation.

Brodie lived near the victim at the time of the attack, and he matched a description the victim provided to police. Brodie, who was 18 years old at the time of the attack has no criminal record. He is described as having led an “unassuming life,” and went on to have a family of his own.

Brodie pled guilty to breaking and entering and sexual assault on December 16, 2021, in

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### **Case ID 1717: Brooks, Robert A.**

On July 30, 2022, police announced that they have identified Robert A. Brooks as the lead suspect in the August, 1990 rape and murder

of 17-year-old Michelle Koski in Snohomish County, Washington. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Brooks.

Koski's body was found on August 25, 1990 near a highway in rural Snohomish County. She had been sexually assaulted and strangled. Her head was bashed in with a piece of concrete.

The FGG investigation was performed by Parabon Nanolabs, with the assistance of genealogist Deb Stone, using a DNA mixture of the victim and perpetrator. It took about 12 months to narrow the list of potential suspects down to a cohort of two brothers.

At the time of the murder, Brooks was 22 and was staying with family a few blocks from Koski's home and where she was last seen on August 20, 1990. At that time, someone drove her to a hangout for teenagers in Snohomish County. Brooks had been released from prison on August 18 - just two days before Michelle disappeared. His prior convictions have not been reported.

Police state that several suspects were asked to provide their DNA over the years, including Koski's boyfriend, a local serial rapist, and the friend who drove her to the hangout. All were ruled out as being suspects.

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#### Case ID 1254: Brown, Jake Edward

Jake Edward Brown has been identified as the lead suspect in the November 23, 1972, murder of 11-year-old Terri Lynn Hollis. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Brown.

Hollis disappeared while riding her bike on Thanksgiving Day in 1972 in Torrance, California. Her body was later found by fishermen on a cliff below the Pacific Coast Highway in Ventura County, where she may have been thrown over. She was clad only in a T-shirt, and she had been sexually assaulted.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. Brown passed away on 27 May 2003 at the age of 66 in Goodyear, Arizona. His body was exhumed to confirm that his DNA profile is consistent with that recovered from Hollis' body.

Brown had been charged in two separate sexual assault cases after Hollis', in 1973 and 1974. Authorities are investigating whether he may be responsible for other crimes.

Police conducted more than 2,000 interviews during the decades this case was open. A 29-year-old man from Gardena was arrested on February 20, 1974, but the charges were dropped on April 2, 1974, due to evidence he was not involved. He did admit to molesting a 10-year-old boy in 1974.

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#### Case ID 1364-1367: Brown, Stoney

Stoney Brown has been identified as the lead suspect in a series of four violent home invasion rapes that took place in Cincinnati in 1995 and 1996. The attacks took place near the University of Cincinnati campus. Three of the victims were students there. Brown lived just blocks away at the time of the rapes.

These cases were linked through DNA taken from the victims' sexual assault kits. A 'John Doe Warrant' was obtained in 2008 to prevent the statute of limitations from running out. There is no information on who conducted the FGG investigation. The initial confirmation was made by the surreptitious sampling of items Brown had discarded in his trash. Investigators also used Y-STR DNA in this case to narrow down the list of suspects by tracing Brown's male lineage.

On October 4, 2021, Brown pled guilty in Hamilton County court, and was sentenced to 23 years in prison.

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### **Case ID 1149: Bunney, Zachary Aaron**

Zachary Aaron Bunney was arrested on January 10, 2019 and charged in the 2006 robbery and murder of 47-year-old Scott Martinez in La Mesa, California. Martinez was slain in his apartment on June 17, 2006, by an assailant wielding a sword. Martinez had been slashed about 30 times with the sword, and it is likely that the perpetrator cut himself during the attack.

Blood was found at the scene and used to create a DNA profile of the suspect but did not match any suspects in the law enforcement databases. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs.

Bunney pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter on 13 November 2019 and was sentenced to 12 years in prison. He was dating Martinez' babysitter, and he lived in the area at the time of the murder. There is no known motive for the killing, and Bunney had not been a suspect at the time.

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### Case ID 1144: Burns, Jerry Lynn

Jerry Lynn Burns was arrested on December 19, 2018 and charged in the December 19, 1979 murder of Michelle Martinko in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Martinko's body was found inside her car in the Westdale Mall parking lot, where she had gone to purchase a new winter coat. Her family went looking for her when she failed to come home that evening. Martinko had been stabbed several times in the face and chest. Blood not belonging to Martinko was also found in the vehicle and is thought to have come from the perpetrator when he cut himself in the stabbing attack.

A DNA profile of the suspect was obtained from the blood found at the crime scene. The FGG investigation was performed by Parabon Nanolabs. The initial confirmation was made by police surveillance followed by the surreptitious sampling of a straw that Burns had used. Police then obtained a warrant to take a buccal swab from Burns to obtain a forensic DNA profile.

Published accounts indicate that about 3 distant relatives of Burns voluntarily provided their DNA to officers to help establish the identify of Martinko's killer by developing their family tree, a process known as targeted kinship testing. It appears that two siblings of Burns had their DNA tested as well, eliminating them from the investigation.

In February 2020, Burns was convicted by a jury in Linn County, Iowa of first-degree murder in the death of Martinko. He has appealed and asked for a new trial. His attorneys have challenged both the adverse admissions Burns made to officers on his arrest, as well as the use of FGG. Defence attorneys filed a motion claiming that the use of Burns' family members' DNA is a violation of the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments. Section 3 of the Defence's motion for a new trial states that "the searches and seizures leading to the discovery of his DNA profile and that of his family violated his rights to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures." It is not known at this time on what legal basis the challenges are being made.

Burns appealed his conviction to the Iowa District Court decision to the Supreme Court of Iowa. Burns claimed that the straw belonged to him at the time it was collected by the police, and that he had an expectation of privacy in the straw. Burns claims that the police violated article I, section 8 of the Iowa Constitution: which proscribes warrantless searches that violate a defendant's reasonable expectation of privacy. The ACLU has joined in the appeal, which is pending. A decision had not been handed down as of the end of 2022.

Police took DNA from over 125 suspects during the decades the case was open. Since the crime took place in a small community, numerous local men were suspects. In 1980, investigators produced a composite sketch of an unknown man produced from a witness that had been placed under hypnosis.

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## **Case ID 1263-1275, 1326: Burns, Mark Douglas: The Clearfield Rapist**

Mark Douglas Burns was arrested for a series of violent home invasion rapes in Utah and Wyoming that took place between 1991 and 2001. In one case, Burns raped a mother and daughter in their home while the entire family was kidnapped, tied up at gun point, and forced to watch.

DNA was taken from the victims, and a profile developed from their sexual assault kits were uploaded to CODIS. This tied this series of rapes to a single suspect, who came to be known as the 'Clearfield Rapist'.

The FGG investigation in this case was conducted by Barbara Rae-Venter. Police confirmed the results of the FGG investigation match through surreptitious sampling of items that Burns had discarded in his trash.

Burns was arrested at his Ogden home on September 25, 2019. Burns confessed to all of the rapes with which he was charged, but some of the cases did not go to court as the sexual assault charges were barred by the statute of limitations. Prosecutors had filed a DNA warrant in 2003 to stop the statute of

limitations on only some of the rape charges. Burns was eventually sentenced to 242 years for the rapes. Burns has confessed to two other homicides, and the investigations into other crimes he may have committed are ongoing.

Burns is also charged in the 2001 murder of 28-year-old Sue Ellen Gunderson Higgins. Higgins was murdered in her home in Evanston, Wyoming on July 18 of 2001. Burns gained access to her house on the pretext of taking a survey. When she grew suspicious and stated she was phoning the police, he claims that he shot her. Facing the death penalty, Burns pled guilty to this offence and has received a life sentence without the possibility of parole.

This was not the first time that Burns faced the death penalty. He had earlier been convicted of raping a woman in the washroom of a McDonald's restaurant in North Carolina. He had been on death row for this crime in the 1970s, but his sentence was commuted to life, and he was released after serving 13 years in prison.

Police stated that many suspects over the years were asked to provide police with their DNA and were subsequently cleared of involvement in the rapes.

Gunderson's husband, Sen Higgins, found her body when he came home from work. In July of 2005 he was arrested and charged with that crime. There was little evidence linking him to his wife's murder, but officers thought he did not show the proper emotion at her death. These charges were eventually dropped in March of 2006, after he had spent \$70,000 on his defence.

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### **Case ID 1443-1445: Byrd, James**

James Byrd was arrested on December 9, 2020 and charged with the sexual assaults of three women in Tampa and Hillsborough County, Florida. The first rape took place in Tampa on March 8, 1998. The 22-year-old victim was walking alone when the assailant made a U-turn in his vehicle, pulled up beside her and offer her a ride. After she got into the vehicle, he raped her at knife point.

The victim’s sexual assault kit was tested in 2015, at which point it was linked to two very similar rapes in Hillsborough County that took place in 1999.

A familial search of law enforcement databases was performed in March of 2020 and turned up no further leads. The case was then sent to Parabon Nanolabs, who conducted the FGG investigation. Police made the initial confirmation through surreptitious sampling.

Byrd pled not guilty, and his case proceeded in Hillsborough County.

Byrd was tried for the March, 1998 assault and was acquitted by a jury after only an hour of deliberation on December 7, 2021. The defence had argued that the victim was a prostitute, and there was no corroborating evidence that the sexual encounter was not consensual beyond the victim's testimony.

Sullivan reports, "His attorney, Benjamin Buck, admitted that Byrd had sexual contact with the woman, but questioned her credibility, emphasizing that she had made money through prostitution. 'He hired a prostitute,' Buck told the jury. 'The prostitute got in his truck and they had sex. That's all that happened.'"

The victim claims that he raped her at knife point, and then dropped her off, throwing her clothing out the window. She reported the incident to the police right away, and attended a hospital, where a sexual assault kit was administered. This is the only offence to date cleared through FGG that has resulted in an acquittal.

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#### **Case ID 1168-1169: Caldwell, Cecil**

Cecil Caldwell has been identified as the lead suspect in the 1973 murders of 24-year-old Linda and Clifford Bernhardt in Billings, Montana. The case was cleared by exception as Caldwell passed away in 2003 at the age of 59.

Clifford and Linda Bernhardt were killed inside their Billings Heights home on the evening of November 7, 1973. Their dinner table had been set that evening for three persons. They had both been bludgeoned in the head and Linda had been sexually assaulted. The killer had turned the heat off

and opened the bedroom windows, perhaps to slow down decomposition. Linda's mother found her the next day. Caldwell had been a co-worker of Linda at the time, but the motive for the killings is unknown.

The case was reviewed in 2005, and a DNA profile of the killer was extracted from semen found on the pants Linda was wearing on the night she was killed. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs.

Caldwell had no criminal history, and went on to marry, raise kids and live a normal life. Nevertheless, police state that these killings fit a *modus operandi* based on personal information they have about Caldwell, but have not disclosed further details.

Over the decades that this investigation was open, about 80 different men in 12 states had their DNA tested and were excluded as suspects.

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#### Case ID 1398: Carbo, Michael Allan Jr.

Michael Allan Carbo, Jr. was arrested on July 29, 2020 and charged in the July 16, 1986 murder of 38-year-old Nancy Jane Daugherty in Chisholm, Minnesota. Daugherty had been sexually assaulted and strangled to death in her bed. Neighbours had heard a struggle and cries for help around 3.30 am that morning.

DNA from the suspect was collected from a sexual assault kit as well as from scrapings from the victim's fingernails. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. Confirmation was made through police surveillance and the surreptitious sampling of items that Carbo had discarded in his trash. The suspect then agreed to voluntarily provide a DNA sample to investigators. Carbo may have been an acquaintance of Daugherty, as he had attended school with her children.

Before the case was cleared, police had collected DNA samples from over 100 suspects, all of whom were eliminated.

Carbo pled not guilty to charges of second-degree murder in her death and his case is pending in St. Louis County District Court. The case was delayed due to pre-trial motions by the defence seeking additional disclosure from Parabon.

On May 31, 2021, Judge Robert Findlay of the State District Court denied the defence motion for disclosure from Parabon concerning Carbo's identification as a person of interest in Daugherty's murder. The court found that several of items requested by the defence did not speak to guilt or innocence, including Parabon's standard operating procedures, case notes, communications, database searches, and the family trees of all persons identified as suspects. The court found that it was not this information that led to the arrest of the defendant, but the fact that police later matched his DNA to that recovered from the victim's sexual assault kit and from under her fingernails.

On November 10, 2021, Judge Robert Friday denied the defence motion to suppress the DNA evidence. He reiterated that a defendant retains no privacy interest in DNA left at a crime scene. He also rejected the notion that a family member could have an ownership interest in, or veto, another person's use of their DNA or genetic information.

As reported by Olsen, "Simply put, defendant does not have standing to challenge the expectation of privacy of a third party's genetic material, even when it is in common with his own," Friday said. "There is no allegation that any of the profiles which contained common DNA with defendant were obtained without consent, making this no different than concluding a search is valid when two people reside in a home together

and only one gives consent to law enforcement to search the home."

After the above ruling, a Grand Jury in Hibbing, St. Louis County, indicted Carbo, on April 11, 2022, for first-degree murder in Daugherty's killing. On August 16, 2022, a jury convicted Carbo on two counts of first-degree murder in the commission of a sexual assault. On September 30, 2022, he received an automatic sentence of life in prison. He will be eligible for parole in 17 years.

Carbo admitted that the semen found at the crime scene was his, and that he had consensual sex with Daugherty but that she was murdered by a different person. His lawyers stated that they intent to appeal the verdict. The appeal, case number A22-1823, was filed in the Minnesota Court of Appeals on December 27, 2022, but has yet to be heard.

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## **Case ID 1553: Chapa, Ray Anthony**

Ray Anthony Chapa was identified on November 15, 2021 as the lead suspect in the April 24, 1986 rape and murder of 32-year-old Janet Elaine Love in Bedford, Texas. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Chapa.

An unknown intruder had broken into Love's apartment and raped, and then fatally shot her. Love's body was found by co-workers after she failed to show up for work. She had been a ticket agent for Delta Airlines.

A DNA profile of the suspect was obtained from a sexual assault kit but did not match any profiles in law enforcement databases. The FGG investigation was funded by the Texas Department of Public Safety's Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Project. Two family members of Chapa assisted investigators through targeted kinship testing.

Chapa was 19 years old at the time of Love's murder, and he lived close to Love in a neighboring apartment complex. Chapa passed away in January 2021 at the age of 53 from a terminal illness. He had a criminal history of theft and drug possession, but no offences that would have required him to provide his DNA. Police continue to investigate whether Chapa might be linked to other crimes.

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## **Case ID 1182: Chartrand, Paul Jean**

Paul Jean Chartrand has been identified as the lead suspect in the homicide of 37-year-old Barbara Becker on March 21, 1979 in La Jolla, California. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Chartrand.

Becker was found dead in her living room by her two sons, then aged 7 and 9, when they came home from school. There appeared to have been a struggle in the course of an attempted burglary, and the killer was injured in the fight.

A DNA profile of the suspect was obtained from blood left at the scene. No matches to this profile were found in CODIS.

In October 2018, San Diego police engaged the assistance of the FBIs Investigative Genealogy Unit. Relatives of Chartrand voluntarily gave their DNA samples to police. Chartrand passed away in Phoenix, Arizona in 1995.

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#### Case ID 1755: Chirila, Tudor

Tudor Chirila Jr., 77, was arrested on September 13, 2022 for the January 7, 1972 murder of 19-year-old Nancy Elaine

Anderson in Honolulu, Hawaii. Anderson was stabbed dozens of times by an intruder to her apartment in Waikiki. She had about 63 separate wounds to her body. Anderson's body was found by her roommate, who was asleep in the apartment at the time of the murder. Anderson had just recently graduated from high school in Michigan and moved to Honolulu to work at a local MacDonald's.

Police found several bloody towels in her bathroom, as well as blood on her bed and on the floor near her body. Another bloody towel was found in the stairwell of her apartment complex.

The FGG investigation was performed by Paragon Nanolabs, beginning in the summer of 2020, in partnership with the Honolulu Police Department. Parabon also performed forensic phenotyping in this case. The initial confirmation was made to a DNA sample voluntarily provided to police by Chirila's son. On September 1, 2022, a warrant was obtained for Chirila to provide a sample of his DNA.

Chirila was a graduate assistant at the University of Hawaii at the time of Anderson's murder. He would go on to become an attorney and ran a failed campaign to sit on the Nevada Supreme Court, where he was formerly a clerk. Chirila was arrested at his home in Reno, Nevada, and is awaiting extradition to Hawaii.

Chirila had no prior criminal record that would have required him to provide a DNA sample. He is reported to have operated a local brothel called the Mustang Ranch, and spent time in jail around 1992 for failure to pay child support. In 1995, he was acquitted

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### Case ID 1393: Chrisco, Johnny

See also: Anita Louise Piteau

Johnny Chrisco has been identified as the lead suspect in the March 14, 1968 murder of 26-year-old Anita Louise Piteau in Huntington Beach, California. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Chrisco.

Piteau's body was found in a field by three young boys playing there. She had been raped and beaten, and her throat was cut. She could not be identified – becoming Orange County's oldest Jane Doe – and the case went cold.

A male DNA profile was developed in 2001 from the sexual assault kit taken at Piteau's autopsy. No workable leads were generated from law enforcement databases to identify either Piteau or her killer. Permission was obtained for familial searching to be performed in the California state DNA database, but this also produced no leads. The FGG was undertaken by Colleen Fitzpatrick of Identifinders, who identified both Piteau and the suspect in her murder.

Piteau had left her home in Maine in February of 1968 to work as a waitress in California, and her family never heard from her again. She has two sisters and a brother who never stopped searching for her these past 52 years. Her remains were taken from an unmarked

grave in California and delivered to her family in Maine.

Chrisco had served in the Army, but he was discharged due to failing a psychological exam that showed he suffered from aggression, anger, and impulsivity. He was charged with several violent offences over the years, including domestic violence, statutory rape, and child molestation. He killed one of his own sons in a drunk driving accident, while another infant son died in suspicious circumstances. He passed away in 2015 in Washington state.

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#### Case ID 1255: Clanton, James

Also known as Curtis Allen White, James Clanton was arrested on September 11, 2019 for the January 16, 1980 rape and murder of 21-year-old Helene Pruszynski in Englewood, Colorado. Pruszynski was an aspiring journalist who had come to Denver for an internship at a local radio station. Her body was found in a field after she failed to come home from work. She had been sexually assaulted and stabbed to death, her hands bound behind her.

The case was reopened in 1998, and a DNA profile was obtained from semen found at the crime scene. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs, as well as Joan Hanlon of United Data Connect. In this case, researchers narrowed the suspect list down to James and a brother, William White Jr., who had a history of sexual misconduct. Investigators surreptitiously sampled William's DNA from a mug in a bar where he was drinking, but he was excluded. Clanton's DNA was then tested surreptitiously and found to be a match.

Clanton confessed to investigators upon his arrest, and he eventually pled guilty. The statute of limitations barred charges for the sexual assault, but he was sentenced to life without parole for 20 years for Pruszynski's murder. At the time of the murder, Clanton was on parole after serving 4 years for a previous rape.

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#### Case ID 1686: Clark, William

William Clark, 59, was arrested on April 18, 2022, for the March 6, 1987 rape of a 14-year-old girl in Fairfax City, Virginia. The suspect had telephoned the girl's mother claiming to be well-known radio personality Don Geronimo and that she had won a \$1000 prize and a trip to Hawaii. He used this ruse to obtain her home address and personal information. He phoned again and told the girl she needed to come to the radio station in person to claim the prize. When she arrived, he kidnapped her and drove her to the woods, where he sexually assaulted and then left her.

Police were telephoned, and a forensic sample of the suspect's DNA was taken from the victim. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. Police have not disclosed how they made the initial confirmation, only that they obtained a sample of Clark's DNA.

Clark is facing charges of rape, abduction with intent to defile, and attempted forcible sodomy in Fairfax County General District Court Criminal Division. He is being held without bond.

Police state that they investigated over 70 other suspects in this case who had their DNA samples taken and compared with the crime scene DNA profile. All of them were eliminated.

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### Case ID 1396: Confidential: Murder of Carol Christou

Windsor Police announced that a lead suspect had been identified in the murder of 55-year-old Carol Christou. Christou was killed sometime on the evening of September 13, 2000, in Windsor, Ontario. She had last been seen leaving a local restaurant after an

evening out with friends. Her body was found the next day in her home. She had been stabbed to death.

Windsor Police had solved this case in December 2019, but they put out a video statement only in July of 2020 after several family members of Christou went public. Police refused to state who the suspect is, or how they identified him. It was only in October of 2020, after the Toronto PD announced that they had used FGG to identify Calvin Hoover as the lead suspect in the murder of Christine Jessop, that Windsor Police confirmed they, too, had used FGG in their investigation. The Windsor Police took a similar stance with regards to the murder investigation into Ljubica Topic.

Windsor police claim that they will not disclose the suspect’s identity as he passed away from cancer years earlier. They also confirmed that Christou’s killer was an acquaintance of hers. This generated a debate in Canada concerning whether the results of criminal investigations should be kept private from the public. It is difficult to hold police to account, to check the results of their investigations, or to study the methods that they are using if they are keeping the information secret from the public.

In addition, closing cases and identifying suspects brings many benefits to a community: feelings of safety and security are promoted, trust in police is strengthened, and innocent persons are no longer suspected. These benefits cannot be realized if police do not disclose the results of their investigations and the public’s feelings of trust in the local police may be undermined.

There is no information on who conducted the FGG investigation in this case. One possibility is Wyndham Forensic Group in nearby Guelph, Ontario, run by Valerie Blackmore, who states that they do not disclose their clients.

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#### Case ID 1831: Confidential: Murder of Knut Kristiansen

On February 2, 2023, Oslo Police announced that they had identified a lead suspect in the July 1999 murder of 71-year-old Knut Kristiansen in the district of Sandaker in Oslo, Norway. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of the suspect, and police have not released his name.

Kristiansen's body was found in his apartment on July 20, 1999. He had been killed by blunt force trauma by an unknown individual. Police believe that Kristiansen let the intruder into his apartment, and may have known him, as there were no signs of forced entry. Police believe that he may have killed sometime on July 4, 1999. The length of time between the murder and its discovery complicated the investigation.

A DNA profile of the suspect was developed from evidence collected from Kristiansen's apartment, although the biological source of the samples was not disclosed. The profile was entered into Norway's national law enforcement DNA database, but produced no hits.

It was not reported who developed the forensic genealogical profile, or who conducted the FGG investigation, although the Oslo University Hospital and Norway's National Archives have been singled out for providing their expertise. The FGG investigation began after the case was reopened in 2020. The final confirmation was made by matching the DNA found at the crime scene with a DNA profile of the suspect that police had collected in an earlier violent offence in which he was involved. He was

never convicted in that case because he passed away.

This is the first case in Norway in which investigators used FGG to clear a case. This case is part of a pilot project following a mandate from the Attorney General to study the feasibility of using FGG in Norway.

Police have withheld the name of the suspect out of respect for the privacy of his family. Police have stated that the perpetrator was a Norwegian man from Oslo, in his mid-40s at the time of the murder. He struggled with violence, intoxication, and mental illness. It is not known if he knew Kristiansen, but he lived close to his apartment. He passed away the following year. He was never a suspect in the case.

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#### Case ID 1189: Confidential (Youth):

A 17-year-old male has been charged with aggravated assault in a 2018 attack on 71-year-old Margaret Orlando in Centerville, Utah. The suspect is not being identified since he was under the age of 18 years at the time of the offence. Orlando was playing the organ in a church around 9 pm on the evening of November 17, 2018, when she heard someone pounding on the door. She refused to let the person in. A short time later, she was attacked from behind. She was strangled and left unconscious. The perpetrator had entered the church by breaking a window. He cut himself on the broken shards of glass, and so left some of his blood at the scene.

A DNA profile was developed from this blood. The FGG investigation was performed by Parabon Nanolabs, using GEDmatch. Centerville Police Detective Mike Taggart could find no match to the blood, so he approached GEDmatch for their assistance. Doing so was against GEDmatch's terms of use, as the crime was not a murder or a sexual assault. This caused controversy and discontent among many of GEDmatch's users. As a result, GEDmatch changed their terms of service to require users to deliberately opt-in to law enforcement

matching. Several hundred thousand users eventually did so, but the lower numbers limited the utility of GEDmatch for FGG investigations.

Investigators made the initial confirmation by having a school resource officer take a juice box and a milk container out of the trash for surreptitious DNA testing. There was a motion to move this case into adult court, but no news updates have been reported since that time.

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#### Case ID 1503: Confidential (Youth)

A 15-year-old girl was arrested on July 12, 2021, and charged in a July 30, 2020 assault on 74-year-old Joan Koss in Lake Oswego, Oregon. Koss had gone outside to retrieve a package when she was followed into her garage by the assailant. There, she was robbed and brutally assaulted. Her husband found her shortly after the attack. Koss suffered serious injuries requiring hospitalization, including 14 broken ribs and a severe head injury. At one point, she was not expected to survive.

There is currently no data on the source of the biological sample that was found at the crime scene. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs.

The assailant had been described by eyewitnesses as being between about 25 and 35 years old, Caucasian with tan skin, of slender build, and with curly brown hair. The youth who was later identified had in fact been only 14 years old at the time of the offence. She was in custody on an unrelated charge when she was arrested for assault and burglary.

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### **Case ID 1128-1129: Corbett, Winston**

Winston Corbett was arrested on October 28, 2018 and charged with the murder of James Miller and the attempted murder of Linda Miller in Goshen, Indiana. These offences

took place during a break-in at their home on October 9, 2011. There was a violent confrontation between James and the intruder that ranged throughout the house, and outside to the mailbox, where he died. James had been stabbed about 50 times, and Linda about 23 times. Corbett was a 16-year-old high school student at the time of the murder.

Blood was found at the crime scene, on James’ shirt, on a door handle, on a baseboard, and in the street where James’ body was found. This was used to develop two male DNA profiles, one of which was linked to Corbett. An unknown male profile was also developed that has not yet been identified.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. Investigators collected some items from the garbage outside Corbett’s home, which they sampled surreptitiously to provide an initial confirmation of the FGG match.

Only the sample from the baseboard resulted in a full profile. The other profiles were mixtures, whose interpretation was disputed at trial. Corbett was convicted after an 8-day jury trial.

He was sentenced to 115 years for both crimes. An appeal court upheld his conviction and sentence in November of 2021. The FGG evidence was not challenged directly, but the appeal court found that seizure of his trash for DNA testing was lawful under the Indiana Constitution as police had a reasonable suspicion.

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## Case ID 1520: Cornett, Carlin

69-year-old Carlin Edward Cornett was arrested on September 14, 2021 for the July 31, 1974 robbery and murder of 22-year-old Christy Bryant in National City, California. Bryant was working alone as a clerk in a 7-Eleven store when she was stabbed to death by an unknown person during a robbery. Bryant was working in National City at the time, after being recently discharged from the Marines.

A DNA profile of the suspect was developed from blood recovered at the scene. The profile was entered into CODIS in 2008 but produced no hits.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the San Diego County District Attorney's Office using an in-house genealogist working as part of the Cold Homicide and Research Genealogy Effort (CHARGE).

Cornett was detained at his home in Las Vegas. On October 25, 2021, Cornett was arraigned in San Diego County Court, where he pled not guilty to a charge of murder.

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### **Case ID 1429: Cox, Donald Jr.**

Donald Cox Jr. has been identified as the lead suspect in the July 26, 1989 murder of 16-year-old Fawn Cox in Kansas City, Missouri. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Cox. Fawn was assaulted by an intruder in her bedroom after coming home from work on the night of July 26, 1989. She had been sexually assaulted and strangled.

Her body was found by her mother and sister the next morning when they went to wake her up.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Paragon Nanolabs. The Cox family raised the money for the FGG and advanced DNA testing. The suspect was found to be Fawn’s cousin, Donald Fox Jr. He died of a drug overdose several years ago.

Three teenagers were initially charged with the crime, but the charges were dropped due to a lack of evidence.

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### **Case ID 1690: Cox, Thomas Davis**

Thomas Davis Cox, 58, was arrested on April 23, 2022 for the October 16, 1989 rape and murder of 22-year-old Susan Morse in Mesa, Arizona. Morse had been sexually assaulted in her bed by an intruder, and then strangled with an extension cord. She was discovered during a welfare check that her parents had phoned in when she failed to show up for work the next day.

Cox was also charged with a similar home invasion rape in the same apartment complex against a 23-year-old victim on November 13, 1990. An intruder had broken into her apartment through a window, and threatened her with a knife.

Investigators collected DNA evidence as well as fingerprints that tied the two cases together, but no hits to a suspect were found in CODIS.

There is currently no information on the biological source of the crime scene samples or who performed the FGG investigation, although the FBI Phoenix Field Office is reported to have assisted the Mesa PD with the investigation.

Cox, who was extradited from Colorado Springs, Colorado, is now facing charges of first-degree murder as well as sexual assault, burglary and kidnapping in Maricopa County Superior Court.

It was reported that Cox was arrested and charged with a misdemeanor offence in Colorado. His fingerprints were taken for this offence and were used to help confirm the DNA match. He had no more serious criminal record that would have resulted in his DNA being collected.

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### **Case ID 1284: Cross, Philip**

Philip Cross has been identified as the lead suspect in the December 15, 1984 rape and murder of 18-year-old Traci Hammerberg in Saukville, Wisconsin. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Cross. Hammerberg was last seen alive leaving a house party at about 12:30 am. It was about a four-mile walk in the winter cold, and she may have accepted a ride or met her killer along the road. Her body was found in a driveway in the snow that morning. She was naked from the waist down. She had been violently raped, her head was battered, and it was determined that she died of strangulation.

A DNA profile was developed from blood and semen that was found at the crime scene. The FGG investigation was conducted by Barbara Rae-Venter. She found a second cousin match to Cross and was able to build out the family tree. Cross's DNA was confirmed as being consistent using samples that had been taken at his autopsy.

Philip Cross would have been 21 years old at the time of the crime. Cross and Hammerberg may have known each other, as they had ridden on the same school bus. Police stated that Cross had a violent criminal record, and a known anger problem. He may have become enraged had Hammerberg spurned his sexual advances. He died of a drug overdose in 2012.

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### **Case ID 1526: Crowder, Paul David Jr.**

Paul David Crowder Jr. has been identified as the lead suspect in the December 24, 1977 rape and murder of 77-year-old Alma Jones in Raleigh, North Carolina. Her body was found in the hallway of her home by her daughter and grandson when they came to visit her on

Christmas Day. Her family suspected the assailant was someone Alma knew, as she was very careful about letting people into her home.

The case was reopened by Raleigh police in 2011. A DNA profile of the suspect was developed from a cigarette butt found at the scene, as well as a semen stain on a blanket. No hits were produced through CODIS. The FGG investigation was performed by Othram Inc. Funding for the FGG investigation was provided by the SAKI. The final confirmation was made through kinship testing with a close living relative of Crowder.

Crowder is reported to have died in 2015 at the age of 73. He lived in the area at the time of Jones' murder and was the grandson of one of Jones' neighbours.

The Raleigh PD states that this is one of about 75 unsolved homicides dating back to the 1960s.

Even though the suspect would not face trial, Lamb reports that: “‘It feels really good to know and to understand our history,’ said Teia Petrus, Jones’ great-great-granddaughter.”

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#### Case ID 1194: Curry, James Richard

See also: Mary Edith Silvani

James Richard Curry was identified as the lead suspect in the murder of 34-year-old Mary Edith Silvani, whose body was found in Washoe County, Nevada. The case was cleared by exception due to the death of Curry.

Silvani’s body was found on July 17, 1982, by hikers on a popular trail near Incline Village, Lake Tahoe. She was wearing a bathing suit, a powder blue t-shirt, blue jeans and yellow tennis shoes. Her long hair was arranged in a bun. She had been sexually assaulted, and it appears as though she was shot in the back of the head while bending over to tie her shoe while getting dressed. She had likely been dead for less than 24 hours when she was found. She had received some

unique and high-quality dental work, but she could not be identified. Because she was found near an area known as the ‘Sheep Flat’ she became known as the ‘Sheep’s Flat Jane Doe’.

A DNA profile was obtained from semen found at the crime scene, but over the years there were no hits in law enforcement databases. The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project as well as Identifinders, who identified both the victim and the killer in this case. This project was led by Colleen Fitzpatrick and involved more than 2,000 hours of research by her team. This investigation was an especial challenge because Curry had been born out of wedlock and raised under a different name. Curry’s living children provided the DNA samples that confirmed his DNA was consistent with that of the semen found at the Tahoe crime scene.

On February 3, 1983, Curry confessed to three murders in California: Gerald Novoselatz, his wife Sharon, and a man named Richard Lemmon. Sharon had been sexually assaulted, and her body was dumped off a highway. Police found Lemmon’s body in a storage locker where they were directed by Curry. Currey was arrested the next day, and the day after that he died by suicide in his jail cell.

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## **Case ID 1516: Cymanski, Bruce**

Bruce Cymanski, 49, was indicted on August 31, 2021, by a Grand Jury in Middlesex County, New Jersey for first degree murder and aggravated sexual assault in the January 7, 1999 homicide of 17-year-old Nancy Noga in Sayreville, New Jersey. Noga was reported missing that day when she did not return home from work. Her body was found five days later in a wooded area behind a shopping plaza. She had been sexually assaulted and had been killed by blunt force trauma. She was found face down in the snow.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs.

Cymanski is currently facing several charges, including first degree murder, first degree felony murder, and aggravated sexual assault, in Middlesex County Superior Court.

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## **Case ID 1483: Darnell, Thomas Elvin**

Thomas Elvin Darnell was arrested on May 11, 2021 at his home in Kansas City, Kansas for the March 17, 1983 murder of 26-year-old Laura Marie Purchase near Conroe in Montgomery County, Texas. She had been sexually assaulted and strangled to death. Her body was then posed in a field and set on fire, where it was discovered by a deputy of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.

The FBI was able to identify Purchase in May of 1986 using her fingerprints. By this time, Henry Lee Lucas had confessed to her murder. Lucas and his friend, Ottis Elwood Toole, had been convicted of the murder earlier in 1986. The evidence against Purchase was then dismissed as being of little relevance.

A DNA profile was obtained in 2008 from semen taken from Purchase's body during her autopsy. This profile eliminated both Lucas and Toole. Lucas passed away in prison in 2001, and Toole passed away in prison in 1996.

There is currently no information on who conducted the FGG investigation.

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### Case ID 1373: Davis, Arthur Raymond

Arthur Raymond Davis has been identified as the lead suspect in the August 31, 1983 rape and murder of 20-year-old Susan Eads in Seabrook, Texas. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Davis.

Eads was working as a waitress in the Prickly Bear Bar in this small waterfront community on Galveston Bay. She was last seen leaving work on the night of her death. She had been seen at the bar that evening with a man in a cowboy hat. A police sketch was made at the time using witness descriptions, but the man was never identified. That sketch appears very similar to a picture of Ray Davis taken at about that time.

Eads was found the next morning in an empty lot. She was naked and bound, her clothing had been wound around her neck and tightened with a stick as a tourniquet, which was tightened until she died. After the murder, Eads mother was taunted by phone calls from a man claiming to be her daughter’s killer.

The case was reopened for modern forensic testing in 2017. Semen was recovered from her clothing and a DNA profile was created. There is currently no information on who conducted the FGG investigation, but the FBI is reported as having assisted the police in Texas with the investigation.

Davis was a former member of the armed forces who had served in Vietnam. An estranged relative assisted police to confirm the identity of Davis as the source of the DNA found on Eads’ body. Davis died in a car accident in 1983, just a few months after

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#### Case ID 1739: Davis, Richard John:

Richard John Davis was identified on August 10, 2022 as the lead suspect in the October 26, 1970 murder of 28-year-old Nancy Marie Bennallack in Sacramento, California. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Davis.

An intruder had climbed into Bennallack's second-story apartment through a sliding glass door she left ajar for her cat. She was sexually assaulted in her bedroom and stabbed numerous times, being nearly decapitated. She had numerous defensive wounds, showing that she fought back against her attacker.

A DNA profile was obtained in 2004 from blood the attacker had left during his struggle with Bennallack. The FGG investigation was commenced in November of 2019, although the forensic organization has not been disclosed. The final confirmation was made to a living relative.

Davis passed away in November of 1997 at the age of 54, from what are described as complications from alcoholism. He had one arrest for DUI. He lived in the same apartment complex as Bennallack at the time of her murder.

This is the oldest cold case homicide solved to date in Sacramento County, which has long been a leading jurisdiction in the use of FGG.

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#### **Case ID 1425: Davis, Richard William**

Richard William Davis has been identified as the lead suspect in the 1974 rape and murder of 5-year-old Siobhan McGuinnes in Missoula, Montana. The case was cleared by exception due to the death of Davis.

McGuinnes had gone missing on February 5, 1974, just a few blocks from her home. Her body was found two days later, off the Turah exit on Interstate-90.

The FGG investigation in this case was conducted by Othram. A confirmation was made by through the assistance of living relatives of Davis. His wife and children have also reached out to the McGuinnes family.

Davis died in Arkansas in 2012 at the age of 70. At the time of the murder, he was passing through Missoula as part of his work as a truck driver. The vehicle he owned in 1974 matched descriptions given by witnesses at the time. Authorities are investigating Davis for other, similar, crimes that took place in the 1970s.

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#### **Case ID 1180-1181: Day, Kenneth Earl**

Kenneth Earl Day has been identified as the lead suspect in a murder and a series of rapes in Rockville, Maryland in the late 1980s and

early 1990s. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Day.

On June 25, 1989, a 53-year-old woman was abducted and raped as she left the Twinbrook metro station. There were reports that other women had been attacked while walking alone in that area.

On October 3, 1994, 44-year-old Le Bich-Thuy, a research scientist working at the Children's National Medical Center, was murdered by an unknown assailant in that same area. She got out at the Twinbrook metro station when she was grabbed and dragged into a side yard. She was raped and bludgeoned with a piece of concrete and then strangled to death. DNA profiles from the two assaults linked the crimes together, but there were no hits in law enforcement databases.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs, who had produced a forensic phenotype of the suspect in 2017. Day's DNA was confirmed to be consistent with the crime scene DNA using a sample that had been taken at his autopsy. He died in 2017 at the age of 52.

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#### Case ID 1397: Dean, Alan Edward

Alan Edward Dean was arrested on July 28, 2020 and charged in the 1983 murder of 15-year-old Melissa Lee in Bothell, Washington. Lee was abducted from her home on April 13, 1993, sometime between 9:30 pm, when she spoke to her mother by phone, and midnight, when her mother came home to signs of a struggle. Lee's body was found the next day. She had been strangled and thrown off a bridge. Ethyl ether or heptane may have been used in the crime, as these substances were found in her system.

The FGG investigation was undertaken by Parabon Nanolabs. Police made the initial confirmation through surveillance of Dean and the surreptitious sampling of a cigarette he threw away. He was the third murder suspect arrested through collaboration between Parabon and the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office.

Dean was questioned at the time of the offence, and he may have known Lee from a

chat line. He was also reported to be involved in the sexual assault of a minor in Arizona.

Dean was charged with first-degree murder and first-degree kidnapping in Snohomish County Superior Court. Dean underwent several competency reviews. The court committed him indefinitely to Western State Hospital in April of 2021 and dismissed the charges against him. The prosecution has stated that he is a follower of the sovereign citizen movement, and that he is competent but non-cooperative. He has demonstrated behaviour that appears to be delusional, paranoid, and possibly schizophrenic. If he can be successfully treated, then the charges against him may proceed.

Dean was to be released in August of 2022, but was ordered detained on a \$2 million bond after the prosecution filed the charges for a third time. In competency evaluations, the onus is on the defence to prove that the defendant does not understand the proceedings, and cannot assist in their defence.

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### **Case ID 1017-1088: DeAngelo, Joseph James: The Golden State Killer**

Joseph James DeAngelo Jr. has pled guilty to a series of murders and sexual assaults that took place in California in the 1970s and 1980s characterized by their exceptional cruelty and brutality. Over the decades, he has been known as the Golden State Killer, the Diamond Knot Killer, the Visalia Ransacker, the East Area Rapist, the Original Night Stalker, and EARONS (East Area Rapist/Original Night Stalker). He would stalk his victims beforehand, case their homes thoroughly, and would sometimes telephone them after the attack to terrorize them further. He would often attack couples in their homes, tying up the man and sexually assaulting the woman.

His first murder was the shooting of 45-year-old Claude Snelling on September 11, 1975. He murdered Brian and Kate Maggiore in their home in Rancho Cordova on February 2, 1978. He murdered Debra Manning and Robert Offerman in Goleta on December 30, 1979. Charlene and Lyman Smith were murdered in their Ventura home on March 13, 1980. Patrice and Keith Harrington were murdered in Dana Point on August 19, 1980. Manuela Witthuhn was murdered in Irvine on February 6, 1981. This was followed by the double murder of Gregory Sanchez and Cheri Domingo in Goleta on July 27, 1981. His last victim was 18-year-old Janelle Cruz of Irvine, whom he killed about five years later, on May 4, 1986.

The FGG investigation in this case was conducted by Barbara Rae-Venter, whose work in identifying a living Jane Doe and uncovering serial killer Terry Peder Rasmussen, described below, inspired Detective Paul Holes to ask her to identify the Golden State Killer. This investigation received a good deal of media attention and placed both FGG and the GEDmatch database in the spotlight. This generated a good deal of controversy and criticisms of the new investigative technique, and also inspired many law enforcement agencies to adopt it to solve their own cold cases.

On June 29, 2020, DeAngelo pled guilty in Sacramento County Superior Court to 13 counts of murder, and 13 counts of felony rape, for which he was sentenced to 11 terms of life in prison without parole. He was then 74 years old. The statute of limitations had run out on 50 of the rape charges, all of which he admitted perpetrating. Some of these charges were prosecuted instead as kidnapping to commit robbery, and this is

how they are coded in this database. Many of his crimes were never formally charged, including crimes he committed against the male companions of his rape victims, who were often tied up, threatened, and beaten. All of these charges are coded as having a disposition of 'NCO', which denotes crimes a perpetrator was not charged because he was charged instead with a more serious crime arising out of the same incident. The code 'SL' is used for the rapes which could not be charged because the statute of limitations had expired.

The investigation into the Golden State Killer was important for the development of the law concerning forensic DNA in California. Some of the victims' families, led by Bruce Harrington, lobbied the California State legislature to pass Bill SB-1242 which authorized increases in DNA collection from all prisoners convicted of felonies.

There are also several persons who were investigated by police as suspects. Over the years, many suspects had their DNA samples taken by police and there was at least one wrongful prosecution.

A DNA sample was taken with a court order from prisoner Paul Schneider in 2004. About 3 dozen death row inmates in California were examined and had their DNA taken – 5 of them by force. Another career criminal had his body exhumed by court order.

A DNA sample was also taken from Joe Alsip, a business associate of Lyman Smith, who was wrongfully prosecuted for the murders of Lyman and Charlene Smith. He was bound over for trial after a preliminary inquiry, but the charges were later dropped by

prosecutors. He was released for lack of evidence in May of 1982.

Michelle McNamara reports that police continued to suspect one particular male for many years. He was first stopped by police in 1977, and they noted several items in his vehicle which they found suspicious, including a bottle of hand lotion in the front of the car as well as a rope, a pair of tennis shoes, a firearm, and a hunting knife that were found in his trunk. McNamara states, "They couldn't shake the memory of what they found inside his car. That's why, decades later, his DNA was collected and analyzed by the crime lab. He was exonerated despite the fact that police thought he was The One." This demonstrates the strength of police tunnel vision, and how even very slender evidence can lead to decades of suspicion.

There was also one male who had his DNA sampled as part of an earlier investigation, not conducted by Rae-Venter, to track the Golden State Killer using his Y-chromosome. Police obtained a court order for a DNA sample from a 73-year-old man living in a nursing home in Oregon. His DNA cleared him of involvement in the crimes.

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#### **Case ID 1126-1127: DeVaughn, Michael Wayne**

Michael Wayne DeVaughn was arrested on October 6, 2018 and charged in the rape and murder of Betty Jones and Kathryn Crigler on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1990 in Starkville, Mississippi. These killings came to be known as the 'Labour Day Murders'.

The two friends were at home together on Labor Day when they heard a knock on the door. A man answered, and when 65-year-old Jones tried to fend him off he cut her throat. She died at the scene. The man sexually assaulted Crigler, then 81 years old. Crigler had recently had her leg amputated, yet she managed to survive, and was able to crawl to the kitchen to phone 911. Crigler passed away from her injuries in a nursing home two months later. She reported being very sorry for her friend's death, for which she blamed herself.

A DNA profile of the offender was obtained from the sexual assault kit performed on Crigler. It was not common for a sexual assault kit to be done at that time. As with many sexual assault kits, the DNA was not

profiled immediately, and it was not until 2005 that a profile of the suspect was obtained. This resulted in no hits in CODIS.

Betty Jones' step-grandsons, Jason and Simon Jones, created a podcast to bring attention to the cold case and try to find some justice for their grandmother. They were able to raise funds to continue the investigation.

This enabled Parabon to conduct the FGG investigation. The initial confirmation was made through police surveillance, followed by the surreptitious sampling of a cigarette butt that had been discarded by DeVaughn.

DeVaughn pled guilty to capital murder on November 17, 2020. In return for his guilty plea, prosecutors dropped the other charges, including the sexual battery charge against Crigler, and they withdrew their request for the death penalty. He was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. He had little prior criminal record, except for some drug offences. He may have been a user of methamphetamine.

After DeVaughn's arrest, Simon Jones told David Krajicek that his grandmother's killer was no longer a 'bogeyman', stating, "I see this guy on my phone and on TV, and he's just a sad-looking dude with recent drug charges... That takes away so much of the power that this unnamed person had when you finally see their face."

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## **Case ID 1571-1585: Doran, David Edward: Myers Park Rapist**

On December 6, 2021, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police announced that David Edward Doran was the lead suspect in a series of 15 home invasion rapes that took place from June 1990 to January 1999. The suspect became known as the ‘Myers Park Rapist.’ The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Doran.

Thirteen of the victims were under the age of 18. The youngest victim was about 10 years old, and the eldest in her early 20s. The suspect broke into the girls’ homes armed with a knife, took them to a different location, and then sexually assaulted them. He typically wore a ski mask and gloves.

A DNA profile was obtained from sexual assault kits (SAKs) and items found at the crime scene. The SAKs were originally tested in the 1990s only for serotyping. Police matched the crime scene DNA with a DNA sample from Doran, but they have not stated where they obtained that sample.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs, with funding from the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI). The case was investigated by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Sexual Assault Cold Case Unit, which has cleared over 400 cases since its formation in 2006.

Doran is reported to have died on June 24, 2008. Police report that he was a ‘cat burglar’ who targeted higher-end residences to steal jewelry. His most recent conviction in Charlotte was in 2001, when he was convicted of possession of breaking and entering tools. He was never a suspect in the case.

Doran was 49 years old at the time of the first of the Myers Park assaults. He moved from the area, living in California, Texas, and Ohio, among other places. Police have notified authorities in those jurisdictions. He is currently being investigated for two other assaults. Police believe he may have been responsible for many more rapes over the years, and they continue to investigate.

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### **Case ID 1666-1668: Downing, Kenneth: Pioneer Hill Serial Rapist**

Kenneth Downing, 47, was arrested on March 17, 2022, and charged with two home invasion rapes that took place in 2003 and 2004 in the Pioneer Hill neighborhood of Pullman, Washington.

The first victim was woken up in her bedroom in November of 2003 by an intruder who threatened her with a gun and then proceeded to rape her several times.

The second and third victims were attacked in March of 2004 when they arrived home to find a man waiting for them. He also threatened them with a gun, tied up one of the women and raped the other.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Identifinders International.

Downing was charged with four counts of first-degree rape, two counts of burglary, and forcible confinement – among other charges – in Whitman County Superior Court. On August 19, 2022, Downing was sentenced to life in prison after pleading guilty to four counts of first-degree rape and one count of assault in the second degree with a sexual motivation. As part of the plea agreement, he will be eligible for parole after serving 23 years.

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### **Case ID 1163: Downs, Steven Harris**

Steven Harris Downs was arrested on February 15, 2019 for the April 26, 1993 rape and murder of 20-year-old Sophie Sergie in Fairbanks, Alaska. Sergie lived in the northern community of Pitkas Point and had travelled to Fairbanks for a dentist appointment. She was staying with a friend at a dorm at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. She was last seen that evening at about midnight after she stepped outside to have a cigarette. Her body was found the next morning by janitors in a bathtub in the Bartlett Hall dormitory. She had been raped, stabbed in both eyes, stabbed in her face, gagged with a ligature, and shocked with a stun gun. She died by a gunshot to the back of her head.

A sexual assault kit taken at Sergie's autopsy was reprocessed in May of 2000, and a DNA profile of the suspect was obtained. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. An aunt of Downs had uploaded her information to GEDmatch, and this was used to identify Downs as the source of the DNA profile. CeCe Moore located a maternal Aunt of Downs on GEDmatch, who matched Downs at a level of 23%.

Downs was thus identified as the lead suspect. He was working as a nurse in Maine at the time of his arrest, although he had been attending UA Fairbanks and living in Bartlett Hall at the time of the murder.

Downs has pleaded not guilty and his case is pending in the District Court in Fairbanks. The defence has argued that the DNA evidence should be excluded because it could have been the result of crime scene contamination, but no ruling on the evidence

has yet been made. The defence may be preparing the way for an admission that Downs had consensual sexual contact with the victim. His attorneys have stated that there is no evidence as to when the sexual contact may have occurred. Sophie arrived in Fairbanks by plane two days before she was murdered.

Sophie Sergie's family is of Alaskan Inuit heritage, and her mother, Elena Sergie, speaks Yup'ik. Translation is being provided for her during the proceedings.

In March of 2021, defence motions began. The defence attorney, James Howaniec, has claimed that Downs did not give his permission for his DNA sample to be uploaded to GEDmatch to be used in the criminal investigation, and so should be excluded as an unreasonable search and seizure. The defence motions were denied.

On February 10, 2022, Downs was convicted by a jury of first-degree murder and sexual assault. On September 26, 2022, Downs was sentenced in Fairbanks Superior Court to 75 years in prison, including 67 years for her murder and 8 years for her sexual assault.

On October 24, 2022, Downs filed an appeal of his conviction and sentence with the Alaska Court of Appeals. He is seeking public funding for his appeal. His trial attorneys have withdrawn due to a lack of funds for their fees.

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### **Case ID 1451: Drinnon, James Glen**

James Glen Drinnon has been identified as the lead suspect in the June 26, 1984 murder of 31-year-old Claretha 'Coco' Gibbs in Fort Myers, Florida. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Drinnon.

Gibbs had been shot in the abdomen, and she died a short time later in the hospital. Gibbs was a sex-worker who was seen getting into a vehicle with a male near Palm Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard just before she was shot and dumped in the street. Despite witness descriptions of the vehicle and the suspect, the case went cold. Gibbs was one of 16 sex workers killed in Fort Myers whose murders remained unsolved.

In 2017, DNA Labs International produced a DNA profile of the suspect from a rag found at the crime scene. There were no hits to CODIS. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. The initial confirmation was made through police surveillance followed by the surreptitious sampling of items discarded by Drinnon in his trash.

Police interviewed Drinnon, then in very ill health, at his home on January 13, 2021. He confessed to having committed the crime after being provided with a Miranda warning. He stated that Gibbs had tried to rob him at gunpoint, and she was killed accidentally when they fought over the gun. Drinnon passed away on January 18, 2021 at the age of 65, and the case was cleared by exception.

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### **Case ID 1207: Dripps, Brian Leigh Sr.**

Brian Leigh Dripps Sr. was arrested on May 15, 2019 and charged with the 1996 murder of 18-year-old Angie Dodge in Idaho Falls, Idaho. An intruder broke into her apartment on the evening of June 13, 1996. He raped her and cut her throat.

Semen samples were collected from the scene but produced no hits to law enforcement databases. About 20 samples were collected from local men, but not Dripps as he had left the area shortly after the murder. Dripps had lived across form the street from Dodge at the time. He had been interviewed by the police, but he told them that he had been drinking heavily that evening and could remember nothing.

Semen was found on Dodge's legs and clothing. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. The initial confirmation was made through police surveillance followed by the surreptitious sampling of a discarded cigarette butt discarded by Dripps.

Dripps confessed to the crime when confronted with the DNA evidence. He stated to police that he did not mean to kill her, just to hold the knife to her throat; he thought she was still alive when he left. His case is pending in the Bonneville District Court.

This case is also notable as it involved the wrongful conviction of Chris Tapp who spent 20 years in prison for the murder after a false confession. Police had used coercive interview tactics that are now known to produce false confessions. His DNA sample was taken, and he was found to be excluded as a contributor to the crime scene DNA. This

did not assist Tapp, however, as he had told police that he did not sexually assault Dodge, but he was with two men who did. Tapp was exonerated with the help of the Idaho Innocence Project, and with the support of Angie's mom, Carol Dodge, who was eager to find the truth about her daughter's murder.

This case has also gained a good deal of notoriety for being the case in which Michael Usry was identified as a possible suspect through a Y-STR profile matched through what was then the Sorensen database. Usry's father was a close match to the crime scene DNA on the Y-chromosome, and Usry had once travelled to Idaho. Once Usry's DNA sample was analyzed in 2014, he was excluded as a contributor, but he had to wait about a month for this news.

The FGG investigation conducted by CeCe Moore of Parabon Nanolabs. They learned that Dripps is indeed a descendent through the male line of the Usry family. Moore narrowed the suspect list down to six male descendants of Clarence Ussery (1896-1949), and his wife Cleo Ardis Landrum (1899-1979). Police conducted surveillance and surreptitious sampling of a wad of chewing tobacco from one Wendell Ussery, but his DNA was excluded as being a contributor to the crime scene DNA. Wendell appeared to be a first cousin once removed or a second cousin once removed, to the actual perpetrator. Investigators then realized that there was a male descendent missing from the family tree. This led them to discover that Brian Dripps' mother had divorced and remarried when Brian was very young, and he was raised under his stepfather's name – Dripps, and not his father's name – which had been Ussery.

Dripps entered a guilty plea, and was sentenced on June 8, 2021 to 20 years to life in prison.

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#### Case ID 1439: Duncan, Jimmy Dean

Jimmy Dean Duncan was identified as the lead suspect in the 1975 home invasion rape and murder of 19-year-old Deborah Tomlinson in Grand Junction, Colorado. The case was cleared by exception due to the death of Duncan.

On December 27, 1975, an intruder had broken into Tomlinson's home. She was bound, sexually assaulted, and strangled to death. Her body was found in her bathtub when the building manager telephoned police for a welfare check.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. Duncan, who was 26 years-old at the time of the murder, is reported to have passed away in 1987. The DNA match was confirmed with the assistance of an unspecified living relative, who cooperated with investigators.

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#### **Case ID 1610-1617: Duran, Edward Gilbert**

Edward Duran, 63, was charged on December 21, 2021, in connection with a July 7, 1997, home invasion rape in Albuquerque, New Mexico. An intruder broke into the victim's apartment, sexually assaulted her at knifepoint, and then made her take a shower. The victim went to the hospital and had a sexual assault kit taken. The SAK was not tested until February of 2020.

A total of seven other rape cases were linked to the same suspect through sexual assault kits taken from the victims at the time of the rapes. This information was uncovered during a recent effort to clear the backlog in untested

sexual assault kits funded by the federal government in 2016. Duran is currently charged with the 1997 home invasion rape; the remaining 7 cases are still under investigation, and charges are expected. The assaults took place in July 1990, August 1992, October 1992, January 1993, July 1993, October 1993, January 1994, and 1997.

The FGG investigation, as well as the laboratory work, was conducted by Bode Laboratories. The initial confirmation was made through police surveillance, followed by the surreptitious sampling of a fork he had used at a sushi restaurant in Albuquerque.

Duran was convicted of sexual assault in 1979 and again in 1991 (for a rape that took place in 1989) for which he was given a sentence of 6 months each. Six of the sexual assaults with which he is now being investigated took place while he was on probation (which expired on September 15, 1994) for the 1989 rape conviction; one took place while the case was pending before the courts. He had no subsequent convictions that would have led to his DNA being in the CODIS database. He was arrested in 1995 for battering a household member, but this crime is not considered serious enough to require a DNA sample.

The original complaint in the 1997 rape case states that the victim reported to police that, "He was not nervous once he had literally beaten me into submission; contrary, he was assured, commanding, and knew every step. He was very smooth, and knew exactly what he would do next."

An arraignment hearing was held on January 3, 2022, and a pre-trial conference is scheduled for February 21, 2023.

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## Case ID 1417: Durborow, Adam Antonio Spencer

Adam Antonio Spencer Durborow was arrested on October 10, 2020 and charged with the 2011 murder of 64-year-old Sherry Black in Salt Lake City, Utah. Black had been working in her bookstore, B&W Billiard and Books on November 30, 2011, when she was robbed and murdered by an intruder.

Durborow is charged with aggravated murder, aggravated burglary, and desecration of a human body, as there appears to have been a violent post-mortem sexual assault.

A small amount of blood was collected at the scene and developed into a DNA profile of the suspect. There were no hits in CODIS. Familial searching of Utah DNA databases also turned up no hits.

The FGG investigation in this case was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs, who had analyzed the DNA and produced a phenotypic profile of the suspect in 2017. Ancestry analysis at that time indicated that the suspect had about 46% West African heritage, and about 1/3 northern European heritage. Police used surveillance followed by surreptitious sampling to make the initial confirmation of the results of the FGG investigation.

Durborow was convicted of attempted rape and aggravated assault in May of 2006 when he was 14 years old. He spent time in juvenile detention for this offence, for which he was also ordered to provide a DNA sample, but it is unknown if this took place.

Durborow had a very difficult upbringing. His adoptive father had served time in federal

prison for child sexual offences and a large child pornography operation, which he ran out of a studio in the home where he lived with Durborow and his siblings. Law enforcement authorities report that Durborow confessed to committing the crime during police interviews.

Durborow pled guilty to aggravated murder in the Salt Lake 3<sup>rd</sup> District Court on Monday October 4, 2021. He was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole on February 23, 2022.

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## **Case ID 1098: Dusseault, Matthew Norman**

Matthew Norman Dusseault, 21, was arrested on July 18, 2018 and charged with first-degree murder in the death of 81-year-old Constance Gaultier in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. Gaultier was stabbed to death in her home on March 23, 2016. There were 76 stab wounds on her head and upper body. She was found under the mattress in her bedroom, which was covered in blood spatter. Tyler Grenon, 20, a neighbour of Gaultier's who discovered her body, was originally arrested on murder and conspiracy charges as well, but these were later dismissed for lack of evidence.

The DNA profiles were reportedly obtained from touch DNA, or skin cells, making this one of the few FGG cases to use touch DNA to generate a suspect's profile. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs.

Dusseault has pled not guilty, and is being held without bail. His case is pending in the Providence County Superior Court.

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## **Case ID 1095: Earhart, James Otto**

James Otto Earhart has been identified as the lead suspect in the December 1, 1981 murder of 40-year-old Virginia Freeman in College Station, Texas. This case was closed by exception due to death of Earhart, who was executed in 1999 for the murder of Kandy Kirtland.

On the day of Freeman's murder, an unknown man had phoned the real estate agency where she worked looking to buy a house. She went to the house to show it to the prospective client and did not return. She was found in the

home later that evening by her worried colleagues. She had been strangled, stabbed in the neck, and bludgeoned to death.

A DNA profile was obtained from tissues under Freeman's fingernails. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs, who had performed forensic phenotyping in 2017 as part of a documentary special about facial reconstruction for National Geographic. The initial confirmation of the match was accomplished through DNA provided by Earhart's son. A court order was then obtained to exhume Earhart's body and obtain a DNA profile sufficient to be entered into CODIS. At the date of writing, Earhart has not yet been identified as the lead suspect in any other criminal offence.

Earhart was executed at age 56, on August 11, 1999, in Huntsville, Texas for the murder of 9-year-old Kandy Kirtland. She had been kidnapped and murdered while walking home from the school bus. This crime took place on 2 May 1987, several years after Virginia Freeman's murder.

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#### Case ID 1737: Edwards, Robert

Robert Edwards, 67, was arrested on August 5, 2022, for the June 3, 1991 rape and murder of 30-year-old Alma Lake in Urbancrest, Ohio. Two passers-by found Lake's body lying on the grass near a street corner. She was naked, bound, and had been sexually assaulted before being strangled to death.

A DNA profile of the suspect was developed, but there were no hits in CODIS. The case was reopened in 2020. There is presently no information on who conducted the FGG investigation. The initial confirmation was made through surreptitious DNA sampling, followed by a warrant to confirm that Edwards' DNA profile was consistent with that found on Lake's body.

Edwards' DNA has also matched a suspect profile found on the body of Michelle Dawson, who was murdered in similar circumstances. Her remains were found on November 11, 1996 about 50 miles east of where Lake was killed. The investigation into this case is ongoing, and charges in this case may be forthcoming.

The investigation was also furthered by a victim who was assaulted by an unknown male a few days after Lake's murder. Edwards cannot be charged in her case, as the statute of limitation on sexual assault has expired.

Edwards is facing charges of aggravated murder in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.

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#### Case ID 1342: Edwards, Robert Dale:

Robert Dale Edwards has been identified as the lead suspect in the February 27, 1973 rape and murder of 57-year-old Naomi Sanders in Vallejo, California. The case was cleared by exception, as Edwards died in 1993 of a drug overdose.

Sanders was strangled to death in a violent home invasion rape. She appeared to have been cooking dinner when she was attacked. In 2014, a DNA profile of the suspect was obtained from semen found on her clothing and entered into CODIS. Familial searching was also performed in 2016. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs.

There was another lead in the case. Police traveled to Louisiana and surreptitiously sampled his DNA, and he was eliminated as a suspect. Edwards was then the sole remaining suspect, but he had been cremated. The DNA match to Edwards was confirmed by comparison with a living child of his.

Edwards had a criminal history for violent offences. His father had been a co-worker of Sanders and so he may have known her.

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### **Case ID 1632-1635: Ervin, Joe Michael**

On January 28, 2022, authorities identified Joe Michael Ervin as the lead suspect in four cold case homicides in Denver, Colorado, that took place between 1978 and 1980. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Ervin.

Authorities state that the killings were sexually motivated. The victims are as follows:

Madeline Furey-Livaudais, 33, was killed on December 7, 1978. She was stabbed to death in her home in Denver.

Delores Barajas, 53, was killed on August 10, 1980. She was stabbed to death on the street, near the 500 block of East 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Denver.

Gwendolyn Harris, 27, was murdered on December 21, 1980. She was stabbed to death in the street near Andrews Drive and East 47<sup>th</sup> Street in Denver.

Antoinette Parks, age 17, was murdered on January 24, 1981. She was stabbed to death in the street near Broadway and 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Denver.

Officers state that DNA profiles of the suspect were obtained, and the four cases linked together, sometime between 2013 and 2018. The FGG investigation was conducted by the Denver Police Crime Laboratory. The final confirmation was made by exhuming Ervin’s body from a cemetery in Arlington, Texas, and comparing his DNA to that found at the above crime scenes.

Ervin had a history of violence. He was first indicted at age 17 for a murder that took place in October of 1969 in Tarrant County. He was accused of killing 21-year-old Rodney Gene Bonham, but fled to Colorado. There, he was indicted for rape and murder charges, but was released twice on bond.

On June 27, 1981 he killed Debra Sue Corr, a patrol officer in Aurora, with her own service revolver during a routine traffic stop. A 19-year-old bystander who tried to help Corr was also shot, but survived. Ervin was taken into custody. He committed suicide while awaiting trial. He was 30 years old.

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### Case ID 1223: Field, Eugene Carroll

Eugene Carroll Field was identified as the lead suspect in the February 29, 1968 rape and murder of 60-year-old Gwen Vivian Miller in Rapid City, South Dakota. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Field.

Miller was a pharmacist, and when she failed to show up for work at a local hospital, her co-workers went to her home to look for her. She had been beaten and sexually assaulted. She had broken bones in her neck and ribs and is thought to have died from strangulation. Miller had earned her Pharmacy degree from South Dakota State University (then South Dakota State College) and was the Head Pharmacist at the Bennett-Clarkson Memorial Hospital.

A DNA profile of the offender was developed from semen in 2018. The FGG investigation was conducted by Colleen Fitzpatrick of Identifinders.

Eugene Carroll Field died in 2009 of throat cancer, from a tumour that likely blocked his breathing. Confirmation to crime scene DNA was provided by a full sibling – a living brother of Field. Field had lived in the area at the time of Miller's murder, and former partners report that he was abusive towards them.

Michael Beckers, the owner of Beckers Pharmacy, was long the main suspect in this case, as he had made advances towards Miller which she had rejected. He was widely believed to be responsible for the murder by the police and within the community. He was cleared only years later through DNA, along with about 25 other suspects after the profile was developed in 2018.

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### **Case ID 1639-1642: Fields, Jeffrey P.**

Jeffrey P. Fields, then 36, was arrested on July 21, 2020 for the rapes of four women at Pennsylvania State University between 2010 and 2017 in State College, Pennsylvania.

The first attack took place on August 22, 2010. A 20-year-old Penn State student was attacked in the Apple Valley area in the early morning hours.

A 19-year-old woman was attacked in the late-night hours on January 28, 2011, after leaving a party in the Fraternity Row area. She got into a vehicle with her assailant who promised her a ride home. He struck her in the face and then raped her.

A 20-year-old woman was attacked on April 3, 2011, while walking home. She was dragged into a bush area and hit and raped

repeatedly. She was found unconscious in the bushes.

The fourth attack took place on July 16, 2017, when a 19-year-old woman was walking home and was attacked, pushed against a wall and raped. She then managed to escape her attacker.

DNA samples were collected from the victims at the hospital. The attacks were linked to a single perpetrator through a DNA profile developed from the sexual assault kits. There were no hits to the CODIS database. There is no data as to who performed the FGG investigation. The initial confirmation was made to the suspect's parents. Fields is their only child.

Fields worked in the State College area. On March 10, 2022, Fields pled guilty to 14 charges in relation to the four assaults in Centre County Court. On July 8, 2022, Fields was sentenced to 29 years imprisonment for the rape of the four women.

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### **Case ID 1111: Fleming, Luke Edward**

Luke Edward Flemming was arrested on September 19, 2018 and charged in the March 29, 1999 rape and murder of 47-year-old Deborah Dalzell in Sarasota, Florida. An accountant and attorney, Dalzell was raped and murdered by an assailant who broke into her home. Dalzell had been battered, gaged with a sock, and strangled with a T-shirt. Her head was submerged in the tub in the master bedroom, with the water left running. Blood and semen were collected at the scene.

DNA samples from semen collected during her autopsy were used to create a DNA profile of the suspect. The FGG investigation was conducted by DNA Labs International. The initial confirmation of the match was made through one of Fleming's children.

Fleming was convicted after a jury trial in February of 2020. He admitted that the DNA evidence was correct but claimed that the sex

was consensual. He testified in his own defence, stating that he had consensual sexual relations with Dalzell in his car after having met her at a bar that evening. Dalzell's sister testified that she had spoken to Dalzell that evening, and that she was tired and was at home working on her sister's taxes.

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#### **Case ID 1785: Follette, Jason**

Fifty-six-year-old Jason Follette was arrested on November 9, 2022 for the August 11, 1996 rape of a 21-year-old woman in Hancock, Maine. The woman was sexually assaulted by an unknown suspect who broke into her apartment.

A DNA profile of the suspect was developed from evidence left at the crime scene. A "John Doe Warrant" was issued by District Attorney Michael Povich just before the statute of limitations was about to expire. This is the first time that charges have been filed in Maine using a John Doe Warrant.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Maine State Police, beginning in 2022.

Follette is facing a charge of sexual assault in the Hancock County Superior Court, and is being held in the Hancock County Jail. He is a suspect in four or five similar sexual assaults that took place in Hancock County. Those investigations are continuing, and further charges may be forthcoming.

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#### **Case ID 1480: Foreman, Clayton**

Clayton Bernard Foreman was arrested on April 29, 2021 for the January 13, 1995 murder of Mary Catherine Edwards in Beaumont, Texas. Edwards, a popular elementary school teacher, had been handcuffed, sexually assaulted, and drowned in her bathtub. She was found by her parents the next day, when they went to her home to check on her because she was not answering her phone.

A DNA profile of the suspect was developed from semen found on Edwards' body. There is currently no information on who conducted the FGG investigation. Investigators state that they obtained voluntary DNA samples from

30 relatives in targeted kinship testing to draw out the family tree. Investigators narrowed down the suspect pool to Foreman and his brother. As Foreman had a previous conviction for a similar sexual assault in 1981, investigators focused on him. The initial confirmation was made to the crime scene DNA through the surreptitious sampling of items from Foreman's garbage.

Both of Foreman's known victims were high school acquaintances who were sexually assaulted in their homes. During the 1981 sexual assault, Foreman claimed to be a police officer.

Foreman was detained in Franklin County, Ohio, and was extradited to Jefferson County, where he is facing a charge of capital murder in Jefferson County Criminal District Court.

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#### Case ID 1646: Forte, James Paul

James Paul Forte was identified on February 10, 2022, as the lead suspect in the March 18, 1964 rape and murder of 9-year-old Marise Ann Chiverella in Hazelton, Pennsylvania. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Forte.

Chiverella had been abducted by an unknown man while walking to school. She was raped and strangled. Her body was found in a waste coal pit later that day.

DNA was collected from semen found on Chiverella's jacket. The FGG investigation was conducted by Eric Schubert, a history student at Elizabethtown College, and his company ES Genealogy. Schubert, a practitioner of genetic genealogy since he was a young boy, volunteered his time to build out the offender's family trees. One family member, who is a state police captain in New Jersey, provided DNA to help narrow the field, and other family members provided family research that they had performed. The final confirmation was made by exhuming Forte's body in January of 2022 and

comparing his DNA with that found at the crime scene.

Forte died in May of 1980 at the age of about 39 – 16 years after killing Marise. He was about 22 years old at the time of the murder. Forte had been convicted of sexual assault in 1974, and served a year on probation.

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## **Case ID 1131-1134: Frampton, Frederick Lee Jr.**

Frederick Lee Frampton Jr. was arrested on November 1, 2018 and charged in a February 2, 2010 home invasion robbery and murder in Odenton, Maryland. During the course of the

robbery, three victims were bound and assaulted, including Margaret Ridgley, Donald Gagnon, and Kelly Skarwecki. Michael Temple was shot multiple times while trying to fend off Frampton, while the other attacker, Johnathan Ludwig, beat and choked Ms. Ridgley. Temple was rendered a quadriplegic after the shooting. He lived in a wheelchair until he passed away from health complications in June of 2015.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon. Investigators put Frampton under surveillance and surreptitiously collected DNA from a cigarette butt and a coffee cup that he had discarded at a 7-11 store in Crofton.

Frampton pled guilty to first-degree murder. The second suspect, Johnathan Ludwig, was also identified, but he had passed away.

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### Case ID 1653: Freeman, Thomas O.

On February 25, 2022, police announced that Thomas O. Freeman was the lead suspect in the murder of 32-year-old Lee Rotatori on June 25, 1982, in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Freeman.

Rotatori had just moved to the area a few days before for a new job as a food service director at the Jennie Edmundson Hospital and was still staying at a local Best Western Hotel. Her boss phoned the hotel after she failed to show up for work. Staff checked on her in her room, and they found her deceased. She had been sexually assaulted and stabbed to death.

A DNA profile from evidence collected from the hotel room was first developed in 2001 and entered into law enforcement databases, but no leads were produced. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs, beginning in April of 2019, with the assistance of Eric Schubert of ES Genealogy. The initial matches were to 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> cousins, which is not close enough for an identification. Eventually, Freeman's great-grandparent was identified, and the case was able to progress. Several family members provided samples as part of targeted kinship testing. The final confirmation was made to Freeman's daughter.

Freeman, then 35, died shortly after Rotatori's murder, having been murdered himself. He was shot several times, and buried in a

shallow grave outside of Cobden, Illinois. His killer has never been identified. He worked as a trucker.

After the DNA profile was developed in 2001, police began asking possible suspects to provide DNA samples, but all were cleared of involvement in Rotatori's murder.

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## **Case ID 1655: Gadlin, Sharron Eugene**

Sharron Eugene Gadlin, 48, was arrested and charged with the April 24, 1994, murder of 39-year-old Cheri Huss in Desert Hot Springs, California. Huss was found dead on the floor of her apartment by her parents. She had been bitten and died from multiple stab wounds. She had fought against her attacker, whose blood was also found at the crime scene. Investigators believe that she was killed sometime after 10:00 pm the evening before.

A DNA profile was obtained from saliva collected from a bite mark on Huss' body. The profile matched the blood found in Huss' home. There were no hits in CODIS to this DNA profile.

There is currently no information on who conducted the FGG investigation. Investigators obtained a warrant on February 14, 2022, to test Gadlin's DNA against the DNA profile developed from the crime scene.

Gadlin is facing charges of first-degree murder in Riverside County. He lived in Thousand Palms around the time of the murder, which is about 12 miles from Huss' home. Huss had told her parents shortly before her murder that someone was following her and calling her, and that she was afraid.

Gadlin has a minor criminal record for entering property, public intoxication, and DUI, all in 1999.

On March 25, 2022, Gadlin pleaded not guilty to all charges. He's currently held at Smith Correctional Facility on a \$1 million bond.

The next court date is scheduled for March 24 2023.

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### **Case ID 1841-1842: Garcia, Tony**

On February 9, 2023, 68 year old Tony Garcia was arrested and charged with the rape and murder of two women in 1981 in Oxnard, California.

The body of 20-year-old Rachel Zendejas was found by two newspaper boys - who were only 9 and 14 years old - on January 18, 1981. Zendejas was a single mother of two daughters. She had gone out the evening before her murder, and had just driven her babysitters home when she was attacked at about 6:30 am by her assailant in a car port near her home. She was a student at the Oxnard Community College. She had been raped and was killed by strangulation.

The body of 21-year-old Lisa Gondek was found on December 12, 1981. She had also been sexually assaulted and killed by strangulation.

A DNA profile of the suspect in Zendejas' case was developed in 2002. The cases were linked together in 2004 as having been committed by the same perpetrator when a DNA profiles of the suspect in Gondek's case was obtained and uploaded into the CODIS database.

The FGG investigation was conducted in partnership with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, although the organization who performed the FGG analysis has not yet been disclosed.

At the time of the murders, Garcia lived only a few miles from where the victims were found. He is reported to have been a long-time resident of the area.

Garcia is now facing two charges of first-degree murder with special circumstances in Ventura County Superior Court.

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## **Case ID 1177, 1494: Garner, Thomas Lewis**

Thomas Lewis Garner was arrested on March 13, 2019 and charged in the August 5, 1984 rape and murder of 25-year-old Pamela Cahanes in Sandford, Florida. Cahanes had been sexually assaulted, beaten and strangled, and left in an overgrown lot. She was a Navy recruit, and a student at the Orlando Naval Training Center.

A DNA profile was obtained from semen found on her underwear, and from tissue taken from under her fingernails. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs.

At a recent bond hearing, the defence admitted that there may have been sexual contact and that the semen might belong to Garner, but that it is not connected with her death. Garner himself has denied knowing Cahanes. They may have the Orlando Naval Training Center at the same time.

Garner took the stand in his own defence and stated that while he had sexual relations with Cahanes, he did not kill her. Garner was convicted of first-degree murder by a jury after less than two hours of deliberation in Seminole County on May 6, 2021. He was sentenced to life in prison.

On June 21, 2021, Garner was arrested for the September 19, 1982 murder of 25-year-old Kathy Warnette Hicks in Honolulu, Hawaii. After his arrest for Cahanes murder, his DNA was entered into CODIS and matched DNA taken from semen found in Hick's body. Hicks was an airline employee who was on a company retreat at the Ilikai Hotel at the time she was killed. She was last seen in the elevator going to the hotel pool with a man

named 'Tommy'. Her body was found by joggers the next morning along Nuuanu Pali Drive. She had most likely been thrown there from the roadway, and rolled down the embankment. Like Cahanes, she had been strangled and sexually assaulted. Garner had been stationed in Hawaii at the time of the murder. He is currently charged with second degree murder for the death of Hicks.

Garner is currently facing charges of second degree murder for the death of Hicks in Honolulu Circuit Court.

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### **Case ID 1138, 1208: Getreu, John Arthur**

John Arthur Getreu has been arrested and charged with two cold case murders. The first is the March 24, 1974 murder of 21-year-old Janet Ann Taylor in Woodside, California. Taylor, the daughter of a Stanford university

coach, was strangled with her own sweater while walking to her home near the Stanford campus.

Getreu is also charged with the February 13, 1973 murder of 21-year-old Leslie Marie Perlov in Santa Clara, California. Perlov's body was also found on the Stanford campus. She worked as a clerk at the Law Library in Palo Alto. She had been sexually assaulted and was strangled to death with her sister's scarf.

Getreu had been convicted in 1964 of the rape and murder of a 16-year-old girl in Germany where he lived while his father was stationed as a sergeant major in the U.S. army. The killing took place on June 8, 1963. The girl is reported to be the daughter of an Army chaplain at the base. Getreu was tried as a juvenile offender, and he returned to the U.S. after serving about 2 years of a 5-year sentence. He was also accused in a 1975 home invasion rape of a 17-year-old Palo Alto girl. He pled guilty to statutory rape and was given a sentence of six months in jail with 5 months suspended.

Diane Perlov, Perlov's sister, attended his bail hearing and asked the court that he be denied bail. She stated to Lee that, "While justice doesn't heal all wounds, it is the least we can do."

On September 14, 2021, a jury in San Mateo County found Getreu guilty of Taylor's murder after deliberating for about an hour.

Kahng reports that, "When called for comment about today's verdict, Getreu's only son Aaron Getreu asked to convey sympathy to Taylor's family and all his father's victims.

"My family had no clue about my father's past and have nothing but sympathy for all of his victims," he said. "We only knew him as a loving father and grandfather, but science doesn't lie. With this conviction I hope these families can now have closure."'"

Getreu pled guilty to the murder of Leslie Perlov in January of 2023. His sentencing hearing is scheduled for April 26, 2023.

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### Case ID 1349: Giese, Clayton Carl

Clayton Carl Giese has been identified as the suspect in the August 3, 1985 rape and murder of 12-year-old Marsi Leah Belecz in Spokane, Washington. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Giese.

Belecz had bought a new dress and a pair of jelly shoes to go to a party at her friends' house. Her father had been very upset at this,

since they were a strict family, and so she left for the party without permission. She never came home. Her body was found next day in a towing yard in an old neighbourhood near downtown Spokane. She had been raped, beaten, and stabbed more than two dozen times.

A DNA profile of the suspect was created through semen found on Belecz's body at her autopsy. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. Giese had died in a car accident in 1989. His body was exhumed to confirm the DNA match with the DNA sample recovered from Belecz.

At the time of Belecz's murder, there were several homeless camps along the Spokane River, and the men there became suspects. Police interviewed over 115 transient men, suspecting them of possible involvement in the little girl's death. About 87 suspects provided their DNA to police, and they were all eliminated.

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#### Case ID 1649: Gilham, Patrick Wayne

Patrick Wayne Gilham, 67, was arrested on February 17, 2022 for the February 20, 1987 murder of 30-year-old Roxanne Leigh Wood in Niles Township, Michigan. Wood had gone bowling that evening with her husband, Terry Wood, but they returned home separately. Roxanne arrived home first. When her husband came home about 45 minutes later, he found her body in the kitchen. She had been raped and stabbed repeatedly by an intruder. Her throat had been slit, which was likely the cause of death.

When the case was reopened in 2020, the only biological evidence that had been preserved were two vials of dried blood. The FGG investigation was conducted by Identifinders International. Identifinders states that this was a record-breaking investigation as it used the lowest-known amount of DNA to generate a usable profile for FGG – amounting to only a few cells belonging to the intruder – due to the DNA in the blood samples being highly degraded.

Gilham pled no contest to a charge of second-degree murder on March 18, 2022. Until that time, police did not release any details of the FGG investigation that led to his arrest. Gilham had been living in the area at the time

of Wood's murder. He is reported to have a lengthy criminal history, but it is not known at this time why his DNA profile was not in CODIS.

Roxeanne's husband, Terry Wood, was long thought to be a suspect in the case. It was not possible for him to be cleared until a DNA profile was finally obtained from the degraded blood sample taken at the crime scene. Vargas stated to Tollefson that, "He was the target of the investigation. He was their subject. And in it devastated the family, it tore them apart, it ruined his life."

Gilham was sentenced in Berrien County Court Criminal Division on March 19, 2022, to a minimum sentence of 23 years.

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#### Case ID 1488-1489: Gould, Kenneth

Kenneth Gould has been identified as the lead suspect in a double homicide in Great Falls, Montana. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Gould.

The body of Duane Bogle was found on January 3, 1956. He had been shot in the head, and his body was face down beside his car. His hands were tied behind his back with his belt. The body of Patty Kalitzke was found the following day on January 3, 1956. The pair had last been seen together on the evening of January 2<sup>nd</sup>, on a section of what is now Wadsworth Park that was then used as a lover's lane. It is thought that the killer shot Bogle, and then took Kalitzke several miles away, where she was sexually assaulted and shot. The autopsy report indicated that Kalitzke had suffered blunt force trauma consistent with a sexual assault.

A small amount of sperm was located on a slide of a vaginal sample taken from Kalitzke's body during her autopsy, and a DNA profile was developed by the state crime lab in 2001. There were no matches in CODIS. About 36 suspects, including serial killer Edward Wayne Edwards and mafia

enforcer “Whitey” Bulger, all of whom were ruled out as suspects after DNA testing.

Bode was able to develop a new DNA sample in 2019, which they then used for the FGG investigation. The final confirmation was made to the living children of Gould, who died in 2007 and was cremated.

Gould has no criminal record. He lived in the Great Falls and was known to ride horses in the area near where Kalitzke’s body was found. He sold the family’s property and left the area about a month after the murders.

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#### Case ID 1605-1607: Graham, Thomas

Thomas Graham was identified on December 16, 2021, as the lead suspect in three cold case sexual assaults that took place in the 1990s in Cleveland, Ohio.

The first victim was a 25-year-old woman who was attacked on June 7, 1994, when Graham picked her up in his vehicle near Madison Avenue. He then drove her to an alley where he sexually assaulted her at knifepoint. A SAK was obtained from the victim at the hospital. It has been reported that the victim had met Graham briefly two weeks earlier.

The second victim was a 20-year-old woman who was attacked on November 24, 1994, when Graham approached her as she walked down the street near West 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Clark Avenue and forced her into his vehicle. He then drove her to a nearby location where he sexually assaulted her and then pushed her out of the vehicle. A SAK was obtained from the victim at the hospital.

The third victim was a 27-year-old woman who was attacked on August 30, 1998, when Graham picked her up in his vehicle near West 47<sup>th</sup> Street and Lorain Avenue. He

sexually assaulted her and stole \$40 before pushing her out of the vehicle. A SAK was obtained from the victim at the hospital.

A DNA profile from the SAKs was obtained and matched to a single suspect in 2013, but there were no hits in the CODIS database. The suspect, known as “John Doe #11” was chosen as one of 20 priority cases for the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor’s Office’s G.O.L.D. (Genetic Operations Linking DNA) Unit. The funding for this project was provided by the U.S. Department of Justice in October of 2020.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Barbara Rae-Venter of Gene By Gene. The initial confirmation was made through the surreptitious sampling of a close relative of Graham. The final confirmation was made after investigators obtained a warrant for tissue samples held at the Cleveland Clinic, where the suspect received treatment for pancreatic cancer.

Graham passed away from pancreatic cancer in October 2020, and a motion to dismiss the case due to his death was filed on December 16, 2021.

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#### Case ID 1195-1205: Green, Johnnie B. Jr.

Johnnie B. Green Jr., 48, has been identified as the lead suspect in a series of kidnappings and sexual assaults that took place in and around Fayetteville, North Carolina. He is charged with 12 sexual assaults that took place between June 2009 and November 2010.

The cases were linked through the DNA obtained from the victims’ sexual assault kits. The FGG investigation was FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs.

Green pled guilty in Cumberland County Superior Court and was sentenced on October 7, 2022 to 28 years and five months in prison. He will have register as a sex offender when he is released, and he will be monitored by satellite for 10 years.

Five victims testified in person, and two read out statements about how significant an impact their assaults had on their lives. One victim was on the phone with her mother when Green broke in and raped her.

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#### Case ID 1334: Green, Michael

Michael Green was arrested on February 11, 2020 and charged in the July 7, 1985 homicide of 54-year-old Jane Hylton in El Dorado Hills, California. Hylton, a well-known newspaper columnist, was stabbed to death in her home. She lived with her 13-year-old teenage daughter, a man named Ricky Davis, and Connie Dahl, who was then Davis' girlfriend.

The case was reopened in 1999, and a DNA profile was obtained from under Hylton's fingernails, as well as from saliva found in the area of a bite mark on her nightgown.

Ricky Davis was convicted of the murder in 2005, and he served almost 15 years of a 16-year-to-life sentence for second degree murder. He was convicted despite the fact that his DNA did not match the profile developed from Hylton's remains. His conviction had been based on the testimony of Connie Dahl, who stated that she helped Davis commit the murder.

Davis had been granted a re-trial, and he was being held in custody. He was only freed when Green was identified as the suspect who matches the crime scene DNA profile. Davis was exonerated with the assistance of the Northern California Innocence Project.

Green was 17 years old at the time of the murder. The case against him is pending in El Dorado County Superior Court.

Green plead no contest to second degree murder, and on October 27, 2022, he was sentenced to 15 years to life.

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### Case ID 1674-1677: Greenwell, Harry Edward: Days-Inn Killer

On April 5, 2022, Indiana State Police identified Harry Edward Greenwell as the lead suspect in a series of rape-murders that took place in along the I-65 highway between Indiana and Kentucky, from 1987 to 1990. He raped and murdered three women who were working alone at motels along the highway. He became known as the ‘I-65’ or ‘Days-Inn’ killer. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Greenwell.

The first victim was 41-year-old Vicky Heath, whose body was found on February 21, 1987, disposed of near a trash bin behind a Super 8 Motel in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. She had been raped and murdered. She was killed by two gunshots to her head.

The second victim was 24-year-old Margaret Gill, who was raped and murdered on March 3, 1989, while working the night shift at the

Days Inn in Merryville, Indiana. She was also shot in the head.

The third victim was 34-year-old Jeanne Gilbert, who was raped and murdered on the same night while working at the Days Inn in Remington, Indiana. Her body was found on the side of the road in White County, about 50 miles from where she was abducted. She was also killed by a gunshot to the head. The killer also stole some money from the hotels.

On January 2, 1990, the attacker raped a 21-year-old woman working at a Days Inn in Columbus, Ohio. She survived the attack, and was able to provide police with enough information to produce a composite sketch of the suspect.

Police were able to link the bullets used to kill Gill and Gilbert to the same gun. In 2019, the case was reopened, and a DNA profile was able to be produced from evidence collected from the crime scenes. There is currently no information as to who performed the FGG investigation. The final confirmation was made through kinship testing of a living family member.

Greenwell had an extensive criminal record. He was convicted of armed robbery in 1963, for which he received a sentence of two years followed by five years of probation. He was also convicted of sodomy in 1965, and he served four years in Kentucky State Penitentiary until his parole in 1969. He then served a sentence in Iowa for burglary. He escaped twice from prison, finally being released in 1983 – four years before the I-65 killings began.

He died of cancer in January of 2013 at the age of 68. Johnson reports that he was

described by family in his obituary as, “a man with many friends who loved his straight-up attitude, and his willingness to help anyone. His spirit will live on in many by good deeds he offered.” Police are investigating whether he is linked to more unsolved rapes and homicides in the Midwest.

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### Case ID 1784: Greffard, Guy

On October 13, 2022, 65-year-old Guy Greffard was arrested by the Edmonton Police Service for the July 9, 1981 rape of a 15-year-old girl in Edmonton, Alberta.

The girl was sexually assaulted by an unknown male while walking home across a school field in northeast Edmonton. The file

was reopened in February of 2018 by the Historical Crimes Unit, and the RCMP Lab was able to develop a DNA profile of the suspect. There were no hits to Canada's National DNA Data Bank. Police then turned to FGG, beginning in 2021.

There is currently no information on who conducted the FGG investigation, or how the initial confirmation was made.

Greffard was arrested in Kelvington, Saskatchewan. He is facing charges of rape and gross indecency in the Alberta Provincial Court.

The Edmonton Police Service has stated that they have used FGG on five police files thus far, including a robbery, a human remains identification, and two other sexual assaults. This is the first to result in charges. The results of the other investigations have not been made public.

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#### Case ID 1796: Gribble, Dennis

Dennis Gribble, 72, was arraigned on November 29, 2022 for the August 8, 1997 rape of a 9-year-old boy in Brooklyn, Ohio. Gribble approached the boy, telling him that his son needed help. He then led the boy into the woods, where he forced him on his stomach and sexually assaulted him.

A DNA profile of the suspect was taken from a sexual assault kit. There were no matches in CODIS, and the suspect was indicted as "John Doe #147 in order to prevent the statute of limitations from expiring.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Gene By Gene in partnership with the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office and its G.O.L.D. (Genetic Operations Linking DNA) Team.

Gribble is facing charges of rape in the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. He has been released on home arrest with GPS monitoring.

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### **Case ID 1428: Griffin, Lou Archie**

Lou Archie Griffin was identified as the lead suspect in the August 12, 1986 rape and murder of 22-year-old Lisa Holstead in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Holstead’s body was found by construction workers near what is now the Ken Euers Nature Park in Green Bay. She had been sexually assaulted and strangled. She was last seen and getting out of her boyfriend’s car at around 2:30 am after leaving a family gathering.

A DNA profile of the suspect was obtained from semen recovered from the crime scene. There is currently no information on who conducted the FGG investigation. Police performed surreptitious sampling of Griffin’s DNA using a beer can and a cigarette butt that he discarded.

The case against Griffin is pending in Brown County Circuit Court. At first, he admitted

that the DNA is his, and that he had sex with the victim, but he denied killing her. He stated to police that he was drunk and high on cocaine at the time. In September of 2022, the defence was permitted by the court to introduce evidence of an alternative suspect, which is reported to be Holstead’s boyfriend at the time she was killed.

However, on January 28, 2023, Griffin changed his plea to no contest in return for the charges being reduced to homicide by reckless conduct, a Class C felony. Griffin’s trial was to begin on January 27, 2023. He reached a plea agreement with prosecutors whereby he would plead no contest to a charge of homicide by reckless conduct. His sentencing is scheduled for March 27, 2023.

Griffin has previously been convicted of a sexual assault on a child and was on parole for this offence at the time of the murder.

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## **Case ID 1765: Groshart, Jason**

Jason Groshart, 49, was arrested on October 4, 2022 for a March 30, 2004 home invasion rape in Denver, Colorado.

There is currently no information on who conducted the FGG investigation. Police have not stated if surreptitious sampling was used, only that his DNA was obtained, and that a direct comparison was made with the suspect DNA collected from the crime scene.

The investigation was conducted by the Denver PD in cooperation with the FBI, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, and the Denver Integrated Cold Case Project of the Denver District Attorney's Office. The investigation was funded by a Genetic Genealogy and Familial Match Searching grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance in 2020.

Groshart was detained in Sedalia, Missouri and is being extradited to Colorado. He is facing charges of first-degree sexual assault, first-degree burglary, and second-degree kidnapping in Denver County Court.

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#### **Case ID 1154: Guerrero, Russell Anthony**

Russell Anthony Guerrero was arrested on January 17, 2019, and charged in the December 17, 1990 murder of 30-year-old Jack Upton in Fremont, California. Upton was reported missing when he did not show up for work. He was found brutally murdered in his residence, and his vehicle – a 1985 Nissan – was stolen but was later found abandoned in a shopping mall in Thousand Oaks.

A DNA profile of the suspect was obtained from blood found in the apartment and in the Nissan. No hits to the suspect's profile were found in CODIS. Police made the initial confirmation by surveillance followed by the surreptitious sampling of his DNA.

The case against Guerrero is pending in Alameda County Superior Court. He had a preliminary hearing on January 25, 2023.

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#### **Case ID 1324: Gurule, Angel**

Angel Gurule was arrested on January 16, 2020 and charged in a sexual assault that took place in Albuquerque, New Mexico on Christmas Eve of 2015. A woman was jogging along a trail near the Rio Grande when she was tackled from behind, overpowered, and sexually assaulted twice. She went to a rape crisis centre and a sexual assault kit was taken.

A DNA profile of the suspect was obtained from the sexual assault kit and uploaded into CODIS but there were no hits. The Bernalillo County District Attorney received a federal

grant from the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative to use genealogy to locate suspects in cases such as this one. There is currently no information as to who conducted the FGG investigation.

Investigators identified Gurule through a second cousin in California who uploaded his DNA to GEDmatch. Police surveillance of Gurule followed by surreptitious sampling of a cup was used to make the initial confirmation with the crime scene DNA.

Gurule pled guilty to two counts of sexual penetration and received a sentence of 12 years in prison followed by probation and parole.

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#### Case ID 1308: Hall, Frank Arthur

In December of 2020, Windsor Police announced that they had identified a lead suspect in the 1971 rape and murder of 6-year-old Ljubica Topic in Windsor, Ontario. On February 7, 2023, they announced that the name of the suspect is Frank Arthur Hall.

On the afternoon of May 14, 1971, an unknown male had approached Ljubica and her 8-year-old brother, offering her some money to walk with him. He offered her brother money to ride his bike elsewhere – the last thing the boy saw was his sister walking down Drouillard Road holding the man’s hand. He went and told his mother and a search for the little girl was immediately launched. Her body was found in a nearby alley about four hours later.

Active for almost 50 years, this is one of the oldest cases solved by FGG. There is no information on who conducted the FGG investigation.

Windsor Police announced on December 9, 2019 that they had solved this case, but they refused to reveal the name of the suspect as he is deceased and will not be prosecuted. They also claim that he moved to a province in Western Canada. Windsor Police confirmed they had used FGG on October 23, 2020, after the Toronto PD confirmed that they had used this method to identify Calvin Hoover as the lead suspect in the murder of Christine Jessop.

The decision of the Windsor Police to keep the names of the killers of Ljubica Topic and Carol Christou confidential was strongly criticized. Windsor Police cited the *Municipal Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act*, that a person has privacy interests for 30 years after their death. Since the suspect in this case passed away only recently, there are suspicions that he may have had other victims.

On February 7, 2023, Windsor police finally revealed that Frank Arthur Hall is the lead suspect in this case, and that he died in February of 2019. He lived less than 2 miles from Topic's home at the time of the murder. He then moved to Edmonton, where he lived for the rest of his life. Police state that they reviewed their earlier decision to conceal the name of the lead suspect, and that they decided to overturn it; they further state that they will look at revealing this information on a case-by-case basis, and have no formal policy in place.

Windsor Police have also stated that there were more than 500 persons of interest in the case over the years. Now that they have released the name of the lead suspect in the case, other suspects can finally be publicly cleared of suspicion.

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#### Case ID 1192: Hand, Jeffrey Lynn

Jeffrey Lynn Hand was identified as the lead suspect in the September 16, 1972 murder of 19-year-old Pamela Millam in Terre Haute, Indiana. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Hand.

Millam was a student at ISU who did not return home for the weekend on Friday. Her father and sister searched the campus for her, and they found her body in the trunk of her car. Millam had been beaten, bound and gagged. She was determined to have been strangled to death.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. In 2009, familial DNA testing was requested, but not approved. The initial confirmation was made with one of Hand's sons.

Less than a year after the murder of Millam, Hand was tried for another murder. He was accused of abducting a pair of hitchhikers – a husband and wife – along the I-70 in 1973. He murdered the husband and kidnapped the wife, but she escaped. Hand was acquitted at trial on grounds of insanity and he spent a short period of time in a mental facility. He was released in 1976.

He tried to abduct another woman in the Markland Mall shopping centre in 1978. He was killed in a shootout with police, after having shot an officer who responded to the kidnapping. He was 28 years old at the time.

The police's main suspect in the murder of Millam was not Hand but a man named Robert Wayne Austin. DNA tests were only able to rule him out as a suspect in 2001.

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#### Case ID 1500-1501: Harris, Dwight Arthur

Dwight Arthur Harris was arrested on July 2, 2021 for two home invasion rapes in Orlando, Florida that took place in 2002. The assailant became known as the 'Woodline Rapist.' He would break into the women's homes and wait for them to return. He would then take them to a nearby wooded area, just beyond the treeline, where he would sexually assault them.

The first assault took place on February 1, 2002. He kidnapped the woman at knifepoint and forced her behind a dumpster where he sexually assaulted her. He then took her to a nearby wooded area where he sexually assaulted her again. He made her put her pants on her head to stifle her crying and told her to remain in the woods while he left, or he would come back and hurt her.

The second assault took place on July 10, 2002, when a woman was kidnapped at about 3:30 am after returning from a night out with friends. A blue towel was placed over her face while she was taken to a bushy area nearby and sexually assaulted. She was forced to lie face down while he departed. She then gathered up her clothing and returned to her apartment.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Genetic Genealogy Investigations Team. The investigation was narrowed down to four brothers as possible suspects. The final conformation was made when investigators obtained a warrant to take a DNA profile from Harris.

Harris had been charged with a misdemeanour domestic assault against his wife in 2004. Harris had been investigated for an armed sexual assault in 2011 but the complainant, a sex worker, declined to press charges. As a result of this investigation, Orange County authorities have decided to store evidence in sexual assault cases for 50 years.

Harris was still living in Orlando and working as a delivery driver at the time of his arrest. He is described as a very pleasant family man. He is facing two charges of sexual battery in Orange County. Police state that they are investigating whether Harris is responsible for other sexual assaults, but no further charges have been laid as yet.

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#### Case ID 1467: Harris, John Jr.

John Harris Jr. was arrested on 25 February 2021 for the rape and attempted murder of a woman in San Mateo, California. On February 4, 1989, an unknown male broke into the victim's home just after 4:00 am in the morning and raped her at knifepoint. He strangled her and slashed her throat, but she survived.

There is no information about who conducted the investigation. The San Mateo Police Department stated that they were assisted in the investigation by the Manteca Police Department and the FBI.

The charges against Harris are pending in the San Mateo Superior Court.

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#### Case ID 1093: Hartman, Gary

Gary Hartman was arrested on June 20, 2018 and charged with the March 26, 1986 rape and murder of 12-year-old Michella Welch in Tacoma, Washington.

Welch had been spending the afternoon with her two younger sisters in Puget Park. She went home to make them sandwiches, when she returned with lunch her sisters had left the park to use the restroom. Welch was last seen looking for her sisters. She was found by a tracking dog at 11:30 pm that night in a fire pit area. She had been sexually assaulted and her throat had been cut.

This murder was long thought to be linked to the similar murder of 13-year-old Jennifer Bastian, but DNA testing in 2013 showed that two different men killed the girls.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. Hartman and a brother were both identified as possible suspects. Investigators made the initial confirmation through surveillance and the surreptitious sampling of a napkin Hartman had used and discarded at a restaurant.

Hartman is described as a nurse and a family man with no criminal record.

On March 22, 2022, Hartman was found guilty on all charges at a bench trial before a judge alone in Pierce County Superior Court. He was sentenced to 26 years and 6 months in prison.

A victim impact statement submitted by Michella's aunt read, "Even though it took 32 years to arrest Gary Hartman the hole is still there. We will never get Michella back but the arrest of Gary Hartman and bringing him to trial is a sad win for our family."

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#### **Case ID 1404-1409: Hawkins, David Thomas**

David Thomas Hawkins was arrested on August 19, 2020 and charged with four sexual assaults in Dallas, Texas, and two in Shreveport, Louisiana. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Hawkins.

One assault in Dallas occurred in 1985, the others took place from December 1982 to April 1985. The women had been raped at gun point in their homes. The two assaults in Louisiana took place in 1980. There were

several serial rapists operating in northeast Dallas in the 1980s, a time when sexual assaults in the city were three times the national average.

These cases were linked together through DNA profiles developed from the victim’s sexual assault kits. The FGG investigation was performed by the FBI’s Investigative Genealogy Unit, through funding from the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative. Investigators made the initial confirmation through surveillance followed by the surreptitious sampling of items Hawkins had discarded in his trash.

Hawkins had been convicted of rape in Fort Smith, Arkansas in 1973. He was sentenced to 30 years in jail, with 9 years suspended. He was paroled in 1977, when he moved to the Fort Worth area. The case against Hawkins for the rapes in Dallas is pending in Dallas County Criminal Court. There are currently no charges filed in the Louisiana cases, but the investigation is ongoing.

Throughout the course of the investigation, DNA samples were taken from several other suspects.

Hawkins pled guilty to the charges on August 27, 2021 and was sentenced to life in prison. One of the victims, Carrie Krejci, spoke at the sentencing hearing and stated that, despite the harm done to her, she had gone on to live a good life. Krejci had been instrumental in solving the case, asking police to reopen the investigation and test her evidence in 2005.

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#### **Case ID 1504: Hawkins, Terry Dean**

Terry Dean Hawkins was identified on June 14, 2021 as the lead suspect in the December 19, 1976 murder of 19-year-old Janet Stallcup

in Garden Grove, California. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Hawkins.

Stallcup, a nursing student, was last seen that evening on her way to a friend’s house. Her body was found eight days later in the front seat of her own vehicle, which had been abandoned outside of an apartment complex in Garden Grove, only about 2 ½ miles from her own home. Stallcup had been sexually assaulted and strangled.

DNA profiles of a male suspect were obtained in 2002 from swabs taken at the crime scene, and again in 2020 from material collected at Stallcup’s autopsy. There is currently no data on who performed the FGG investigation.

Hawkins himself had passed away about a year after Stallcup’s murder at the age of 23. He is reported to have died of a drug overdose in jail in Orange County. He is reported to have a criminal record for indecent exposure, as well as weapons and drug offences. He had also been charged with the rape and murder of a 30-year-old woman in Laguna Hills, but those charges were dropped. He is buried not far from Stallcup in the Forest Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Cypress, California.

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### **Case ID 1256-1260: Hayes, Robert: Daytona Beach Killer**

Robert Hayes was arrested on September 15, 2019 and charged in a series of murders that took place in Daytona Beach and West Palm Beach. The assailant was known as the Daytona Beach Killer.

The FGG investigation was performed under the leadership of CeCe Moore of Parabon Nanolabs and Lori Napolitano of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). The four Daytona Beach murders are linked forensically through ballistics – a .40 caliber Smith & Wesson, and there is DNA from two of the crime scenes. The initial confirmation was made through the surreptitious sampling of a cigarette butt Hayes had discarded.

Hayes is charged in the December 24, 2005 murder of 45-year-old LaQuetta Gunther in Daytona Beach. She was assaulted and shot in the head while kneeling down.

He is also charged in the death of 34-year-old Julie Green in Daytona Beach. Green had been shot and her body was found in a ditch about 3 weeks after Gunther's body was found.

He is charged in the February 24, 2006 murder of 35-year-old Iwana Patton in Daytona Beach. She was helping babysit her niece's children when she went home to get some clothes and never returned.

He is also charged in the March 7, 2016 murder of 32-year-old Rachel Elizabeth Bey in West Palm Beach. Bey had been beaten and strangled. Her body was found on Beeline Highway, near Jupiter, Florida. DNA recovered from her body has matched the DNA found on two of the Daytona Beach victims, Gunther, and Green. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty in these cases.

Hayes is not currently charged with the murder of 30-year-old Stacey Gage. There is a lack of physical evidence tying Hayes to Gage's death, due to the advanced state of decomposition of her remains. Her body was found on January 2, 2008, but investigators think she was killed sometime in late 2007.

A homeless man named David Lindsay was arrested on June 10, 2006 and detained for about 10 days until he was cleared by DNA testing.

Beginning in February 2008, police began requesting that all arrestees voluntarily provide DNA samples to further the investigation into the Daytona Beach Killer. This move was controversial, and civil liberties lawyers and the ACLU raised objections to this practice. It is not known

how many DNA samples were taken in this manner.

Hayes was convicted of the murders of LaQuetta Gunther, Julie Green, and Iwana Patton by a jury in Volusia County on February 22, 2022. On March 2, 2022, Hayes was sentenced to three consecutive life sentences. Prosecutors had sought the death penalty. However, the jury could not come to a unanimous decision on the death penalty, which is a requirement in Florida for its imposition.

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### **Case ID 1106: Henslick, Michael**

Michael Henslick was arrested on August 28, 2018 and charged with murder and aggravated assault in the 2009 death of 23-year-old Holly Cassano in Champaign, Illinois.

Cassano was found dead in her mobile home in Mahomet, Illinois on November 2, 2009. She had been stabbed around 60 times with a weapon that is thought to be a kitchen steak knife. DNA from an unknown male was collected at several places in the mobile home, as well as from Cassano's body.

The FGG investigation was undertaken by Parabon Nanolabs. Police made the initial confirmation through surveillance and the surreptitious sampling of DNA from cigarettes he discarded.

When first arrested in August of 2018, Henslick stated he had consensual sex with Cassano that evening, and afterwards he had stabbed her in a fit of rage and had intercourse with her remains – a confession

that the judge admitted at his trial. Henslick himself did not testify at his trial.

He was convicted by a jury in February 2020 of first-degree murder accompanied by exceptional brutality or wanton cruelty and sentenced to life in prison.

Henslick had been convicted of a drug offence and ordered to provide a DNA sample, but he refused to do so, and absconded several times from probation. He also absconded on two felony domestic assault charges.

Before Henslick was identified, the DNA profile obtained from the crime scene was compared to 190 suspects, all of whom were excluded after providing police with their DNA.

Henslick was sentenced to life without parole in June of 2020. In September of 2020, a judge denied Henslick a reduction of this sentence.

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### **Case ID 1236-1245: Hessler, Steven Ray**

Steven Ray Hessler was identified as the lead suspect in a series of violent home invasion rapes in Shelbyville and Shelby County, Indiana in the early 1980s. He also tied up a male victim, and severely beat him on his head with his gun and sexually assaulted his wife; the man suffered brain damage and permanent disability as a result of this attack.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Paragon Nanolabs. Investigators made the initial confirmation through the surreptitious sampling of DNA from the envelope of Ray's utility bill.

Hessler was previously convicted of rape in 1990, an offence for which he served about 9 years.

Hessler was convicted on all charges by a jury on March 4, 2022, after an 8-day trial in Shelby County. He was sentenced on April 1, 2022, to 650 years in prison for 6 counts of rape, 9 counts of unlawful deviate conduct, seven counts of burglary causing bodily harm, and one count of robbery.

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### **Case ID 1828-1830: Higgins, Elliott L.**

On February 2, 2023, Elliott L. Higgins was identified by the Tuscaloosa Police Department as the lead suspect in three sexual assaults that took place between 1991 and 2004. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Higgins.

In August of 1991, a 19-year-old student at the University of Alabama was returning to her car when a man kidnapped her at knifepoint. He forced her into the back of his vehicle and then drove her to a separate location where he sexually assaulted her. He then rifled through her purse and read her identification. He then threatened that he would find her and kill her if she reported the assault.

In 2001, a realtor received a phone call at her agency in Tuscaloosa from a man using a pay phone. He asked her to show him a home. Once there, he raped her at knifepoint and stole some of her jewelry.

A woman in Colorado Springs, Colorado, was approached in August of 2004 by a man looking to purchase a wedding dress she had listed for sale. He then attempted to assault her when she refused to model the dress, threatening her with a gun. She managed to wrest the gun from him and alert authorities.

She bloodied his nose, which enabled a DNA profile of the suspect to be developed.

The cases were re-examined and linked together in 2005 when grant money became available to test DNA evidence from sexual assaults using new methods.

Other women have come forward to state that they were approached by a similar-looking male who contacted them about items they were selling and then attempted to assault them.

There are also reports that he may be the same man who raped and murdered a woman in Tulsa, Oklahoma in similar circumstances, but authorities have not yet announced that this case has been cleared.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs in partnership with the Violent Crimes Unit of the Tuscaloosa Police Department, beginning in October of 2021. The method of final confirmation has not been reported.

Higgins, who was from Jimenez Springs, New Mexico, was a former conductor of the Albuquerque Philharmonic. He was proficient in the French horn. He founded the International Horn Competition in 1976, of which he was also a judge. The competition was being hosted in Tuscaloosa at the University of Alabama at the same time as the two women were attacked. He also ran a music camp for young people. He reportedly has a criminal record for sexual assaults on minors from the 1970s.

Higgins passed away in September of 2014, when he would have been 73 years old. Police continue to investigate whether he was

involved in other criminal offences across the country, and have forwarded his information to other jurisdictions where the Horn Competition was held over the years.

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## **Case ID 1822: Hill, Jospeh Norman**

On January 24, 2023, police identified Joseph Norman Hill as the lead suspect in the April 1972 rape and murder of 12-year-old Bradley Lee Bellino in Boardman Ohio. Bellino went missing from his home sometime on April 1, 1972. His remains were found in a dumpster on the morning of April 4, 1972. Bellino had been sexually assaulted and strangled with a belt that was still wrapped around his neck.

The case was reopened in 2001, and Bellino's clothing was sent for DNA testing. A DNA profile of the suspect was developed from semen found on the clothes.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs in partnership with the Boardman Police Department beginning in 2019. The method of confirmation of Hill's identity has not been disclosed.

Hill, who would have been 32 years old at the time of the murder, was a truck driver for a bottled water company. He died in 2019 in Yucaipa, California. Hill had never been a suspect in the case.

Two other boys were killed around the time of Bellini's murder. Thomas Baird, 15, was killed in 1970, and David Evans, 13, was abducted from a parking lot and murdered in January of 1975. Police continue to investigate their deaths, and whether they have any connection to Hill.

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## **Case ID 1377: Hill, Julius William Jr.**

Julius William Hill Jr. has been identified as the lead suspect in the April 7, 1978 rape and murder of 47-year-old Carolyn Cox Rose in Escambia County, Florida. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Hill.

Cox was a realtor who met a potential buyer to show him a house. She was found later that day in the bedroom of the home. She had been bound and her underwear wrapped around her neck.

The FGG investigation was conducted by under the joint leadership of CeCe Moore of Parabon Nanolabs and Lori Napolitani of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE).

Ray died in prison in California in 2007 while serving a 30-year sentence for robbery.

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### Case ID 1557: Hoff, John Reigh

John Reigh Hoff was identified on November 19, 2021 as the lead suspect in the March 6, 1959 rape and murder of 9-year-old Candice (“Candy”) Rogers in Spokane, Washington. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Hoff.

Candy was a Camp Fire girl, selling mints door-to-door, when she went missing. Hundreds of people from the community joined in to search for the little girl. Three men, all members of the Air Force, died when their helicopter hit a power line and crashed. Her body was found about two weeks after she went missing. She had been raped and strangled with a piece of her clothing. Her body had been dumped in the brush and covered in pine needles and branches. Grape-flavoured gum was found on her clothing.

A DNA profile of the suspect was developed from semen taken from Candy’s clothing in 2000. There were no matches to samples in the CODIS database. Hugh Morse, a known serial killer who had long been a suspect in the case, was exonerated when his DNA did not match that of the suspect.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram Inc. They narrowed-down the suspect list to three brothers, all of whom were deceased. John Hoff was the only brother to have had a child. Police obtained a DNA sample from his daughter, Cathie, and they confirmed that she was the daughter of Candy’s murderer. Hoff’s body was then exhumed, and his DNA was confirmed to be consistent with the suspect’s DNA profile.

Hoff was convicted of a sexual assault in 1961 in which he accosted a woman and tied

her up with her own clothing and strangled her. She survived, and Hoff was sentenced to 6 months in prison. Hoff died by suicide in 1970 at the age of 30. He would have been about 19 years old at the time of Candy's murder. His step-sister was Candy's big sister in her Camp Fire Girls group, although it is not reported if he knew Candy personally.

Sarnoff reports that his daughter, who had assisted with his identification as the killer, stated that, "He was evil ... he got to die with people thinking he was an upstanding man, and he wasn't." Other surviving family members removed Hoff's remains from the cemetery, as Candy was also buried there.

This is reported to have been Spokane's oldest cold case.

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### Case ID 1512: Hogan, John Patrick

The San Diego Sheriff's Department announced on August 4, 2021, that John Patrick Hogan has been identified as the lead suspect in the October 9, 1980 murder of 20-year-old Michelle Louise Wyatt in Santee, California. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Hogan.

Wyatt was raped and strangled to death by an intruder into her condo at Kerrigan Court. Investigators state that she was strangled with her own telephone cord. From witness statements, investigators believe an intruder knocked on Michelle's door that night shortly after her boyfriend left and locked the door. Neighbors heard screaming soon after he left, but no one phoned 911. Her body was

discovered the following morning by her roommate.

Semen was recovered from a sexual assault kit taken at Wyatt's autopsy, and a DNA profile of two males were developed in June of 2000. One of these samples belonged to Wyatt's boyfriend, who was eliminated as a suspect. The other sample was entered into CODIS, but this produced no new leads. A familial search of CODIS was performed in March of 2020, and this also turned up no hits.

There is currently no information as to who conducted the FGG investigation was. Investigators reportedly used targeted kinship testing in this case – the relative matches consisted of distant relatives, whom investigators approached and asked for assistance in providing DNA samples for further genealogical testing. This eventually led investigators to close relatives who were able to identify Hogan as the source of the crime scene semen sample.

It was reported that, over the years, about 90 suspects were interviewed, most of whom provided DNA samples. A familial search of the California law enforcement database was also performed, with no results.

Hogan is reported to have died in Phoenix, Arizona in 2004 at the age of 42 from a methamphetamine overdose - on October 9, 2004, exactly 24 years after Wyatt's murder.

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## Case ID 1136: Holmes, Benjamin

Benjamin L. Holmes was arrested on November 5, 2018 and charged in the 2001 murder of 25-year-old Christine Franke in Orlando, Florida. Franke was studying to become a teacher. She had been killed by an intruder in her home after returning from school on October 21, 2001. She had been raped, robbed, and shot in the head. She was found with her clothing partially removed.

A DNA profile was obtained from semen collected from her body. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. Investigators made the initial confirmation through surreptitious sampling.

Holmes has a previous criminal record, but the offences were not serious enough to require him to provide his DNA.

Over the course of the investigation, police took DNA samples from dozens of men connected to the case, all of whom were excluded.

This case directly raised the issue of how different family members of Holmes felt about the genealogical investigation. The mother of the accused, Eleanor Holmes, was quite upset by the arrest. She claimed that police had lied to her to get a sample of her DNA, telling her that they were trying to identify someone in her family who had died. This DNA test confirmed that the source of the crime scene DNA was one of Holmes' two sons. Investigators first put her other son, Reginal, under surveillance and surreptitiously sampled a bottle of Gatorade he had drank from and thrown away. He was excluded as being a contributor to the semen found on Franke's body. Police then turned to

Benjamin, and surreptitiously sampled a cigar and a bottle of beer he had thrown away.

Several other relatives of Holmes were approached by investigators to obtain their DNA, perhaps as many as a dozen. In this case, the family tree was very large, and genealogists wanted to perform targeted kinship testing to narrow the investigation down to the correct branch of the family tree.

John Hogan was one of the relatives of Benjamin Holmes who assisted in the investigation. He had uploaded his DNA profile to GEDmatch as part of his research into his family history. Hogan, a more distant relative, stated that he is very pleased with the result, and is glad that his information could help apprehend a murderer and bring closure to Franke's family.

This case has therefore raised ethical issues over how police conduct DNA sampling in cases of targeted kinship testing, and whether it is ethical for police to withhold information or mislead potential witnesses in order to induce them to provide their DNA samples.

Holmes had pled not guilty, and his case is pending in Orange County Circuit Court. During the opening statements of the trial in February of 2023, the defence stated that the DNA is that of Holmes, but that his semen was planted at the crime scene to protect the "real killer." They have not yet presented evidence of how the semen was introduced into Franke's body.

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### **Case ID 1166-1167: Holt, Joseph**

Joseph Holt has been identified as the lead suspect in two murders that took place in El Dorado, California in the late 1970s. The cases were cleared by exception as Holt passed away in 2014.

27-year-old Brynn Rainey disappeared on the night of July 23, 1977 while on her way to work an overnight shift at a casino in Tahoe.

Her body was found about a month later by horseback riders from a local stable. She was thought to have been sexually assaulted and strangled, and she was buried in a shallow grave. DNA was recovered from blood stains on Rainey’s shirt.

16-year-old Carol Anderson was last seen leaving a house party on the night of July 1, 1979. She may have hitched a ride home with a stranger. She was found the next morning on a local trail. She had been bound, strangled and sexually assaulted. DNA was recovered from her body.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. Their investigation narrowed the list of suspects down to Holt or one of his two brothers, all of whom were now deceased. Holt was a graduate of UC Berkeley who had worked in real estate in Tahoe and he lived in the area where their bodies were found. The confirmation was made with the assistance of Holt’s son, who provided his own DNA and a toothbrush belonging to his father.

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### **Case ID 1416: Hoover, Calvin Dana**

Calvin Hoover was identified by the Toronto Police Department as the lead suspect in the October 3, 1984 murder of 9-year-old Christine Jessop. The case was cleared by exception due to the death of Hoover, who committed suicide in 2015.

Jessop was abducted near her home in Queensville, Ontario. Her body was found on December 31, 1984, over 50 km away, in a wooded area near Sunderland, Ontario. She

had been sexually assaulted and stabbed to death.

A DNA profile was obtained from semen from Jessop's underpants in January of 1995. The FGG investigation was performed by Othram in partnership with Anthony Redgrave – who had formerly volunteered with the DNA Doe Project. The confirmation was made to a sample that the Centre for Forensic Sciences had on file from Hoover's 2015 autopsy.

Guy Paul Morin, a neighbour of the Jessop family, was tried twice for the murder of Christine. He was acquitted at trial in 1986. The Crown appealed his acquittal, and a new trial was ordered. Morin was convicted at his second trial in 1992. When a DNA profile of the suspect was obtained in 1995, it excluded Morin as being a contributor to that sample. This enabled Morin to successfully appeal to overturn his wrongful conviction, the first time that a Canadian was exonerated through DNA evidence. A public inquiry into the causes of his wrongful conviction was a watershed in Canadian criminal justice, and produced a number of systemic changes, including greater recognition of tunnel vision on the part of police and prosecutors, and fraudulent expert testimony.

Hoover lived near the Jessops and was an acquaintance of the family. The Jessops had visited Hoover's family just two days before Christine's murder.

Ken, a second cousin once removed of Hoover, is a genealogy buff who uploaded his DNA to several genealogy sites and had built out a large family tree. His research was important in solving this case. Ken states that

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### Case ID 1789-1792: Howell, Ralph

On November 17, 2022, investigators announced that Ralph Howell was the lead

suspect in a series of four murders of young women in Cincinnati in the late 1970s.

Howell was posthumously indicted by a grand jury in Hamilton County for the March 24, 1978 murder of 19-year-old Cheryl Thompson. On that evening, she disappeared on her way to Gatsby's Disco in the Oakley neighbourhood of Cincinnati. Her car was found outside the disco. Police think that she was abducted on her way inside to meet her friends. She had been a student at the University of Cincinnati, and she planned to be a nurse. Her body was found near the Little Miami River on April 8, 1978. She had been sexually assaulted and she was killed by strangulation and blunt force trauma to her head.

A DNA sample of the suspect was developed from a sexual assault kit taken at her autopsy. There is currently no information on who conducted the FGG investigation. Howell's body was exhumed, and his DNA was found to be a match to that of the suspect.

Authorities believe that Howell is also the lead suspect in the similar rape-murders of three other women around the same time. The remains of 24-year-old Victoria Hincher was found on October 31, 1976 on New London Road in Butler County.

The body of 18-year-old Nancy Ann Theobald was found on December 26, 1977 on Beckett Road in Butler County. She studied finance at the University of Cincinnati. She was abducted walking home from work. Her frozen body was found in a creek bed. Her hands had been bound, and she had also been raped and strangled. The suspect's blood was found on her sweater.

17-year-old Charmaine Stolla was found on March 12, 1978 near Old Colerain Park in Hamilton County.

After these murders took place, Howell was arrested for the 1983 abduction of a fifth woman. He had picked her up in his car and he then attempted to choke her with a rope and sexually assault her, but she managed to escape. He had pled guilty to a lesser offence and had been released when he died in a car accident in 1985.

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#### Case ID 1315-1316: Hudspeth, Clifton

Clifton Hudspeth was identified as the lead suspect in the December 20, 1982 murders of 16-year-old cousins Mary Malatag and Jeffrey Flores Atup in Milpitas, California. This case was cleared by exception due to the death of Hudspeth.

Malatag and Atup were shot coming home from a late-night visit to a nearby 7-11 store. Atup had just got off work from a local movie theater and they were walking home together. Their bodies were found early the next morning, about 4 miles apart, along different intersections. Malatag had been sexually assaulted.

There is currently no data as to who performed the FGG investigation. Hudspeth was confirmed as the contributor to the crime scene DNA through an exhumation of his remains. He had a criminal history involving convictions for attempted murder, robbery, and sexual assaults. At the time of the murders, he was living in the area near where the bodies were found. Hudspeth died of natural causes in October of 1999.

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### **Case ID 1338: Huitz, Hans**

Hans Huitz was identified as the lead suspect in the March 22, 1992 robbery and murder of 57-year-old James Essel in Comus, Maryland. Essel was the owner of the Sugarloaf Mountain Market in Comus, when his store was robbed by an unknown assailant. Essel was stabbed 29 times. Police obtained a DNA profile of the suspect from a trail of blood he left at the scene.

There is no data on who performed the FGG investigation.

Police approached Huitz in his vehicle on February 12, 2020 with a warrant for his arrest on charges of first-degree murder and robbery. Huitz was shot and killed by police when he pulled a gun on Montgomery County PD and US Marshalls. Huitz was 51 years old.

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### **Case ID 1600: Hundley, Rayshaw**

Rayshaw Hundley, 47 years old, was arrested on October 4, 2021, for a home invasion rape of a minor that took place on December 31, 1995, in Cleveland, Ohio. The victim was a 16-year-old girl from Alabama who was visiting her aunt in Cleveland for the holidays. An unknown male broke into the home while she was sleeping and sexually assaulted her in her bedroom. He stole a VCR

and several cassette tapes. A SAK was taken from the victim in the hospital

A DNA profile from the SAK was obtained in 2015. The suspect, known as “John Doe #102” was chosen as one of 20 priority cases for the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor’s Office’s G.O.L.D. (Genetic Operations Linking DNA) Unit. The funding for this project was provided by the U.S. Department of Justice in October of 2020. The G.O.L.D.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Barbara Rae-Venter of Gene By Gene. The initial confirmation was made through surreptitious sampling.

Hundley is charged with rape, kidnapping, and aggravated burglary in Cuyahoga County. The victim of this sexual assault passed away in August of 2021, before the identity of her attacker could be confirmed to her.

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#### Case ID 1505: Hunter, Mark Thompson

Mark Thompson Hunter was arrested on July 15, 2021, for the February 17, 1999 rape and kidnapping of a 19-year-old woman in Escondido, California. A man approached the teenager at a convenience store, asking for directions to a nearby Super 7 Motel. He then followed her in his vehicle, and then he stopped and motioned to her to pull over. As she approached his vehicle, he kidnapped her, dragging her into his vehicle and took her to another location where he sexually assaulted her before driving her back to her vehicle.

The FGG investigation is reported to have proceeded with the assistance of the FBI, although there is as yet no confirmation whether it was the FBI IGU who conducted the genealogical investigation.

Hunter is facing numerous charges involving sexual assault and kidnapping in San Diego County Superior Court.

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#### Case ID 1340-1341: Hurst, Jonathan

Johnathan Hurst was arrested on February 24, 2020 and charged in the August 14, 2016 murders of 64-year-old Robert Wilson and 85-year-old Patricia Wilson in Sycamore, Illinois. Mother and son were bludgeoned to death in the course of a violent home invasion robbery. Their car had been stolen but was recovered several days later only a short distance from Hurst's Chicago residence.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs, who earlier performed forensic phenotyping on the DNA profile taken at the crime scene.

Hurst has pled not guilty, and the case against him is pending in De Kalb County Criminal Court.

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### **Case ID 1388: Jarrell, Harold Warren**

Harold Warren Jarrell has been identified as the lead suspect in the September 20, 1982 rape and murder of 8-year-old Kelly Ann Prosser in Columbus, Ohio. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Jarrell.

Prosser was abducted while walking home from her elementary school. Her body was found in a cornfield two days later. She had been raped, beaten, and strangled to death.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Advance DNA. The final confirmation was made with the assistance of a living relative of Jarrell's.

Jarrell himself passed away in 1996 at the age of 67. He had been convicted in 1977 of child sex crimes that involved the abduction of another 8-year-old girl. He served about 5 years for this offence, and was released in early 1982, shortly before the murder of Prosser. Jarrell's family cooperated in the investigation.

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### **Case ID 1475: Jefferson, Michael Shannel**

Michael Shannel Jefferson was arrested on April 9, 2021, for the November 21, 1985 home invasion robbery and murder of 51-year-old Roger Dean in Lone Tree, Colorado.

Dean was murdered by a masked intruder who broke into his home and demanded money from his bank account. Dean's wife

heard a scuffle and several gun shots. Dean's body was later found at the end of the driveway, and the suspect fled the area. The ski mask he had worn over his face was left at the scene. In 1990, Dean's wife received several letters and cassette tapes telling her that he was Dean's killer and demanding money from her. Police at the time thought that the writer included details of the crime that only the perpetrator was likely to know.

A DNA profile was eventually obtained from human hair found inside the ski mask, which marks the first time that an FGG case was solved using hair from a suspect in a criminal case. The FGG investigation was conducted by United Data Connect. The initial confirmation with the crime scene sample was made through a bottle that Jefferson had drunk from on an airplane and which he handed to a flight attendant.

Jefferson has been extradited to Douglas County, where he will face charges of first-degree murder, felony murder, and kidnapping. He lived in the area near the time of the murder. The statute of limitations has run out on charges of extortion.

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#### Case ID 1698-1699: Johnson, Morico Tyrone

Morico Tyrone Johnson was arrested on May 24, 2022 for a January 3, 2009 double-homicide in Mount Union, Pennsylvania. Sometime during the night of January 3, an intruder broke into the apartment of 22-year-old Christine McWhorter and her aunt, 31-year-old Beatrice Daniels. Both women were shot in the head with a .25 caliber handgun. McWhorter's two young children, a 4 month-old infant and a 4-year-old toddler, were in the apartment at the time of the murders and were unharmed.

Police found droplets of blood throughout the apartment, including on the staircase and door. A DNA profile of an unknown male was developed. Parabon Nanolabs performed forensic phenotyping of the suspect in 2016, and in 2018 performed the FGG investigation as well.

Johnson was identified by FGG as a candidate. He was interviewed by the Pennsylvania State Police in December of 2019, at which time he consensually provided a DNA sample for comparison with the crime scene DNA. Police continued their investigation, although there is no

information on why his arrest was delayed for a further 2 1/2 years.

At the time of the murders, Johnson was dating a close friend of McWhorter, and had come to visit her in Mount Union. The couple had argued as Johnson suspected her of having an affair with another man. Johnson has denied going to the victims' apartment, and the motive for the murders has not yet been made public. Johnson was then an employee with the New York Department of Corrections.

Johnson had his preliminary hearing on July 12, 2022, where the judge deemed there was enough evidence to constitute a *prima facie* case. Johnson is charged with two counts of homicide in the Huntington County Court of Common Pleas.

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#### Case ID 1618: Jones, Eric Lane

Eric Lane Jones, 56, was arrested on January 3, 2022, for the May 28, 1985, murder of Jawed Ahmed in Anchorage, Alaska. Ahmed, 32, picked up an unknown man at a gas station at about 12:15 am. A short time later, Ahmed's taxi crashed into a yard. Ahmed had been shot several times in what police believed to be a botched robbery. The suspect fled the scene. A blood-stained shirt sleeve was found by a K9 team, and a blood-stained grey sweater was also found nearby.

A DNA profile was developed from the sleeve of the t-shirt in 2009, but there were no hits in CODIS. Tests of the sweater confirmed that the blood was that of Ahmed. The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram. Funding for the laboratory work was donated by Season of Justice. The initial confirmation was made through the surreptitious sampling

of a bottle and a pair of chopsticks from at a restaurant where Jones ate a meal.

Jones was detained at his home in Boise, Idaho. He has confessed to officers that he shot Ahmed. He states that Ahmed assaulted him and attempted to make sexual advances. Jones was known to be living in Anchorage at the time of the murder, and he crossed into the Yukon three days later. Photos of Jones as a young man show a resemblance with the forensic artist's sketches of the suspect drawn from witness statements taken at the time of the murder.

Jones has been indicted by a Grand Jury in Anchorage for one count of first-degree murder, and two counts of second-degree murder. He is being held on bond and is facing these charges in the Anchorage Superior Court.

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#### Case ID 1363: Jones, Joseph

Joseph Jones was arrested on May 14, 2020 and charged in the July 30, 2018 robbery and murder of 52-year-old Robert Romero in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Romero was robbed and shot in the backyard of his home.

A DNA profile was created from a pair of sunglasses and a flashlight that were left at the scene, making this one of the few cases to make use of touch DNA.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs, who narrowed the pool of suspects down to Jones, his brother, and a first cousin. Investigators obtained search warrants to take DNA samples from the three men. Jones' brother and cousin were eliminated as suspects.

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## Case ID 1231-1232: Keith, Ivan

Ivan Keith was arrested on August 2, 2019 and charged in the November 22, 1998 rape of a 47-year-old woman in Easton, Massachusetts, and the July 27, 1997 rape of a 36-year-old woman in Taunton, Massachusetts.

The first assault took place inside a business, where a female janitor was kidnapped, bound, and sexually assaulted while taking out the trash. The second assault occurred outside a

high school in Taunton, where the woman was exercising on the school track when she was kidnapped, bound, and sexually assaulted in a nearby wood. Investigators believe that Keith may be linked to two other unsolved rapes, and further charges may be laid.

There is no data on who conducted the FGG investigation. Investigators made the initial confirmation through the surreptitious sampling of a vaping pipe used by Keith.

Keith is a registered sex offender and is also charged with failing to comply with the terms of registration. He was located in Maine living under a false name. He has convictions for sexual offences in the 1980s, the 1990s, and in 2000. He absconded on a 2003 trial date in Brockton District Court in 2003 on sexual offences, and thus he managed to avoid providing a DNA sample.

Keith pled guilty in February of 2021 in Bristol County to five counts of aggravated rape, two counts of kidnapping and breaking and entering, three counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, perjury, as well as failing to register as a sex offender and failure to provide DNA. He was sentenced to 25 to 30 years. He is already serving 19 to 20 years for other, similar, rapes.

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### Case ID 1276: King, Jeffrey

Jeffrey King was arrested on October 1, 2019 and charged in the August 4, 1993 rape and kidnapping of a 22-year-old woman in Newark, Delaware. She was assaulted while walking down Barksdale Road just after 2:30 am in the morning.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs as part of a broader Delaware Sexual Assault Kit Initiative to clear the backlog of untested sexual assault kits. Delaware received \$2.2 million dollars in federal funding to clear its backlog of untested sexual assault kits, which it completed in September of 2020.

The initial confirmation was made through the surreptitious sampling of a Wawa ice tea bottle that had been discarded by King. Police then obtained a warrant for a buccal swab from King.

King made a motion to suppress the DNA profile obtained from the surreptitious sampling as well as the buccal swab, but this motion was denied in January of 2021. The court held that King did not evidence an expectation of privacy in the bottle that he discarded in a publicly accessible trash can. The court also held that the testing of the bottle for a DNA profile that matched that taken from the victim did not violate a protected privacy interest; DNA profiles used for identification purposes do not violate a reasonable expectation of privacy.

In May of 2022, King pled guilty, and is awaiting sentencing. The case against King is pending in Newcastle County Superior Court.

Nine men have been arrested for sex offences as a result of Delaware's efforts to clear its backlog of untested sexual assault kits. Delaware has also changed its policies to reduce turnaround times for testing sexual assault kits and to improve justice outcomes for victims of sexual assault.

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### Case ID 1191: Knapp, Richard Eugene

Richard Eugene Knapp was arrested on April 28, 2019 and charged in the July 17, 1994 murder of 26-year-old Audrey Hoellein in Vancouver, Washington. Also known as Audrey Frasier, Hoellein was killed the course of a violent home invasion rape. She was found deceased in her own bed, where she had been sexually assaulted and strangled to death. Her 5-year-old son was sleeping nearby. A DNA profile was developed from DNA recovered from the crime scene.

The FGG investigation was undertaken by Parabon Nanolabs. Investigators made the initial confirmation through surveillance and the surreptitious sampling of a cigarette butt discarded by Knapp.

Knapp was convicted of a similar sexual assault in 1986 and ordered to provide a DNA sample but he failed to do so. That victim had also been strangled, almost to the point of unconsciousness. The evidence from her sexual assault was destroyed, highlighting the importance of properly managing evidence from sexual assaults, testing sexual assault kits, and collecting DNA from convicted sexual offenders.

During the course of this investigation, police took DNA samples from a number of suspects, all of whom were cleared of involvement.

Knapp was charged with first- and second-degree murder with a sexual motivation. He pled not guilty, and the case against him proceeded in Clark County Superior Court.

However, on November 30, 2022, all charges against Knapp were dropped. Scott Hinshaw, Frasier’s neighbour at the time of her death, admitted in a deposition to having sex with her on the night she died. Knapp told detectives he had many relationships with women, and frequented bars that Frasier visited. Investigators discovered DNA from several different people at the scene, including Hinshaw.

Clark County prosecuting attorney Tony Golik states “We were no longer convinced beyond a reasonable doubt, based on the evidence we have as we understand it now, that Mr. Knapp could be convicted … [w]e were ethically bound at that point to dismiss the prosecution.” He also added that several witnesses significantly changed their story.

There is no information as to the future of the investigation into Hoellein’s murder.

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## Case ID 1723: Koehl, Brian Scott

Brian Scott Koehl, age 51, was arrested on July 13, 2022, for the May 25, 1990 murder of 32-year-old Larry Joe Breen in San Diego, California. Breen’s nude body was found in his home in Point Loma. He was slumped against a fence in the back yard, and had been stabbed several times in the neck. It appears that Breen was attacked in the home, and then exited after being wounded. He had recently been discharged from the Navy, and was preparing to move into the home where he was found.

A DNA profile of the suspect was developed. Investigators have stated that Koehl’s DNA was reportedly found on a counter, in the shower, and on beer bottles in the house. The FGG investigation was overseen by the San Diego District Attorney’s Cold Homicide and Research Genealogy Effort as well as the FBI.

Koehl was arrested at his home in Knoxville, Tennessee. He was extradited to San Diego on charges of homicide.

On August 23, 2022, Koehl plead not guilty. Koehl has posted bond for 500,000 and has returned to his family in Knoxville. Koehl told police he attended a party at Breen’s house and left in Breen’s car. He returned the next morning to find Breen’s body. He quickly disposed of the car, and did not report Breen’s death to Navy authorities.

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### **Case ID 1150-1152: Konther, Kevin**

Kevin Konther was arrested on January 11, 2019 and charged in three sexual assaults that took place in the Lake Forest Community in Orange County, California. On October 21, 1995, a 9-year-old girl was walking to her home from a nearby convenience store when she was dragged into a wooded area and sexually assaulted. On June 2, 1998, a 31-year-old woman was jogging in the area was kidnapped, dragged into the bushes and sexually assaulted.

Konther may be linked to another case involving the sexual molestation of a 12-year-old girl that took place on numerous occasions around 2002 or 2003.

There is currently no data on who performed the FGG investigation. The investigation in this case identified two twin brothers as matching the crime scene DNA. They were both initially taken into custody. Regular police work, rather than forensic science distinguished them, and led to the arrest of Konther.

Konther has pled not guilty, and his case is pending in Orange County Superior Court. His jury trial began on January 25, 2023. Konther's attorney, Jessica Ann Sweeny, stated that Konther's twin Stephen is the guilty party. She also stated that Stephen was treated better than Kevin while growing up. A stepdaughter of Kevin has also stated that he molested her in 2003. Sweeny states that the allegations against Kevin stem from a "disgruntled ex-girlfriend." His trial continues.

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### **Case ID 1659: Krohne, Douglas Keith**

On March 9, 2022, Douglas Keith Krohne was identified as the lead suspect in the August 25, 1995, murder of 61-year-old Patricia Lorraine Barnes in the small town of Ollala, Washington. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Krohne.

Barnes’ body was found in a sleeping bag in a ditch. She was naked and had been shot twice in the head. Barnes, originally from Seattle, was indigent and known to be staying in various local shelters.

DNA was collected from several items found on Barnes’ body, including a cigarette butt. The case was reopened in April of 2018, and further DNA testing was performed. There was no match to the DNA profile in CODIS. The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram. The final confirmation was made to a tissue sample taken at Krohne’s post-mortem examination.

Krohne died in 2016 in Nogales, Arizona, in an accidental electrocution while installing a TV antenna. He had five felony convictions, including for robbery (in 1984) and kidnapping (in 1994). He was ordered to provide a DNA sample in Pierce County, but he did not comply. A photo of Krohne shows a close similarity to a police sketch made of the last person seen with Barnes before her death.

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### **Case ID 1415: Kroll, Ralph Leslie**

Ralph Leslie Kroll was arrested on October 8, 2020 and charged in an October 1995 kidnapping and sexual assault in Riverside, California. An 18-year-old woman was grabbed by a stranger while walking down Indiana Avenue in Riverside. She was forced into a nearby apartment complex and sexually assaulted.

There is currently no data on who performed the FGG investigation.

The charges indicate that Kroll is a prior sex offender who has not complied with the terms of the registration. Kroll has pled not guilty, and the case against him is pending in Riverside County Superior Court.

Kroll pled guilty to the charges on October 27, 2021 and was sentenced to 8 years in prison. He continues to deny the charges,

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### **Case ID 1720: Lanoue, Robert John**

On July 7, 2022, police arrested 70-year-old Robert John Lanoue for the rape and murder of 5-year-old Anne Sang Pham on January 21, 1982 in Seaside, California. On that day, she had wanted to walk to kindergarten by herself. She never arrived.

Pham's body was found on January 23, 1982, at Fort Old, then a U.S. army post. She had been sexually assaulted and strangled to death, and her body disposed of in a ditch. Her body was found by a local Army Criminal Investigation Division officer looking for illegal marijuana grow ops.

The case was reopened in February of 2022. The FGG investigation was conducted by Paragon Nanolabs, with the assistance of Dr. Ed Green from Astrea Forensics. The source of the sample used for FGG appears to have come from a rootless hair shaft. The method of confirmation has not been reported at the present time.

Pham's parents were refugees from the war in Vietnam, who had come to California in 1975. Both of her parents have now passed away, but she has siblings who are still alive and who were notified of the arrest.

Lanoue was arrested in Nevada, and is currently awaiting extradition to California. He will face charges of first degree murder, kidnapping, and committing a lewd act on a child under the age of 14, in Monterey County Superior Court. Lanoue lived about a

block from Sang at the time of her murder, and is a former soldier at Fort Ord.

Lanoue also has a criminal record for sexual offences, for which he is reported to have spent more than 20 years in prison. He was in jail in Reno, Nevada, for a probation violation at the time of his arrest for Sang's murder.

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## **Case ID 1826: Lapniewski Jr., Michael**

On January 26, 2023, police arrested 55-year-old Michael Lapniewski Jr. for the February 9, 1987 murder of Opal Weil in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Weil, who was 82 years old at the time of her murder, was not answering her telephone when her family called her on the morning of February 9. Her sister-in-law then went to check on her, and found Weil deceased in her bedroom. She had blood around her mouth and ligature marks on her neck. The intruder had likely worn gloves while removing a window pane and hastily searching the home for valuables. Weil died of blunt force trauma and strangulation.

A partial DNA profile was developed from hairs recovered from the left shoulder of Weil's nightgown, which had been pushed up to her waist. Another clump of hairs was found on her bed, near the pillow, and other hairs were found on the handle of a knife located in the bedroom. In December of 2020, a new DNA profile suitable for forensic genealogy was developed, but returned no hits in the CODIS database.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) in partnership with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department, beginning in December of 2020.

The FGG investigation narrowed down the list of suspects to three brothers, one of whom was deceased. The second brother had his DNA entered into CODIS, and this DNA was not a match to that found at the crime scene.

Investigators then engaged in surreptitious sampling to retrieve a red coffee straw and a restaurant spoon that had been used by Lapniewski and that he had thrown away. The DNA profile taken from these items matched that found at the crime scene, and excluded the other brothers as suspects.

Lapniewski was arrested at his home in Waveland, Mississippi. He lived near Weil's home at the time of the murder in 1987. To date, he has denied involvement in her murder. Charges of first-degree murder are pending against him in Pinellas County Circuit Court.

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#### **Case ID 1261: Lee, Erlene Gayle**

See also Willie Moore.

Erlene Gayle Lee was arrested on September 20, 2019 and charged with first-degree murder in the September 18, 1983 killing of 39-year-old Anthony Baltes in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Baltes had been tied up, strangled, and beaten to death inside a Tulsa motel room.

There is currently no data on who performed the FGG investigation.

The case against Lee was dismissed on February 24, 2020 at the request of the state, and she was released from custody. She was assisting prosecutors with the case against her co-accused, Willie Moore, but he passed away in 2020 while his trial was pending.

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## **Case ID 1135: Lee, Jerry**

Jerry Lee was arrested on November 1, 2018 and charged in the May 25, 1997 murder of 28-Year-old Lorrie Smith in Fulton County, Georgia.

Smith was shot several times in the back during a home invasion robbery. Her parents found her body when they went to wake her for church that morning. Smith appears to have fought back against her attacker, resulting in a significant amount of his blood being found at the scene.

A DNA profile of the suspect was created from the blood recovered from the crime scene. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs.

Lee has been released on a \$150,000 bond in April of 2019, and is awaiting trial in Fulton County.

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## **Case ID 1706: Lefferts, Alan:**

Alan Lefferts, 71, was arrested on May 31, 2022 for the July 2, 1996 murder of James Branner in Tallahassee, Florida.

Branner, 44, was found deceased at the Prince Murat Hotel. Police state that there was evidence that Branner was murdered after an altercation in the motel room. The cause of death was found to be asphyxiation. Investigators collected biological evidence at the time of the homicide, but have not stated what was the source of the sample.

The FGG investigation was conducted as a partnership between Parabon Nanolabs and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). A DNA profile suitable for genetic genealogy was prepared in 2020.

Lefferts is facing charges of first-degree murder in Tallahassee in the Leon County Court.

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#### Case ID 1481: Lepere, Andre William

Andre William Lepere was arrested on April 30, 2021 and charged with the February 1980 rape and murder of 79-year-old Viola

Hagenkord in her home in Anaheim, California.

Hagenkord had been sexually assaulted and strangled by an intruder in her apartment complex. Her body was found on February 18, 1980, when neighbors became concerned about her whereabouts, but she may have died up to two days previously.

A DNA profile of the suspect was obtained from material left at the crime scene, although there is currently no information as to the source of that material. The case was reopened in September of 2020 using a DNA profile obtained from this evidence.

There is no information on who conducted the FGG investigation, but the FBI Orange County Violent Crime Task Force conducted the investigation with the Orange County Crime Lab.

Lepere was arrested at his home in Otero County, New Mexico, and he was extradited to Orange County.

On February 7, 2022, a jury found Lepere guilty of first-degree murder. In May of 2022, he was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. Lepere admits to having consensual sex with Hagenkord, but he denies killing her. He claims she instigated the encounter because she was lonely, a story that Deputy District Attorney deemed "ridiculous".

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### **Case ID 1321: Lindahl, Bruce**

Bruce Lindahl was identified as the lead suspect in the January 13, 1976 rape and murder of 16-year-old Pamela Maurer in Woodridge, Illinois. The case was cleared by exception due to the death of Lindahl.

Maurer had left a friend's house and gone to a nearby restaurant to buy a soft drink and was not seen again. Her body was found lying

beside a road the next morning. She had been sexually assaulted and strangled.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. Lindahl's remains were exhumed to confirm that his DNA was consistent with that recovered from the crime scene.

Lindahl died in 1981 from a self-inflicted wound to his thigh while stabbing another victim to death. The victim in that case was a high-school student named Charles Huber.

Lindahl was also accused of raping a 20-year-old woman in 1979, but prosecutors declined to bring charges. He had also been charged in the 1982 rape of Deborah Colliander, but those charges were dropped when she was found murdered – two weeks before she was scheduled to testify in court. Police now say he is the sole suspect in her death, as well. They are investigating him for about a dozen murders and nine rapes that took place in the area at the time, but no further charges have yet been laid.

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### **Case ID 1351: Linebaugh, Ivan Wayne**

Ivan Wayne Linebaugh was arrested on March 30, 2020 and charged in the April 25, 2000 sexual assault of a female in Madisonville, Texas. At the time of the assault, Linebaugh was a Madison County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Detective. The woman reported being sexually assaulted by an officer at a traffic stop, who threatened her with jail if she did not do as he wanted.

There is no information on who conducted the FGG investigation, but the FBI is reported as having assisted the Texas Rangers in this case.

In 2016, Linebaugh was a candidate for Madison County Sheriff. The case against him is currently pending in Madison County District Court.

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## **Case ID 1685: Long, Mark Alan: The Cowboy Bandit**

Mark Alan Long was identified on April 15, 2022, as the lead suspect in the March 3, 2003 attempted murder of Officer Jeff Garner in North Richland Hills, Texas. Officer Garner, then 29, attempted to pull over a man driving a red Jeep Wrangler for a traffic violation when he was shot in the leg by the driver of the vehicle, who had just robbed a bank in Watauga. Garner recovered, and is currently a Captain with the North Richland Hills PD. The suspect in this case, known as the ‘Cowboy Bandit’ was believed to be linked to 7 other bank robberies that took place in Texas, Kansas, and Oklahoma, from 1998 to 2003.

DNA evidence was available from 3 of the bank robberies. One came from a bloody brown glove left at the scene of a 1999 robbery, one came from a shirt, and the third from a surgical mask and pair of pantyhose used at a 1998 robbery.

A DNA profile was developed in 2018. Parabon Nanolabs performed forensic phenotyping at that time, and produced a composite likeness of the suspect, but an FGG investigation was not conducted at that time. The FGG investigation was conducted by Identifinders International, beginning in 2019. The initial confirmation to Long was made after police surveillance and surreptitious sampling of items used by Long at a restaurant.

Police then obtained a search warrant and obtained a revolver from Long’s home that was similar to that which fired the bullet at Garner. Police also tracked down the red Jeep Wrangler and found that it had a repair in the

tailgate, where Officer Garner shot at the vehicle, that could have been from a bullet hole. Police were preparing to charge Long with attempted capital murder of a police officer and aggravated robbery when Long committed suicide by jumping off a cell tower in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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## **Case ID 1357, 1558: Lovrien, Christopher Charles**

Christopher Charles Lovrien was arrested on May 4, 2020 and charged in the July 6, 1999 murder of 42-year-old Mark Dribin in Portland, Oregon. Dribin was reported missing after failing to show up for his job at the Portland International Airport. Lovrien is thought to have been in a relationship with Dribin at the time of the murder. Dribin's body has never been found. Investigators found a substantial amount of blood in Dribin's home, which someone had attempted to clean up.

There is no data on who conducted the FGG investigation in this case.

Lovrien has been indicted for second-degree murder, and the case against him is pending in Multnomah County.

When police were searching Lovrien's home on May 19, 2020, they came across the dismembered remains of Kenneth Griffin, a homeless man who had gone missing in February of 2020, in a shed on the property. Griffin was last seen alive on February 1, 2020 and was reported missing the next day. Police are seeking information about a homeless encampment under the bridge on Interstate 205 in Southeast Portland.

On March 10, 2021, Lovrien was charged with second-degree murder and abuse of a corpse in connection with Griffin's murder. This was after police initially interviewed Lovrien in connection with Dribin's murder.

Investigators also confirmed that the two men were strangers to Lovrien. Previously, there had been a suggestion that Dribin and Lovrien

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### **Case ID 1669: Luttinen, Karin S.**

Karin S. Luttinen, 45, was charged on March 17, 2022, with concealing the death of a child in the Township of Theresa, Wisconsin. The infant’s remains were found on the side of the road in a wooded area outside of town on April 29, 2009. The autopsy could not conclusively determine if the newborn died prior to, during, or after birth, and was classified by the medical examiner as a fetal death. Baby Theresa was named after the town and given a funeral by the local community.

A DNA profile of the possible mother of Baby Theresa was developed from swabs of the trash bag the infant was found in, and blood on a maxi pad that was found with the infant’s remains. An analysis of the DNA profile of Baby Theresa indicated that the blood was likely from the mother of Baby Theresa.

There is currently no information on who conducted the FGG investigation. The final confirmation was made by testing the DNA of Luttinen and the possible father of Baby Theresa, referred to in court documents as Witness S. Both Luttinen and Witness S. voluntarily provided DNA samples to investigators. Witness S. states that he was unaware that Luttinen was pregnant with a

child that he fathered. They have been in a relationship together since 2002.

Luttinen told officers that she was in denial about being pregnant, and that she concealed her pregnancy and gave birth alone in her bathtub. She then drove aimlessly along the highway and left the baby in the woods, wrapped in a plastic garbage bag.

Luttinen was released on a \$2500 cash bond on March 18, 2022. The charges against her are pending in Dodge County District Court. She pled guilty on April 18 to charges of concealing the death of a child.

On September 16, 2022, Luttinen was sentenced to three years of probation, including a 6 month jail sentence. She was fined \$5,000 and required to complete 60 hours of community service, as well as mental health treatment.

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### **Case ID 1137: Mabrito, David**

David Mabrito has been identified as the lead suspect in the February 14, 2007 murder of 39-year-old Jodine Serrin in Carlsbad, California. Serrin had been sexually assaulted, and she died from blunt force trauma to her head. The case was cleared by exception due to the death of Mabrito.

Serrin was developmentally disabled but was able to live on her own. Her parents checked in on her often. They went to her apartment at 10:00 pm on Valentine’s Day and found a man in her bedroom. They waited in the living room for him to leave. When he did not, they went back into Serrin’s bedroom and found him gone. She had been sexually assaulted and beaten, and had died from

strangulation. She was cold to the touch at that point, indicating that she may have died up to several hours before her parents arrived.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon. The confirmation to Mabrito’s DNA was made through a law enforcement sample that the Oceanside Police Department had on file. This DNA sample was taken at a traffic stop when Mabrito was a suspect in an unrelated crime but was never processed. Mabrito died shortly after the sample was taken, committing suicide in 2011.

Another disabled male who was known to Jodine was investigated as a suspect in the case. He was cleared of involvement after providing a DNA sample.

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### **Case ID 1225-1227: Manteuffel, Mark Jeffrey**

Mark Jeffrey Manteuffel was arrested on July 1, 2019 for several violent rapes known as the ‘John Doe Rape Series.’ The assaults were linked through DNA profiles obtained from the victims’ sexual assault kits. The assailant had snuck into the victims’ homes, bound and beat them, and raped them repeatedly at knifepoint.

Manteuffel pled guilty to raping two women in Rosemont and east Sacramento in 1992 and 1994. He also pled guilty to raping a woman in Davis, California, in 1994. She had been tasered while jogging, and then dragged off to a secluded area and sexually assaulted. She was a senior college student at UC Davis.

At the time these sexual assaults were committed, there was a statute of limitations in California on violent rapes. Therefore, in December of 1999, as the statute of limitations was about to run out on the earliest of these rapes, Anna Marie Schubert issued the first ‘John Doe Warrant’ in California. She was then the deputy District Attorney for Sacramento County and is now the District Attorney. Her office has been a leader in using FGG.

The FGG investigation in this case was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. The initial confirmation was made when investigators used the surreptitious sampling from items Manteuffel had used in a restaurant in Atlanta, Georgia.

Manteuffel was a former federal prison guard. He worked for about two decades for the Federal Bureau of Prisons, retiring in 2014. He also worked briefly as a college lecturer in criminal justice. He has been sentenced to 29 years for the Sacramento rapes, and 6 years for the Davis rape.

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### **Case ID 1507-1508: Marchand, Darren Roy**

On July 21, 2021, Darren Roy Marchand was identified as the lead suspect in the June 1, 1989 rape and murder of 14-year-old Stephanie Anne Isaacson in Las Vegas, Nevada. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Marchand.

When Isaacson did not return home from school that day, her father began to look for her. He discovered that she did not arrive at school that day, and phoned police. Isaacson's body was found a short time later in a vacant lot about 1/3 of a mile from her school – a location that was on her usual route to school. She had been sexually assaulted and strangled to death.

A DNA profile was obtained of a suspect in 1998, and again in 2007. The 2007 sample was developed from semen found on Isaacson's shirt. Othram began the FGG investigation in November of 2020. They needed to perform a new DNA analysis, but there was only about 120 picograms – about 15 individual cells – of DNA remaining. This is, to date, the smallest sample used to generate a forensic DNA profile, and "sets a new lower limit on the quantity of DNA required to build a genealogical profile for a suspect of a crime," according to Othram. The FGG investigation was reportedly funded by a local business owner named Justin Woo.

Marchand had earlier been charged with the murder of 24-year-old Nanette Vanderburg in 1986. Vanderburg had also been raped and strangled. That case was dismissed due to a lack of evidence at the time. The DNA taken at that homicide has since been compared to Marchand, and he is determined to be the leading suspect in that case as well.

Marchand committed suicide in 1995, at the age of 29.

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### **Case ID 1513: Marks, Kenneth Elwin**

The Newport Beach Police Department announced on August 9, 2021 that Kenneth Elwin Marks has been identified as the lead suspect in the November 26, 1980 murder of 42-year-old Judith ("Judy") Conklin Nesbitt in Newport Beach, California. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Marks.

The afternoon she was killed, Nesbitt had met a potential buyer and showed him her boat, the Felicidad IV, at the Marina Dunes. She was attacked by the man in the bedroom of the boat, and shot after a violent struggle. The killer stole some items from her purse, including some credit cards, cash, and her check book.

The FGG investigation was conducted by CeCe Moore of Parabon Nanolabs. This is one of the first FGG investigations to use rootless human hairs collected at the crime scene to produce a forensic-quality DNA profile. A DNA profile was obtained from the roots of the hair in 2002 and uploaded into CODIS, but this produced no new leads.

A new DNA profile was obtained from the rootless hair shafts in 2018 by Dr. Ed Green of Green Laboratories, who has pioneered the technique of extracting forensic DNA profiles from rootless hair shafts. Dr. Green has previously worked with Barbara Rae-Venter on the identification of the Clearfield Rapist case and the Bear Brook murders, although this appears to be the first time that a criminal FGG investigation has been solved through a DNA profile obtained from a rootless hair shaft. These are techniques that Green developed while working with Svante Pääbo on ancient DNA at the Max Plank Institute.

Marks is reported to have died from cancer in 1999 at the age of 44 years.

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### **Case ID 1374: Martin, Paul Leroy**

Paul Leroy Martin has been identified as the lead suspect in the March 8, 1970 rape and murder of 23-year-old Betty Lee Jones in Denver, Colorado. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Martin.

Jones was last seen flagging down and getting into a car that resembled the one owned by Martin at the time. Her body was found at the bottom of an embankment off Highway 128 the next day. She had been sexually assaulted, strangled, and shot. Her parents adopted and raised her young son and daughter.

The FGG investigation was performed by Bode Technologies and the FBI Investigative Genealogy Unit. During the course of the FGG investigation, DNA samples were taken from a brother of Martin, which confirmed that the killer was a sibling of his. The man

had two other brothers, one who died in 1977, and one who had disappeared around 1970 – Paul Leroy – and of whom he knew nothing. Officers then obtained a warrant to exhume Paul's body, and his DNA profile was consistent with that found at the crime scene. Martin passed away only in June of 2019.

During the investigation, DNA samples were taken from at least 6 suspects, including the victim's husband. Police and family long suspected her husband as he had an argument with Jones before she left the house – even after his DNA was tested and was not a match. Being cleared through DNA does not always end suspicion; sometimes this can only happen when the real culprit is found.

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### **Case ID 1170-1171: McCraney, Coley**

Coley McCraney was arrested on March 1, 2019 and charged in the August 1, 1999 deaths of 17-year-old Tracie Hawlett and 17-year-old J.B. Beasley in Ozark, Alabama. The teenage girls had disappeared after they left a party. They were found the next day in the trunk of Beasley's car. Both victims had been shot in the head and Beasley had also been sexually assaulted.

A DNA profile was created from the sexual assault kit taken at Beasley's autopsy, as well as sperm found on her underwear and sweater. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. At first, the investigation turned up only third cousins on GEDmatch, but Parabon was able to submit a list of potential family surnames to police – one of which was the name McCraney. Police then asked McCraney for a voluntary DNA sample. At that time, McCraney was not a suspect, and was thought only to be a potential relative of the suspect. His own DNA turned out to be consistent with the profile obtained from the crime scene.

McCraney has pled not guilty, and the case against him is pending in Dale County, Alabama. He is facing the death penalty. His lawyers have claimed that McCraney is innocent and the victims were killed by a former police officer because they possessed evidence of police corruption.

McCraney's trial is currently set for April 17, 2023. One of the defence's key witnesses was expected to testify that she heard a police

officer confess to killing to girls because they possessed evidence of a conspiracy among local police officers who were involved in the drug trade. This witness recanted her testimony under oath, and the officer who is accused of the murder also denied the allegations.

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### **Case ID 1411-1412: McCurley, Glen Samuel**

Glen Samuel McCurley was arrested on September 22, 2020 and charged in the February 16, 1974 rape and murder of 17-year-old Carla Jan Walker in Fort Worth, Texas.

Walker was with her boyfriend, Rodney McCoy, in the passenger seat of his car in the parking lot of a local bowling alley when she was abducted. McCoy was beaten very badly in the head with a gun that was later found dropped close to the car. Walker’s body was found dumped in a culvert three days later. She had been drugged with morphine, beaten, raped, and tortured for about two days before she died from her injuries. She was wearing a blue gown with white lace, as she and McCoy had just attended a Valentine’s Day dance.

A DNA profile of the suspect was obtained from her clothing and her bra. The FGG

investigation was conducted by Othram. The FGG investigation narrowed the list of suspects down to the three McCurley brothers. Glen was a person of interest during the initial investigation because he had owned the same kind of firearm that was found at the crime scene, but at the time there was no other evidence linking him to the crimes. Investigators used the surreptitious sampling of trash that McCurley had discarded outside his residence. When police interviewed him, he denied involvement and voluntarily provided a DNA sample.

Rodney McCoy, despite his injuries, was long a suspect in the crime. He spent his entire life under a cloud of suspicion.

In 1978 in Tennessee, another man confessed to killing Walker, but police had “major reservations” about the confession, and he later admitted to being intoxicated on alcohol and drugs when he made it. The charges against him were eventually dismissed.

McCurley pled guilty to charges of capital murder on August 24, 2021 – on the third day of his trial. He was sentenced to life in prison. Police suspect that he may be responsible for several similar homicides in the Fort Worth area in the early 1970s.

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### **Case ID 1155: McFadden, Jerry Walter**

Jerry Walter McFadden has been identified as the lead suspect in the July 24, 1979 rape and murder of 20-year-old Anna Marie Hlavka in Portland, Oregon. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of McFadden.

Hlavka was found dead in her apartment. She had been sexually assaulted by an intruder and strangled with the electrical cord from her clock radio. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of McFadden.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. The McFadden family voluntarily provided their DNA to assist in the investigation and confirm McFadden’s identity.

Investigators learned that McFadden had been visiting the area at the time. He was executed in Texas in October of 1999 for multiple murders, and his DNA was not entered into CODIS. He was convicted of the rape and murder of an 18-year-old girl, as well as the shooting deaths of two other persons. At the time of Hlavka’s murder in 1979, he was on parole for several prior rape convictions.

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### Case ID 1310: McNamee, Kevin

Kevin McNamee was arrested on December 12, 2019 and charged in the violent home invasion rape of a 24-year-old woman that took place on September 20, 1991 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

A DNA profile was obtained from the sexual assault kit taken from the victim at the hospital. There is no information on who conducted the FGG investigation, but it was funded by a Sexual Assault Kit Initiative grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

McNamee has a lengthy criminal history for burglaries and break-ins, but not for a home invasion rape. Police are investigating him for other assaults dating back to about the 1990s. The case against him is currently pending in Mecklenburg County Superior Court.

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### Case ID 1311: McNichols, James Francis

James Francis McNichols has been identified as the lead suspect in the June 27, 1983 rape and murder of 11-year-old Julie Fuller in Arlington, Texas. The case has been cleared by exception as McNichols passed away in 2004.

Fuller's family had just moved to the area and were staying in a motel while looking for a home. Fuller was taking out the trash when she disappeared. The dumpster was empty, and so she went around back of the motel. Her body was found the next day along a

riverbank in Fort Worth. She had been raped, and died by strangulation.

A sexual assault kit was taken at Fuller's autopsy, and a DNA profile of the suspect was later developed. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon. DNA samples from McNichols' living children confirmed his identity. Family members also confirmed that he had been living in the area at the time of the murder.

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#### Case ID 1251: McQuade, Donald

Donald McQuade was arrested on August 30, 2019 and charged in the January 7, 1978 rape and murder of 16-year-old Shelley Connolly in Anchorage, Alaska.

Connolly was last seen leaving a bar in Anchorage. She had been sexually assaulted and beaten. She was then dragged behind a vehicle before being dumped along the railroad tracks near Beluga Point. She died by blunt force trauma to her abdomen as well as hypothermia – she had no jacket or shoes on when she was found.

A DNA profile was developed from skin found under Connolly's fingernails. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. The initial confirmation was made by police in Gresham, Oregon who performed surreptitious sampling of cigarette butts discarded by McQuade.

McQuade was living in Alaska at the time of the murder, and he matches the description of a man seen leaving the bar with Connolly the night she died. McQuade has told police that he may have had sexual intercourse with the victim. He admits that he had issues with alcohol at the time and may not have a good memory of the events that night.

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### **Case ID 1843: Mellus, Michael**

On July 6, 2022, the Sylvania Police Department announced that Michael Mellus is the lead suspect in the January 2, 1985 murder of 30-year-old Patricia Stichler in Sylvania, Ohio. The case will likely be cleared by exception due to the death of Mellus.

Someone had broken into Stichler's home where she lived with her three daughters. Stichler was divorced, and was raising her children as a single mother. Her 11-year-old daughter found her body lying on her bedroom floor in the early morning hours. Someone had attacked her as she slept in her bed, stabbed her several times, and slashed her throat. Many of the wounds were defensive in nature.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Advance DNA. The genealogical investigation was challenging, as Michael had been put up for adoption by his mother. The method of confirmation has not been disclosed, and police state that they are continuing to investigate.

Mellus was 17 years old at the time of the murder. He lived across the street about 6 doors down from Stichler, although they are not known to have been acquainted. Mellus died in a car accident in 1989 while stationed at a U.S. Army base in North Carolina.

Police tested the DNA of several suspects, including Stichler's husband and ex-boyfriend, as well as her male friends. All were excluded as suspects in the case. Stichler's middle daughter stated, "Toby Oldham, who was my father, and James Richard Vale Jr., who was my mother's boyfriend, spent 37 years of their life being judged and ridiculed by everyone... My father, as recently as a few years ago, went to a reunion and someone said 'you killed your wife.' This was a very dark cloud and it's just not fair." She asked that police announce the name of the suspect, to clear her father and others who were suspected of committing the crime.

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### **Case ID 1502: Mercurio, Bart**

Bart Mercurio was arrested on July 9, 2021 as the lead suspect in a May 6, 1999 home-invasion rape in Cleveland, Ohio.

A 33-year-old woman was attacked by the assailant upon her return home from a walk in the city's Tremont neighborhood. The assailant was waiting for her inside her home. She was violently sexually assaulted, losing consciousness after receiving several blows to her head.

A DNA profile of the suspect was obtained in 2013 from a Sexual Assault Kit she had performed at the hospital – it had not previously been submitted for testing. This DNA profile generated no hits in CODIS.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Gene by Gene, the parent company of FTDNA. This is one of about 20 cases that Gene by Gene is investigating on behalf of Cuyahoga County, known as the G.O.L.D.

(Genetic Operations Linking DNA) Unit. The funding for this pilot project came from a Department of Justice grant in October of 2020. A John Doe warrant had been issued in this case, in order to prevent the lapse of charges through the statute of limitations. The initial confirmation was made through the surreptitious sampling of plastic drinking bottles that Mercurio had discarded.

The testing of this DNA sample in 2013 was a result of a project to clear a backlog of about 10,000 untested SAKs in Ohio. Of those, about 8,700 investigations have been completed, and over 800 suspects arrested. There were about 176 cases in which CODIS did not produce a hit to an individual already in the CODIS database because of previous felony charges.

Mercurio is now facing charges of rape, kidnapping, and aggravated burglary in Cuyahoga County. On July 12, 2022, Mercurio pled not guilty during his arraignment and was released on a \$50,000 bond.

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### **Case ID 1003-1004: Miller, Bryan Patrick**

Bryan Patrick Miller was arrested on January 14, 2015 and charged in a series of murders in Phoenix, Arizona known as the Phoenix Canal Murders.

He has been charged in the September 22, 1993 murder of 17-year-old Melanie Bernas and the November 8, 1992 murder of 22-year-old Angela Brasso. Both women disappeared while biking along the trails of the Phoenix canals. Brossos was decapitated. Her body was found near the canal in a vacant lot, and her head was found floating in the canal 11 days later. Bernas' body was found floating in the canal. She was wearing a turquoise bathing suit that did not belong to her. A male DNA profile was obtained from samples taken from the women's bodies.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Colleen Fitzpatrick of Identifinders. The case was referred to Fitzpatrick by Phoenix police detectives in October of 2014, after they had met at the ISHI (International Symposium for Human Identification) Conference in 2014 and discussed the possibility of using genetic genealogy. This was the first time that FGG had been used to clear a criminal investigation in North America. Unlike previous investigations, Fitzpatrick used existing DNA databases rather than massive public dragnets to find relative matches. This set a new standard for the field.

Fitzpatrick used Y-STR profiles to trace the male lineage of the suspect using the Sorenson Y-STR database, which was later purchased by Ancestry and taken offline. Fitzpatrick discovered that the DNA profile likely came from a male lineage with the surname Miller. She was able to take an initial suspect pool of 2,000 suspects and narrow it down to 5 men. This information was then be cross-referenced with any Millers living near the Phoenix canals. The initial confirmation of these finding was conducted by surreptitious sampling of Miller, who lived

very near the bike path where the women disappeared.

As a youth, Miller was charged with stabbing a woman at a shopping mall. He claimed that the victim reminded him of his mother. Miller was acquitted in 2002 of stabbing another woman. He is currently being investigated for involvement in other murders.

Miller was originally scheduled to be tried in 2016. His trial has been delayed a number of times. He is facing the death penalty. Reports from August of 2021 indicate that Miller and his attorneys are seeking to introduce an insanity plea.

In January of 2022, Miller was declared fit to stand trial. He has asked to be excused from being tried before a jury and has asked for a bench trial.

Miller has pled not guilty by reason of insanity. On January 9, 2023, Miller's defense team introduced testimony that Miller suffered from dissociative amnesia, which is characterized by memory gaps or memory loss caused by a traumatic event. His defence also argued his autism spectrum disorder as another reason for justifying that Miller did not know what he was doing. Dr. Brand, a forensic psychologist who interviewed Miller, testified that Miller did not seem to be aware of his symptoms, and appeared frustrated when presented with the evidence against him. She also testified that while dissociative amnesia could be related to violent behaviour, it was probably not causal.

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#### **Case ID 1097: Miller, John D.**

John D. Miller was arrested on July 15, 2018 and charged in the April 1, 1988 rape and murder of 8-year-old April Tinsley in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Tinsley had left a friend's house to fetch an umbrella but never returned. She was last seen being dragged into an old blue pick-up truck. Her body was found three days later lying beside a rural road 20 miles outside of Fort Wayne by a jogger. She had been sexually assaulted and asphyxiated, and a sex toy was located near her body.

The community was long terrorized by this crime, not least because a male claiming to be the killer wrote threatening messages, one of which was written on the side of a barn door. He also left pictures of his body and used condoms on young girl's bicycles, threatening them with being the next victim.

A DNA profile of the suspect was produced from semen found on April's underwear. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. The suspect list was narrowed down to Miller and his brother. The initial confirmation was made by the surreptitious sampling of DNA taken from trash left outside of Miller's mobile home.

Miller confessed to police, and in December of 2018 he pled guilty to the charges.

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#### Case ID 1186: Miller, Terrence

Terrence Miller was arrested on April 10, 2019 and charged in the August 23, 1972 rape and murder of 20-year-old Jody Loomis in

Edmunds, Washington. Loomis was riding her bike on a dirt road on the way to visit her horse at a local stable. She was abducted, sexually assaulted, and shot in the head. It appears that she was seated and putting her clothes on when she was shot by someone standing behind her.

A DNA profile was obtained from semen found on one of Loomis' boots. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon and Deb Stone. Deb Stone is a forensic genealogist who has worked previously with the Snohomish County to locate next-of-kin. The investigation was narrowed down to the six Miller brothers. Terrence Miller lived a short distance from the dirt road where Loomis was murdered. The initial confirmation was made by the surreptitious sampling of a coffee cup Miller had discarded outside a casino.

A number of local men were suspects in the case over the years, including two men who were collecting firewood in the area and were detained as witnesses in the case. They later provided DNA to clear their names, but this did not happen until a DNA profile was developed in 2008.

Miller has been accused of sexual offences on a number of occasions. He was cited once for lewd conduct in 1968 for exposing himself to a teenage girl. He admitted to molesting a pre-teen girl in the mid-1970s, but documents about this have been lost. In March of 1990, he was again accused of molesting two girls, but they dropped the charges. In 1999, he was accused of sexual abuse by a man with developmental disabilities, but he could not be prosecuted due to a statute of limitations.

Miller was freed on a cash bond while awaiting trial. He committed suicide on November 9, 2020 while the jury was deliberating. The trial judge agreed with prosecutors that the family had the right to hear the jury's verdict after having waited so many decades, and then sitting through the trial. The jury convicted Miller of Loomis' murder.

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#### **Case ID 1314: Mills, Joseph Clinton**

Joseph Clinton Mills was arrested on December 18, 2019 and charged in the September 4, 1981 rape and murder of 31-year-old Linda Patterson Slaten in Lakeland, Florida.

Slaten had been murdered by an intruder who broke into her bedroom. She was found when her sister came to ask her to go for coffee the next morning. The dress she had been wearing the night before was pulled down and up to expose her sexual organs, and she had been violently sexually assaulted. A wire coat hanger had been twisted around her neck. Slaten had two sons, one 12 and one 15, who were sleeping nearby when she was killed.

A DNA profile was obtained from the sexual assault kit taken at Slaten's autopsy. The FGG investigation was performed by Parabon Nanolabs and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). The initial confirmation was made through the surreptitious sampling of items taken from Mills' trash.

Mills was the football coach for Slaten's teenage son. He had brought her son home to their apartment on the evening before she was killed, and he met her then.

Mills claims that the sex he had with Slaten was consensual. He stated to police that he parked down the street and came in through the window. She already had the wire coat hanger wrapped around her neck, which he consensually twisted until she lost consciousness. He then exited from the same window as she lay unconscious in the bed.

The case against Mills proceeded in Polk County Circuit Court. In February of 2002 he changed his plea to guilty and was sentenced to life in prison to avoid the death penalty. His only comment at the sentencing hearing was to state, “I am a good person. I’m not that person they’re painting me out to be.”

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#### Case ID 1099: Monnett, Spencer

Spencer Monnett was arrested on July 28, 2018 and charged in the April 17, 2018 sexual assault of 79-year-old Carla Brooks in St. George, Utah. Monnett broke into Brooks’ home through a screen door, stuffed a rag into her mouth and sexually assaulted and beat her as she fought back. Brooks has been publicly identified at her own request; she now advocates on behalf of sexual assault survivors and has pushed for funding to test backlog sexual assault kits.

A DNA profile was developed from Brooks’ sexual assault kit but produced no matches in law enforcement databases. The FGG investigation was undertaken by Parabon Nanolabs.

Monnett confessed to the crime and he has pled guilty. Brooks testified at his sentencing hearing, at which she forgave him and urged him to turn his life around. Brooks went on to spend the last years of her life advocating for victims of sexual assault. She passed away on October 26, 2022 in South Jordan, Utah.

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## Case ID 1262: Moore, Willie

See also: Erlene Lee, a co-accused against whom the charges have now been dropped.

Willie Clyde Moore was arrested on September 20, 2019 and charged with first-degree murder in the September 18, 1983 death of 39-year-old Anthony Baltes in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Baltes had been tied up, strangled, and beaten to death inside a Tulsa Sandman Motel room. His body was found by cleaning staff. A DNA profile of the suspect was obtained from a cup found under a table in his room.

The proceedings against Erlene Lee were dismissed on February 24, 2020 at the request of the state, reportedly because she was cooperating with authorities. Charges proceeded against her co-accused, Willie Moore. He passed away while awaiting trial, on December 13, 2020, at the age of 62. The case has now been dismissed, but Baltes' family is grateful to have learned something about what happened to him.

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### **Case ID 1657: Morgan, Charles**

Charles Morgan was identified on February 2, 2021, as the lead suspect in the January 11, 1984, rape and murder of 29-year-old Teresa Solecki in Vista, California. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Morgan.

Teresa was staying with a friend who was ill. They had been in a local bar earlier that evening. Solecki left her friend's apartment, around 2:00 am, to call her sister. She wanted

the name of her sister's doctor as her friend, Patty, was feeling quite ill again. She called her sister several times, perhaps waiting in her vehicle in between calls.

Solecki was not seen again until her body was found a few hours later by a newspaper delivery man. He saw Solecki's naked body lying near her car about ten miles up the highway. She had numerous lacerations and abrasions, and a very severe head wound, indicating that she may have fought back against her attacker. The cause of death was found to be strangulation. The delivery man saw her shoes near her head, but when he came back with the authorities, they had been thrown down the embankment – suggesting that the killer may still have been near the car, watching him, as he found Solecki's body.

The DNA profile of a single male was developed from semen found on Solecki's buttocks, from semen on Solecki's sweater, which was found discarded nearby, and from underneath her fingernails. The FGG investigation was conducted by the San Diego County Sheriff's Department with the advice and assistance of Barbara Rae-Venter. Several family members provided assistance, including some who gave investigators access to their own family trees and histories, and some who provided DNA samples. Morgan's full sister declined to provide a DNA sample, but a half-sister did so and this assisted in the final confirmation.

Morgan himself passed away in a car accident in May of 1984 – only a few months after Solecki's murder. His body was cremated. Family members said that he was having difficulties with drug use and may have had a methamphetamine addiction in the final years

of his life. He had a minor criminal record for burglary and drug charges.

Investigators determined that Morgan closely matched composite sketches made of a hitchhiker seen in the area on the night that Solecki was murdered. He had been seen at the bar where Solecki and Patty were that evening. The route to the place where he was known to be staying at the time would have taken him directly past the payphones that were used by Solecki. Police think that he saw her at the bar and again at the payphones, and that he somehow lured her into her vehicle and attacked her, fleeing the scene after her body was found.

Several men were suspected of Solecki's murder in the years before this case was solved, including a former boyfriend. Several men had their DNA samples taken and compared with the crime scene DNA, and all were excluded as suspects.

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#### Case ID 1650: Morgan, Edward

Edward Morgan, 60, was arrested on February 18, 2022, for the February 1984 rape and murder of 21-year-old Mary Jane Thompson in Dallas, Texas.

Thompson's body was found on February 13, 1984, behind a warehouse. She had been sexually assaulted and strangled with her own legwarmers. Thompson had moved to Dallas about 6 months before her death, and was working in a restaurant and a flower shop. She was last seen two days before her death, taking a bus to a medical clinic, which was closed when she arrived.

A DNA profile of the suspect was developed in 2009 from swabs preserved from Thompson's autopsy. The investigation was a collaboration between the Dallas PD, the FBI, and the SAKI Cold Case Team of the District Attorneys Office. There is no official confirmation as to whether the FGG investigation was performed by the FBI's Investigative Genealogy Unit. There is no information as yet on how the initial confirmation to Morgan was made.

Morgan is charged with capital murder. He is being held on bond in Dallas County. The charges against him are pending in the Dallas County District Criminal Court.

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## Case ID 1164: Neal, James

James Neal has been identified as the lead suspect in the July 6, 1973 rape and murder of 11-year-old Linda O'Keefe in Newport Beach, California. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Neal.

O'Keefe was abducted while walking home from school and a massive search was launched. Her body was found the next day in a ditch in Back Bay. She had been sexually assaulted and strangled to death. She was

wearing a white dress with blue flowers that her mother had made. Her mother made most of her daughters' clothes and was sewing that day when Linda called to ask for a ride home. She told Linda to walk since it was a nice summer day. Linda was last seen speaking with a man in a turquoise van, who might have offered her a ride.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs.

Neal had been living in the area at the time of the murder, using the alias 'James Albert Layton Jr.', a name he later changed after a criminal conviction for sexual offences. He was accused of sexually assaulting two other young girls in the 1990s and again in 2002. Neal passed away in custody awaiting trial at the age of 73.

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### **Case ID 1277: Nicholas, Patrick Leon**

Patrick Leon Nicholas was arrested on October 2, 2019 and charged in the December 14, 1991 rape and murder of 16-year-old Sarah Yarborough in King County, Washington.

Yarborough was found dead at the Federal Way High School where she had gone to attend a drill team competition. Two 12-year-old boys found her body in a wooded area near the school about an hour later. Her face had been badly beaten, and she had been strangled with her own nylon stockings. A DNA profile was created from semen found on her clothing, which had been placed neatly beside her body.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Colleen Fitzpatrick of Identifinders who had performed an analysis of the suspect's Y-chromosome in 2012. The investigation at that time turned up the surname of Fuller. For this investigation, Fitzpatrick also worked

with genealogists Gretchen Stack and Holly Turk. They narrowed the suspect pool to two Nicholas brothers. Edward P. Nicholas is a registered sex offender whose DNA was eliminated as it is already in CODIS. Investigators have stated that had familial searching have been an option for them, the case could have been solved much sooner.

The confirmation was made through the surreptitious sampling of cigarette butts discarded by Nicholas outside of a Kent laundromat. He also resembles a composite sketch of a suspect seen in the area.

Nicholas had earlier been convicted of the attempted rape of a young woman at knife point in 1983. In 1993 he was convicted of sexually molesting his 6-year-old stepdaughter. He is now charged with first degree murder while attempting to commit second degree rape. His case is pending in King County.

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#### **Case ID 1148: Nichols, William Louis**

William Louis Nichols has been identified as the lead suspect in the April 7, 1983 sexual assault of a 12-year-old girl in Hernando County, Florida. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Nichols.

The girl was at home with a 10-year-old friend and her 9-year-old sister while her parents were out shopping. An intruder knocked on the door, spoke to the girls, and then snuck inside through the garage. He put a knife to her 9-year-old sister's throat. He raped the 12-year-old at knife point, telling

her that he would harm the other two girls if she did not do as he said.

A DNA profile was developed in 2005 from semen found at a crime scene. The DNA profiling was conducted by DNA Labs International and the FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon. The confirmation was made to a living relative.

Nichols died from cancer in Orlando in 1998. He had been convicted of sexual assaults in 1958 and 1972. For the latter crime he was found incompetent to stand trial and spent a short time in a mental hospital. Shortly after being released he was charged with another rape, but those charges were dismissed.

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### **Case ID 1250: Nielson, Chet**

Chet Nelson was arrested on August 22, 2019 and charged in the August 4, 2017 sexual assault of a 26-year-old woman in Teton, Idaho. She was walking in Victor City Park at around 1:00 am when she was grabbed by an assailant and violently assaulted. The victim resisted and was nearly killed. She had been strangled to the point where the blood vessels in her eyes burst from a lack of oxygen.

A DNA profile was obtained from the victim's sexual assault kit. The FGG investigation was conducted by Colleen Fitzpatrick of Identifinders. The initial confirmation was made through the surreptitious sampling of a piece of chewing tobacco spit out by Nielson.

Nielson pled guilty to the offence and has been sentenced to 15 years in prison.

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### **Case ID 1375-1376: Nyquist, Daniel**

Daniel Nyquist was arrested on June 9, 2020 and charged in the October 19, 2004 murders of 56-year-old Anna-Lena Svensson and 8-year-old Mohamad Ammour in Linköping, Sweden. These random attacks took place around 8:00 am in the morning in this quiet Swedish town. Ammour was attacked from behind and stabbed while walking to school. Svensson was then stabbed to death while trying to run back to her house, likely because she had witnessed the killing.

Swedish genealogist Peter Sjölund conducted the FGG analysis, using FTDNA.

Nyqvist confessed to police shortly after his arrest. He was tried in Linköping District Court. He was found to have been suffering from a serious psychiatric disorder at the time of the killings and was sentenced to care in a psychiatric hospital.

Inspired by recent successes in the United States, Sweden changed its legislation in January of 2019 to permit police to use commercial genealogy sites, like FTDNA, to search against crime scene DNA. This led to the solving of this case, reported to be one of the biggest murder investigations in Sweden – next only to the 1986 murder of Prime Minister Olof Palme. During the years that this case remained open, mass screens of the DNA of local men who were suspected of the crime resulted in over 6,000 men being suspects and being asked to provide their DNA. Over 9,000 men were interrogated by police. All were cleared of involvement in the crime.

Tillmar *et al.* have described how this case was used as a pilot study to examine the feasibility of using FGG to solve a violent crime in Sweden, and to assess the ethical and privacy aspects of the use of D2C databases. In this case, the use of FGG was successful in apprehending a suspect and in securing a conviction. Legal authorities determined that the social value in solving a violent crime outweighed the privacy interests of users of the D2C databases, their relatives who were not in the database, and the person of interest whose DNA was left at the crime scene.

As a result, Sweden is now developing a set of national guidelines for the use of FGG. There are other cases in Sweden that might be appropriate for FGG, and these cases are now being assessed.

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### **Case ID 1339: O'Connor, Deborah**

On February 20, 2020, police arrested Deborah Riddle O'Connor and charged her with first-degree murder in the death of her infant son.

The remains of Baby Michael were found on March 3, 1999 in Cumberland County, North Carolina. The infant was placed in a trash bag and thrown out of a moving vehicle. The baby was found by a soldier driving by Canady Pond Road. An autopsy determined that Baby Michael had been born alive and was killed by blunt force trauma. He likely died within the first 24-hours of his life.

The DNA profile was developed from the mother's placenta, which was still attached to Baby Michael. The FGG investigation was conducted by Melinde Lutz Byrne of Bode Technologies.

O'Connor's family states that she suffers from a mental illness. She admitted to investigators that she is the baby's mother. At

the time of the murder, she lived a few miles away from where body was found.

On August 10, 2021, O'Connor pled guilty to second-degree murder in Cumberland County Court. She was sentenced to 12 years in prison, with credit for time served awaiting sentencing.

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### **Case ID 1761: Owen, Leonard D. ("8 Ball")**

On September 23, 2022, the Missoula County Sheriff's Office Cold Case Unit announced that Leonard D. ("8 Ball") Owen was the lead suspect in the September 13, 1992 murder of William T. Adams (Cadillac Man") in Missoula, Montana. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Owen.

Adams was found partially buried in the Peace Tree Camp near the Interstate-90 highway. He died from head trauma and a stab wound to the chest. The broken knife was still in his chest when he was found. His jacket and sweater were pulled up in a way that suggested he had been dragged to the location where his body was found. Adams was known to be transient.

A DNA profile of the suspect was developed from blood found on clothing located at the crime scene. Investigators believe that the suspect cut himself while stabbing Adams. There is no information on who performed the FGG investigation, which was funded by Season of Justice.

Owen, who is also known to have been transient, had a criminal history of violent crimes.

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### **Case ID 1352: Parker, Vernon**

Vernon Parker has been identified as the lead suspect in the January 15, 1981 rape and

murder of 17-year-old Mary London in Sacramento, California.

London was developmentally disabled, and she disappeared on her way to her scheduled ride for school. Her body was found near I-5 the next day. She was nude and had been stabbed multiple times.

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#### Case ID 1253: Perea, Donald Steven

Donald Steven Perea has been identified as the lead suspect in the August 25, 1981 rape and murder of 18-year-old Jeannie Moore in Lakewood, Colorado. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Perea.

Moore left her home that morning, hitchhiking a ride to her job at a local convenience store. She was last seen getting into a red Ford LTD or Galaxy. A search was launched when she failed to show up for work. Her body was found five days later in Genesee Park by pic-knickers. She had been sexually assaulted and was killed by several blows to her head.

A DNA profile was developed in 2011 from semen recovered from Moore's clothing. The FGG investigation was conducted by Joan Busse of United Data Connect. The investigation in this case took only 90 days.

Perea died at the age of 54 in May of 2012. He was released on bond for a separate violent kidnapping and sex assault when he raped and killed Moore. One of his two living daughters provided a confirmatory DNA sample.

United Data Connect entered into a contract with Denver Metro Crime Stoppers to perform FGG on qualifying cases, of which this was one. Crime Stoppers funded the

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### Case ID 1564, 1586: Peterson, Johnny Blake

On November 29, 2021, police identified Johnny Blake Peterson as the lead suspect in the January 26, 1979 rape and murder of 16-year-old Kim Bryant in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Peterson.

Bryant was abducted from a Dairy Queen on North Decatur Boulevard where she was supposed to meet her boyfriend. When she failed to return home from school later that day, her parents reported her missing. Her body was found three weeks later, on February 20<sup>th</sup>, in a desert area in the northwest of the city.

A forensic DNA profile was developed in 2008 from semen taken from Bryant's body, but this returned no hits to DNA databases. An FGG investigation was performed by Othram Inc, beginning in August of 2021. Funding for the investigation was donated by Justin Woo and the non-profit organization Vegas Helps. The final confirmation was made to a living relative of Peterson.

Police have stated that Peterson died in January of 1993. Peterson was 19 years old at the time of the murder and had at one time been a student at the high school that Bryant attended, although there is currently no information that she knew him. He was arrested for a sexual assault in 1980, but the case was dismissed.

Shortly after identifying Peterson, police announced that he is also the lead suspect in the December 31, 1983, rape and murder of 22-year-old Diana Hanson. She failed to return home, and her body was found later that day near a quarry just west of the Buffalo neighbourhood of Las Vegas. Semen was collected from her body at the autopsy. Police compared Peterson's DNA profile to the DNA taken from Hanson, and concluded that his DNA profile was consistent with that found on Hanson.

Police continue to investigate whether he may be linked to other crimes that took place in the area.

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#### Case ID 1569: Petrecca, John Anthony Jr.

On December 1, 2021, Baltimore County police announced that John Anthony Petrecca Jr. was the lead suspect in the September 23, 1981, murder of 13-year-old Heather Porter in Halethorpe, Maryland. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Petrecca.

Porter had argued with her parents, and snuck out of the house with a friend, Sue Yutzy. Yutzy left Porter a few blocks from her home. Porter was found the next morning. She had been sexually assaulted and strangled to death. She had skin under her fingernails, likely from fighting against her attacker. Her body was dumped in a wooded area in Towson.

The FGG investigation was undertaken by Bode Technologies, with further investigation by the FBI. The final confirmation was made through the exhumation of Petrecca's remains on March 11, 2021. A DNA sample was taken and compared with the crime scene DNA. Authorities confirmed Petrecca as the lead suspect on November 12, 2021.

Petrecca died in the year 2000. Authorities report that he resided in Halethorpe at the time of the murder, very close to where Porter was last seen. They also state that he was arrested for sex offences in the 1960s and 1970s, although little else is known about his criminal record at the present time. Police are investigating whether Petrecca is linked to any other crimes in the area.

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## Case ID 1173-1174: Peyton, Gregory Michael

Gregory Michael Peyton has been identified as the lead suspect in the June 3, 1981 murders of 44-year-old Thomas Green and 53-year-old Alice Green in Livermore, California. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Peyton.

The Greens were murdered in the bedroom of their home in a violent home invasion robbery. Thomas had been bound with twine and killed by a single gunshot. Alice had been stabbed multiple times and subject to blunt force trauma.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Barbara Rae-Venter of Gene By Gene, the parent company of FTDNA. The confirmation was made through Peyton's biological daughter who provided a sample of her DNA.

Three years after these killings, in October of 1984, Payton killed his wife and committed suicide in Oklahoma, bringing his tally of murders to three. Peyton was the brother of the Greens' son-in law.

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#### **Case ID 1465-1466: Phillips, Alan Lee**

Alan Lee Phillips was arrested on February 24, 2021 for the January 6, 1982 murders of 21-year-old Annette Schnee and 29-year-old Barbara Oberholtzer in Park County, Colorado.

The two women were last seen hitchhiking near a resort town in Rock Mountain when they disappeared on February 6, 2021. Oberholtzer's body was found in a snowdrift the next day by her friends and family. She had been shot twice in the back, likely while running away from her attacker. Schnee was not found until 6 months later. Her body had been dumped near a creek in rural Park County. She had been shot as well.

Investigators have not confirmed the source of the DNA sample used in the investigation, or whether the homicides involved sexual violence. The FGG investigation was conducted by United Data Connect. Phillips was under surveillance at the time of his arrest, but there is no data on whether police confirmed his identify through surreptitious sampling.

After the murders, Phillips became caught in a snowstorm, and had to be rescued from the mountain by emergency responders. That event was not connected with the double homicide until after Phillips' arrest.

Phillips was convicted in Park County on September 15, 2022 of first-degree murder and kidnapping in the deaths of both women. On November 7, 2022, he was sentenced to two life sentences, to be served consecutively.

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### **Case ID 1490: Plympton, Robert**

Robert Plympton was arrested on June 8, 2021 for the January 15, 1980 murder of 19-year-old Barbara Mae Tucker in Gresham, Oregon.

Tucker was walking alone to an evening class at the Mt. Hood Community College. She was last seen by witnesses on Northeast Kane Drive. She was standing in the road, trying to flag down passing motorists. Witnesses said she was frantic and had blood and mud on her face. Several cars nearly hit Tucker. No one stopped to help her. One witness saw Tucker being led back into the woods by a man. Her body was found the next morning by a Mt. Hood student. She had been sexually assaulted and bludgeoned to death.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Paragon Nanolabs. There is no information as yet on the method of confirmation.

Plympton had been charged in connection with an attempted sexual assault in 1997. He was accused of kidnapping a woman and driving her to a secluded place and attempting to sexually assault her, but the charges were dropped after a grand jury determined there was not enough evidence. He was previously convicted of kidnapping in 1985 and served a 30-month sentence. His trial is currently pending in Multnomah County Court.

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#### **Case ID 1839-1840: Pratt, James Thomas**

On February 1, 2023, police arrested James Thomas Pratt, 60, and charged him with the March 14, 1984 murders of Sarah Mobley Hall, 27, and her 10-year-old son, Derrick Mobley, in Charlotte-Mecklenburg, North Carolina.

Hall was a single mother who worked with special needs children. Her son Derrick is also described as having special needs. The two were found deceased in their home in Hidden Valley. They died by strangulation.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs in partnership with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department. Innovative Forensic Investigations is also credited with their role in the investigation.

Funding was provided through the Bureau of Justice Assistance SAKI Funding - a fund established to assist in DNA testing of sexual assault kits.

Pratt lived close to Hall at the time of the murders, although he was never a suspect in the investigation. He is reported to have had a criminal record, but only for misdemeanours, and so a DNA sample would never have been taken.

Pratt is now facing two charges of murder in Mecklenburg Superior Court.

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### **Case ID 1795: Premo, Jeffrey Paul**

52-year-old Jeffrey Paul Premo was arrested on November 28, 2022 for the March 21, 1998 murder of 19-year-old Jennifer Brinkman in Marysville, Washington. Her father found her dead in her bedroom when he returned from a short holiday to California. She had been killed with an axe blow to her neck. There is no confirmation as to whether she was sexually assaulted.

A DNA sample of the suspect was found on the axe, although the biological source of the sample has not been disclosed. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs in partnership with the Marysville Police Department, beginning in 2020.

Premo is currently being held on a \$250,000 bond. He is facing a charge of first-degree murder in Snohomish County Superior Court.

Investigators believe that Brinkman met Premo on a telephone chat line. He had written her a letter shortly before her murder which indicated that he knew her. Police state that they interviewed him at the time of the murder, but that there was not sufficient evidence to charge him with an offence.

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### **Case ID 1736: Ramirez, Gary**

Gary Ramirez, 75, was arrested on August 2, 2022, for the September 3, 1982 murder of 15-year-old Karen Stitt in Sunnyvale, California.

Stitt was with her 17-year-old boyfriend, David Woods, that evening. He left her at about midnight near the bus stop where she was killed, as he was afraid of being home late.

Her body was found by a truck driver the following morning behind a cinderblock retaining wall near the bus stop. She was naked, and had been stabbed 59 times. She had been sexually assaulted, and her hands were bound behind her back with her own shirt. Disturbed leaves and soil at her feet show that she lay moving on the ground where her killer left her for some time before she died.

A DNA profile of the suspect was developed in 2000 from semen taken from Stitt’s body, blood found on her jacket, and a drop of blood on a cinderblock at the crime scene.

There is currently no information on who conducted the FGG investigation. The suspect list was narrowed down to four brothers, of which Ramirez was one. Investigators identified him as the leading suspect when his DNA was matched to that voluntarily provided by his grandchild.

Ramirez was born in Fresno and lived in the San Francisco Bay Area at the time of the murder. Ramirez has waived extradition, and will be transported from Maui to face charges of kidnapping, rape, and first-degree murder in Santa Clara County Superior Court. He has no prior criminal record.

Stitt's boyfriend was long a suspect in her murder. He was only cleared after a DNA profile of the suspect was obtained.

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#### **Case ID 1212-1218, 1220: Rasmussen, Terry Peder**

See also:

Confidential (Dawn Beaudin/Lisa Jensen)  
Honeychurch, Marlyse Elizabeth  
McWaters, Sarah  
Rasmussen, Jane Doe  
Vaughn, Marie

This case is part of a series of murders known as the Bear Brook Murders, or the Allenstown Murders. One of the most remarkable cold cases in U.S. history, the successful resolution of the Bear Brook murders by Barbara Rae-Venter led detectives to pursue FGG in the search for the Golden State Killer.

In the course of this investigation, Terry Peder Rasmussen was identified as the lead suspect in the murder of an adult woman and three girls in Allenstown, New Hampshire, as well as the kidnapping and sexual molestation of a 5-year-old girl in San Bernardino, California. The case was cleared by exception as

Rasmussen died in prison in California in 2010 for a different murder.

The body of Marlyse Elizabeth Honeychurch was found on November 11, 1985, when a 55-gallon steel drum containing human remains was found in Bear Brook State Park near Allenstown, New Hampshire. The remains were of an adult woman and a young girl about 8-10 years old. Honeychurch is thought to have been about 26 or 27 years old when she died. They had been killed by blunt force trauma to the head.

On May 9, 2000 a second steel drum was found only about 100 yards from the first. It contained the remains of two more young girls. The younger girl was 1-3 years old and the older was about 2-4 years old. It is thought that the four Bear Brook victims were killed sometime between 1978 and 1981.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Barbara Rae-Venter, a Search Angel, who volunteered at the non-profit organization DNAAdoption.com where she assisted adopted individuals to identify their birth families. Rae-Venter has a PhD in biochemistry, and she worked for many years as a patent attorney in the biotech industry. She is a leader in using genetic genealogy to identify living does.

At first, Rae-Venter was not looking to identify the Bear Brook victims. She was attempting to identify ‘Lisa Jensen’, a grown woman who had been abducted and abandoned by an unknown male when she was about 5 years old. Lisa thought she was the biological daughter of a man named Gordon Jensen. Jensen was a pseudonym for a man whose real identity was discovered by Rae-Venter to be Terry Peder Rasmussen.

DNA testing showed that Rasmussen was not the father of Lisa Jensen, but he was the father of the toddler whose body was found in second barrel at Bear Brook. Rasmussen was then identified as the lead suspect in the murder of the four Bear Brook victims, and the case was cleared by exception.

In 1978, at the time of the Bear Brook murders, Rasmussen worked in Allenstown as an electrician and handyman near the property where the barrels were found. In around 1981, another young mother named Denise Beaudin and her 6-month-old daughter disappeared from New Hampshire in very similar circumstances. Beaudin’s boyfriend at the time was Terry Rasmussen. The little girl was Lisa Jensen. They all moved to California together, but when Rasmussen was next seen in California he was in the company of only Lisa. Denise was not seen again after leaving New Hampshire with Rasmussen, and her body has never been found.

Rasmussen and Lisa lived in a trailer park in Scotts Valley, California in 1986. He then abandoned Lisa, who was then about 5 years old, with another family he met there. ‘Gordon Jensen’ was not seen again. Lisa Jensen was now a living Jane Doe, with no idea of when or where she was born, her parentage, or her name.

Lisa Jensen was a grown woman of 32 years old and a mother herself when the detectives working on her case approached Rae-Venter to identify her birth family. The lead detective working on Lisa’s abduction was Detective Peter Headley of the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Office. Rae-Venter and a team of volunteers used genetic genealogy to identify Lisa’s birth family and try to find out where

she came from and what had happened to her mother.

In 2016, Rae-Venter identified Lisa as Dawn Beaudin of New Hampshire. Lisa and her mother, Denise Beaudin, disappeared around Thanksgiving of 1981 with her boyfriend, Terry Rasmussen. Family members identified her boyfriend at the time as ‘Bob Evans’, which was the name that Rasmussen was using when he was living in New Hampshire.

Rae-Venter wanted to test the remains of the Bear Brook victims because she suspected that the woman in the barrel was Denise Beaudin, Lisa’s mother. Up until that time, it had not been possible to obtain a DNA profile from the Bear Brook victims. In 2016, Rae-Venter contacted Dr. Ed Green, a researcher in paleo-genomics, of the University of California at Santa-Cruz as he had developed a new technique to extract autosomal DNA from rootless hair.

This new technique was successful in obtaining DNA profiles of the Bear Brook victims, and the investigation was finally able to progress. They discovered that the woman was not Denise Beaudin, but the middle girl was Rasmussen’s biological daughter. She was not related to the other two little girls, who were found to be the daughters of the adult woman.

Rae-Venter then used FGG to identify the woman found at Bear Brook as Marlyse Elizabeth Honeychurch (b. 1954). The other body found in the barrel with her is her eldest daughter, Marie Vaughan (b. 1971). The infant girl found in the second barrel is Honeychurch’s youngest daughter, Sarah McWaters (b. 1977).

Marlyse Honeychurch was last seen on Thanksgiving Day in 1978, when she got into an argument with her family, and left with Terry Rasmussen, who was her boyfriend at the time. She was not seen alive again. Honeychurch and the three girls were likely killed sometime between 1978 and 1981, before Denise Beaudin and her daughter Lisa Jensen went missing in similar circumstances.

Jane Doe Rasmussen, the toddler found in the second barrel, is the biological daughter of Terry Rasmussen. The FGG investigation into her identity continues, as her mother is currently unknown. She has a mixed ancestry, with some African American, Native American, and possibly Asian heritage. Rae-Venter is constructing her family tree and believes the girl’s mother may be from near Pearl River County, Mississippi, and possibly descended from Thomas ‘Deadhorse’ Mitchell (b. 1836) or William Livings (b. 1826).

Rasmussen died of lung cancer and emphysema at the High Desert Prison in Susanville, California in 2010. He had been convicted under yet another false name, ‘Larry Vanner’, for the 2002 murder of his common-law spouse, chemist Eunsoon Jun. He has been nicknamed the ‘Chameleon Killer’ for the way in which he is able to move, change his identity, and begin a new life with a new family. When DNA testing showed that he was not the biological father of Lisa Jensen, he denied knowing or remembering the little girl at all.

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## Case ID 1426-1427, 1448: Ray, Lance David

Lance David Ray was arrested on October 8, 2020 and charged in a series of rapes of young boys. On July 2, 2000, a 14-year-old boy was kidnapped at gunpoint and sexually assaulted in Peoria, Arizona. On August 23, 2000, a 17-year-old boy waiting at a bus stop was forced into a car at gunpoint and taken to a secluded location and sexually assaulted.

In December of 2020, he was also charged with the rape and murder of 18-year-old Dalmer Hussen in Phoenix, Arizona. Hussen was attacked sometime on September 24, 2000 while walking home from a friend's house. He struggled against his attacker and was shot and killed. His body was found at 9:00 am on September 25 in a vacant lot. He was the eldest of 7 brothers.

The three cases were linked to the same perpetrator through DNA testing in 2003. There is no confirmation on who conducted the FGG analysis, but reports state that the FBI was involved in the investigation.

The case against Ray is pending in Maricopa County.

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#### Case ID 1347: Rees, Daniel

Daniel Rees was arrested on March 11, 2020 and charged in the March 30, 1991 rape and murder of 23-year-old Rachael Johnson in Akron, Ohio.

Johnson had been sexually assaulted, stabbed, and her body was set on fire. Police think she may have had a flat tire while driving home from a friend's house and been attacked while at the roadside or by someone who stopped to assist her.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Cheryl Hester at Advance DNA. The initial confirmation was made through police surveillance followed by the surreptitious sampling of items discarded by Rees.

For a long time, Rees lived across the street from the family, and played a role as a family friend in the lives of Johnson's young daughter and her family. He is now facing charges of aggravated murder, and the case against him is pending in Summit County.

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### **Case ID 1130: Renegar, Edward Keith**

Edward Keith Renegar has been identified as the lead suspect in the February 2, 1990 rape and murder of 32-year-old Pamela Felkins in Greenbriar, Arkansas. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Renegar.

Felkins was working the night shift at a video store, and she may have been kidnapped as she finished her shift. Felkins' husband came to the store to pick her up just before closing time at 9:00 pm, but she was already gone. Her body was found the next day dumped at a trash site off Clinton Mountain Road. She had been cut and beaten and she died from a blow to the head.

A DNA profile was obtained from the sexual assault kit taken at Felkins' autopsy. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. In this case, Renegar's daughter

voluntarily provided a DNA sample to investigators to confirm her father's identity. She also noted that he had been abusive towards his female partners, one of whom had a protection order against him.

Renegar died of natural causes in 2002 at the age of 44. At the time of the murder, he lived very near where Felkins's body was found. He had been convicted of a sexual assault in July of 1994, for which he served a 10-month sentence. He died of natural causes in 2002 in Salt Lake City.

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### **Case ID 1673: Rice, Herbert**

Herbert Rice was identified on March 29, 2022, as the lead suspect in the March 22, 1980, rape and murder of 20-year-old Eve Wilkowitz in Bay Shore, New York. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Rice.

Wilkowitz had just begun a new job at the MacMillan publishing house in Manhattan. She had taken the last train home that night and was killed while walking home from the station. Her body was found in a yard near her apartment three days later. She had been sexually assaulted and strangled to death.

A DNA profile of the suspect was developed from a sexual assault kit. Rice's son voluntarily provided a DNA sample to police, which showed that he was the natural son of the person whose DNA was recovered from the crime scene. Police have stated that they attempted to obtain the son's DNA surreptitiously and asked for his consent when this was not possible. Rice passed away from cancer in 1991. His body was exhumed on March 10, 2022, and his DNA profile matched that collected from the crime scene.

At the time of the murder, Rice had been asked by his wife to leave their family home. He was staying with his mother, who lived about four houses away from the yard where Wilkowitz's body was found.

Wilkowitz's sister, Irene was a staunch advocate for her sister's case over the years. Irene's son, Evan, learned about FGG after reading about its use to identify Joseph James DeAngelo as the Golden State Killer, and he advocated for its use in the investigation into his aunt's murder.

Rice had a minor criminal record, including a conviction for a misdemeanor theft for which he served a short jail sentence, but had not been convicted of any offence which would have resulted in his DNA sample being placed in a law enforcement database.

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### **Case ID 1665: Robertson, Warren**

On March 15, 2022, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department announced that Warren Robertson is the lead suspect in the May 2, 1988 murder of 29-year-old Diane Lynn Dahn in Santee, California. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Robertson.

A co-worker came to Dahn's apartment that afternoon when she failed to show up for her job at the San Diego Transit Corporation. Her 2-year-old son, Mark Beyer, was found wandering around the apartment complex. She had been bludgeoned and stabbed to death in her bedroom.

A partial DNA profile was developed in 2000 from tissue collected from under Dahn's fingernails. The profile was not of a high enough quality to be submitted to CODIS. In June of 2010 a new DNA profile was developed from a human hair found in Dahn's hand at the time of her death. That profile was entered into CODIS but received no hits. The FGG investigation was reportedly conducted by the San Diego County Sheriff's Office Cold Case Team. As many as 9 family trees composed of nearly 1300 individuals were constructed in order to identify Robertson. The final confirmation was made to living relatives.

Robertson lived in the same apartment complex as Dahn at the time of their homicide, and it is not known whether they knew each other. He and his family moved to Lakeside, California shortly after Dahn's murder, and later to Indiana. He died in a house fire in November of 1999 at the age of 39.

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#### Case ID 1772: Robison, Jerry Dewayne

Jerry Dewayne Robison was identified on October 17, 2022 as the lead suspect in the March 21, 1994 rape and murder of 72-year-old Claire (Kay) Holman in Borrego Springs, California. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Robison.

Holman's body was found by a friend who had come to deliver her mail. An autopsy determined that she had been sexually assaulted, and that she died from a ligature strangulation. The home was ransacked, but there was no evidence of forcible entry, leading investigators to believe that Holman may have known her killer.

A DNA profile of the suspect was first created in 2003, but there were no hits in CODIS. A new DNA profile was obtained from a strand of hair in March of 2021. There is currently no information on who performed the FGG

investigation, but reports indicate that much of the genealogical work was done by the San Diego County Sheriff's Office.

Robison passed away from cancer in 2007 at the age of 65. He was living and working as a plumber in Borrego Springs at the time of the murder. Investigators believe that he may occasionally have worked for Holman.

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#### Case ID 1546: Roche, Karen Kuzmak

Karen Kuzmak Roche was identified on January 14, 2020, as the lead suspect in the infanticide of a newborn infant. The remains

of David Paul were found on January 2, 1988, underneath a tree in a parking lot in Meriden, Connecticut. Roche had left the infant there on December 28, 1987. She had phoned the South Meriden Fire Department and told them that they would find 'something' in the parking lot. Firefighters went to the parking lot that day but did not find anything. The infant had been wrapped in a blanket, and he died of exposure and hypothermia. The Meriden Police Department named him David Paul. They hold a ceremony each year to honour his memory.

The FGG investigation was undertaken by Colleen Fitzpatrick of Identifinders. The sample source was reported to be Roche's blood, which was found on the blanket in which the infant was wrapped. She had begun some work on the case in 2011, and identified a possible last name, but did not receive a breakthrough until 2019 when autosomal DNA testing revealed second/third cousin matches in GEDmatch and FTDNA. Fitzpatrick has stated that this was an early test case to assess the potential for autosomal SNP testing and genealogy to identify an unknown individual using DNA.

Police identified the infant's mother as Karen Kuzmak Roche, who was 25 years old when David Paul was born. She admitted to police that she delivered the baby herself, and then abandoned him at the foot of a tree. Zymaris reports that, "Ms. Roche indicated she had been waiting 32 years for the day in which police would be knocking on the door regarding this incident," said Chief Jeffrey Cossette, Meriden Police Department."

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### Rogers, James David:

James David Rogers, 58, was sentenced on September 8, 2022 in Los Angeles County for two counts of mailing threatening communications, one count of uttering threats by interstate communication, and two counts of stalking. He was arrested in November 8, 2019, and he pled guilty in April of 2022.

The crimes were committed against 'CSI: Miami' actress Eva LaRue and her then minor daughter, Kaya McKenna Callahan.

Beginning in March of 2007, Rogers sent about 3 dozen letters to LaRue and, beginning in 2015, to her daughter who was then 13 years old. The threats continued for 12 years. In the letters, he threatened to torture, kill, and sexually assault LaRue and to sexually assault and impregnate her daughter. He also phoned the girl's school claiming to be her father and that he was waiting outside to pick her up. He called himself 'Freddie Krueger' in some of the letters.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the FBI, beginning in 2019. They used a DNA profile developed from saliva on the letters Rogers sent to LaRue. The final confirmation was made by surreptitious sampling from a straw that Rogers had discarded at an Arby's restaurant in Heath, Ohio.

This is the first time that FGG has been used to clear a case involving federal criminal charges in the United States.

The case was also notable because the investigators appear to have violated the Terms of Service of the genealogical databases that they used in the course of the investigation, which permitted law enforcement access only for decedents as well as crimes of homicide, aggravated and sexual assault, but not threatened homicide and sexual assault. Under the Terms of Service, permission was not extended to cases where there was a threat to public safety.

Several genetic genealogists criticized the investigation as being unethical for violating the Terms of Service, and possibly compromising the trust that the public has

placed in law enforcement when giving their permission to access their information.

Margaret Press of the Board of Certification for Investigative Genetic Genealogy issued a statement that the FBI's violation of the Terms of Service was unethical and might compromise the future of genetic genealogy.

Rogers was sentenced to 40 months in a federal correctional facility.

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#### Case ID 1729: Rojas, David

53-Year-old David Rojas was arrested in Dallas on July 22, 2022 for the January 19, 1989 murder of 78-year-old Mary Hague Kelly in Dallas, Texas.

Kelly was found dead in her home in Oak Cliff by a relative who had come to check on her. She was naked from the waist down and her body had been shoved underneath a bed. She was found to have died by strangulation. The intruder had taken some of her belongings and her vehicle.

A DNA profile of the suspect was obtained when the case was reopened in 2004, but there were no hits in CODIS. The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram, beginning in November of 2021. The initial confirmation was made through surreptitious sampling of beer cans discarded by his half-brother. The funding for the investigation was provided by Season of Justice.

Rojas is facing a charge of capital murder in the death of Kelly in Dallas County Criminal Court. His half-brother lived next door to Kelly at the time of her death.

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### **Case ID 1679: Rosado, Jerry**

Jerry Rosado, 62, was arrested on April 8, 2022, for the May 27, 1990, rape and murder of 20-year-old Susan Negersmith in Wildwood, New Jersey.

Negersmith's almost-nude body was disposed of in a dumpster behind a local restaurant. Negersmith had travelled to Wildwood from her home in Carmel, New York, to spend the Memorial Day holiday there with friends.

For the first three years of the investigation, Negersmith's death was ruled an accident. This was only changed when her initial autopsy report was examined by forensic pathologist Dr. Michael Baden, who determined that she suffered significant physical trauma that led to her death. Negersmith's family stated that they had to advocate for three years to have the cause of death changed. They state that the city wanted

to protect tourism revenues in this popular Jersey Shore destination.

A DNA profile was obtained from semen found in Negersmith's body, as well as under her fingernails. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. There is no information as yet on how the final confirmation was made.

As of April, 2022, Rosado is charged with second-degree sexual assault, which carries a potential penalty of 5-10 years. He is not charged with a homicide-related offence, but authorities state that further charges are possible. Investigators reinterviewed a male witness who was with Negersmith shortly before she died. He was trying to assist her back to her motel, as she was extremely intoxicated. He left her near where her body was found the next day. Her blood alcohol at her autopsy was 0.285. The witness stated that she was clearly too intoxicated to consent to sexual activity.

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### **Case ID 1096: Rowe, Raymand Charles**

Raymand Charles Rowe was arrested on June 25, 2018 and charged in the December 21, 1992 rape and murder of 25-year-old Christy Mirack in East Lampeter Township, Pennsylvania.

Mirack was a Grade 6 teacher. She was just leaving her home for work that morning when she was attacked violently in her home. She was raped, her jaw was broken, and she died from strangulation. She was still wearing her

coat and gloves when she was found. The principal of the school found her when he went to her home, worried and looking for her because she did not show up for work. She had prepared Christmas presents for her coworkers and students which she was to bring that morning.

The FGG investigation was undertaken by Parabon. Rowe, a local DJ known as DJ Freez, was reported in an online magazine talking about his heritage and his love for Puerto Rican food. It was known through forensic phenotyping that the suspect likely had a parent who was of Puerto Rican ancestry. The initial confirmation was made through police surveillance and the surreptitious sampling of a water bottle and a piece of chewing gum that Rowe had discarded in his trash.

Rowe states that he had found God and faith in recent years, and that this led him to pled guilty to the charges. He delivered an apology to Christy’s family in court for what he had done. As part of the plea agreement, the death penalty was taken off the table and he was sentenced to life without parole. The Mirack family was included in discussions leading to the plea agreement.

In August of 2021, Rowe sought a post-conviction relief hearing. He is seeking to withdraw his guilty plea and have a trial. He states that he visited Mirack that morning, and they had consensual sex, but that she was alive when he left her.

On April 21, 2022, Judge Dennis Reinaker of Lancaster County denied Rowe’s motion to overturn his conviction, holding that Rowe’s claim that Mirack had consensual sex with him, and that another unknown individual

killed her within a ten-minute window, was not believable. The judge also denied testing of other items in her home for DNA. Judge Reinaker stated, “This court is unable to fathom that someone else entered the home between the hours of 7 a.m. and between the timeframe of 7:10 a.m.-7:20 a.m, found the victim without her clothes on, covered in semen, and murdered her without leaving any additional DNA on her body.” Rowe is expected to appeal the decision.

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### Case ID 1560: Salguero-Olivares, Miguel Enrique

Miguel Enrique Salguero-Olivares, 28, was arrested on September 16, 2021, for the September 7, 2012, rape and murder of 19-year-old Faith Hedgepeth in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Hedgepeth was found dead in her apartment near the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she was a student. Her roommate, Karena Rosario, discovered her body when she returned home at about 11 in the morning. She phoned 911, telling the operator that there was “blood everywhere.” Hedgepeth had been sexually assaulted and beaten to death in her bedroom. She was partially clothed. The killer wrote a note on a wrapper from a nearby restaurant that stated, “I’m not stupid bitch, jealous.” This led an FBI profile to surmise that the killer may have known Hedgepeth.

A DNA profile of the suspect was obtained from semen collected at the crime scene and a sexual assault kit, as well as the pen used to write the note. A palmprint and two fingerprints were also found on an empty rum bottle that police suspect was used to beat Hedgepeth to death. A forensic phenotype of the suspect was performed in 2016 by Parabon Nanolabs, which produced a facial reconstruction of the suspect, and determined that he was likely of Latino and/or Indigenous ancestry.

In January of 2022, the seal on the search warrants used to obtain the suspect’s DNA was not renewed. The warrants had sought body samples from the suspect for DNA testing, as well as fingerprints and palm prints. It was then made public that police had used FGG to identify Salguero-Olivares as a suspect. There is no information at this time as to who conducted the FGG investigation. The initial confirmation was made through a sample taken surreptitiously from Salguero-Olivares at a traffic stop where he was found intoxicated with open liquor in his vehicle.

Salguero-Olivares, who moved to North Carolina from Guatemala, is facing charges of first-degree murder in Durham County Superior Court.

Hedgepeth, a member of the Halawi Saponi tribe of North Carolina, was to have been the first person in her family to graduate from university. She had hoped to become a pediatrician.

Police have reported that over the years in which the investigation was active, they tested the DNA of 229 males who were suspects in the case, all of whom were eliminated.

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### **Case ID 1391: Schafer, Melissa Jo**

See also: William Baer

Melissa Jo Schafer was arrested on July 1, 2020 for the 1999 home invasion robbery and murder of 39-year-old Saad Kawaf in Jacksonville, Florida. Her co-accused, William Baer, had worked at the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office as a Detective for 27 years before retiring. At the time of the murder, Baer was engaged in surveillance against Kawaf as part of an ongoing drug investigation. Baer learned that and knew that Kawaf had yet to make a weekly bank deposit of \$30,000, and so likely had this sum in cash in his home.

On May 17, 1999, two suspects, a male and a female, entered Kawaf's home to steal the \$30,000 in cash. Kawaf was tied up in the garage and stabbed to death. Kawaf's wife heard the commotion in the garage, and when she went in, she was grabbed and tied up by the female suspect. Ms. Kawaf bit the female suspect and obtained some of her DNA this way. She then told the female suspect that the cash was hidden in a kitchen cabinet. The female is believed to be Melissa Jo Schafer, who was then Baer's wife.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), under the direction of Lori Napolitano.

Baer pled guilty on September 28, 2021, in Duval County Circuit Court. He was given a sentence of life in prison.

Schafer pled guilty in Duval County Circuit Court on December 18, 2021. On March 25, 2022, Schafer was sentenced to 30 years for being an accomplice to murder. She is to serve her time in Florida State Prison.

Many people whose cases Baer worked on during his time with the Jacksonville County Sheriff's Office, from 1979 to 2002, will now be filing post-conviction appeals.

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### **Case ID 1598-1599: Scott, Leo Bradley**

Leo Bradley Scott III, 60 years old, was arrested on July 20, 2021, for two sexual assaults that took place in Cleveland, Ohio, in the 1990s.

The first assault took place on October 14, 1994, on Euclid Avenue, when a 22-year-old woman was dragged off the street, choked, threatened with death, and sexually assaulted. A SAK was collected from the victim at the hospital.

The second assault took place on April 18, 1998, when a 26-year-old woman was attacked after leaving a nightclub. After she declined a ride from her attacker, he pulled her into the vehicle and sexually assaulted her. A SAK was also collected from this victim at the hospital.

Neither of these assault kits were tested until 2013, when the Sexual Assault Kit Task Force received funding to clear the backlog of untested SAKs. The kits were linked together, but there were no hits in the CODIS database. The suspect, known as "John Doe #64" was chosen as one of 20 priority cases for the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office's G.O.L.D. (Genetic Operations Linking DNA) Unit. The funding for this project was provided by the U.S. Department of Justice in October of 2020. The G.O.L.D.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Barbara Rae-Venter of Gene By Gene. The initial confirmation was made through surreptitious sampling.

Scott is charged with three counts of rape and two counts of kidnapping in Cuyahoga County. Scott pled guilty to rape and sexual battery on Monday January 30, 2023, on the day his trial was to begin. In return, prosecutors dropped a charge of rape and kidnapping. He is to be sentenced on March 3, 2023.

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#### Case ID 1446: Severt, Ricky

Ricky Severt has been identified as the lead suspect in the November 8, 1999 rape and murder of 23-year-old Jennifer Watkins in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Severt.

Watkins disappeared during her shift at Memorial Hospital where she worked as a food service aid. She was found in a secluded stairwell in an area of the hospital that was under construction. She had been sexually assaulted and beaten, and her body had been wrapped in plastic and bound with duct tape. She died from blunt force trauma to the head.

A DNA profile was developed from semen found on her clothing. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon.

Severt was also an employee at Memorial Hospital at the time of Watkins' killing. He worked in the maintenance department. Severt was killed in a traffic accident in November of 2001. Confirmation of his

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Many hospital employees were questioned as suspects in connection with Watkins' murder. DNA samples were also taken from several suspects, including her husband.

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#### Case ID 1430-1433: Sharpe, Michael

Michael Sharpe was arrested on November 17, 2020 and charged with a series of sexual assaults in Connecticut that took place in June and July of 1984. There were four female victims, ranging in age from 24 to 30. These were violent home invasion rapes in which the women were sexually assaulted by an intruder at gun point. Sharpe is currently charged with offences relating to kidnapping with a firearm, as the statute of limitations on the sexual assault charges ran out in about 1989.

This case was funded by the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative. The initial confirmation was made through police surveillance followed by the surreptitious sampling of items Sharpe discarded in the trash outside his home. Police then obtained a warrant to take his DNA sample.

Sharpe is now 69 years old. He was initially released on a promise to appear in Hartford Superior Court, but was later detained on a \$2.5 million bond. He had been the CEO of a local charter school but was removed when it was brought to light that he had lied about having a doctorate degree as well as a criminal record for forgery and

embezzlement. His late mother had founded the Hartford Charter School in 1997 to reduce the achievement gap for minority students.

Sharpe was convicted by a jury on November 2, 2022, on eight kidnapping charges after a five-day trial. He could not be convicted of sexually assaulting his victims, as the statute of limitations had run out. On January 9, 2023, Sharpe was sentenced to 72 years in prison for four counts of kidnapping.

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### Case ID 1527-1528: Shroy, Ronald Albert

Ronald Albert Shroy has been identified as the lead suspect in a double homicide that took place on June 9, 1977 in Eugene, Oregon. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Shroy.

16-year-old Liliana Gay Adank and 17-year-old Eric Shawn Goldstrand were shot to death at the picnic grounds at Fall Creek where they

had gone swimming. Adank had been sexually assaulted.

DNA as well as fingerprints were recovered from the crime scene. No hits were found in the fingerprint database at the time. The DNA was reprocessed in July of 2020 to obtain a profile suitable for genealogical searching.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. The FGG search narrowed down the list of possible suspects to three brothers, one of whom was eliminated through DNA testing from a discarded cigarette butt. The other two brothers were living in Mesa. There is no information on how the final confirmation was made.

Shroy had lived in Eugene at the time of the murders. He left Eugene Oregon in the 1980s, and had been living in Mesa, Arizona since 2008. He committed suicide on February 24, 2021. He was in a physical fight with his brother, who was injured, and he killed himself shortly before police arrived.

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#### **Case ID 1447: Siebke, Angela**

Angela Siebke, 47, was arrested on December 17, 2020 for the death of her newborn daughter in Moline, Illinois. The remains of Baby April, a newborn female, were found on April 11, 1992 by a man walking his dog alongside the Mississippi River when he saw a trash bag floating in the river. He opened the bag and found the infant's body inside.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. CeCe Moore and her team of genealogists completed Baby April's family tree all the way back to 1784.

On December 15, 2014 a 'DNA Doe Warrant' was issued by the Rock Island County DA for the female contributor using DNA of the mother retrieved from the crime scene. On December 17, 2020, Angela Renee Siebke, was arrested and charged with first degree murder and the desecration of human remains. She was 19 years-old when Baby April was born.

Siebke pled guilty on November 23, 2021, in Rock Island County Circuit Court to a lesser charge of child endangerment resulting in death. On February 15, 2022, she was sentenced in Rock Island County Circuit

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### Case ID 1721: Simcak, Stephen

Stephen Joseph Simcak was identified as the lead suspect in the January 11, 1980 murder of 25-year-old Nadine Cohen Madger in Willoughby, Ohio. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Simcak.

Madger had been brutally stabbed 44 times by an intruder while her 8-month-old son Daniel sat in a nearby playpen. The crime took place between 1 and 3 pm that afternoon. Her husband, Mark Madger, found her when he came home from work at about 5:00 pm. The knife used to kill her came from her own kitchen.

A DNA profile of the suspect was developed from the shirt that Madger was wearing when she was killed. The killer likely cut himself while stabbing Madger and some of his blood dripped onto her shirt. The FGG investigation was performed by Parabon Nanolabs. Parabon also performed forensic phenotyping to determine what the killer would have

looked like, both now and at the time of the murder.

The genealogical research was particularly difficult in this case. Only distant relatives could be located on FTDNA and GEDmatch, and the family tree had to be traced back to the 1800s. The initial confirmation was made to Simcak's grandson, who was deceased in 2015, and had a DNA sample taken at his autopsy. The final confirmation was then made to one of Simcak's living children.

At the time of the murder, a canary yellow Dodge Dart was seen near Madger's apartment complex, which was the same car that Simcak drove. Simcak was also found to have missed work on January 11th, as police discovered from looking at his employment records at Lincoln Electric.

Simcak died of natural causes in 2018. He has no criminal record. Police do not know what was the motive of the murder.

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#### Case ID 1550-1552: Simien, J.D. Wallace: The 'Cloverleaf Rapist'

J.D. Wallace Simien was arrested on November 4, 2021 and charged with a series of three rapes that took place in Sacramento, California a decade ago. The first victim, known as J. Doe, was assaulted on September 19, 2013. The second victim, known as T. Doe, was assaulted on December 10, 2013. The third victim, H. Doe, was assaulted at knife-point on January 8, 2014. All three rapes took place near cloverleaf-shaped freeway intersections as so became known as the 'Cloverleaf Rapist.'

There is currently no information as to who performed the FGG investigation, or how the final confirmation to Simien was made.

Simien is described as being married and a father of three. He is facing 11 felony charges related to sexual assault, rape, kidnapping, robbery, and using a deadly weapon in Sacramento Superior Court.

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### **Case ID 1725: Sinopoli, David Vincent**

David Vincent Sinopoli, 68, was arrested on July 17, 2022 for the December 5, 1975 rape and murder of 19-year-old Lindy Sue Biechler in Manor Township, Pennsylvania.

Biechler was stabbed to death in her home by an intruder with a knife from her own kitchen. She was stabbed numerous times in her back, chest, and neck, and had several defensive wounds. When she was found, the knife was sticking out of her neck, and had been wrapped with one of her tea towels. This obscured any prints the suspect may have left.

A DNA sample of the suspect was collected from semen found on Biechler's underwear. Two blood drops were later found on her pantyhose which were consistent with the DNA profile developed from the semen. The profile was uploaded to CODIS, but there were no hits.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Paragon Nanolabs. Genetic genealogist CeCe Moore could only find distant relatives to the suspect. She narrowed down the search to a group of about 2,300 persons who had immigrated from the southern Italian town of Gasperina to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She found a local club that had membership cards of Italian residents, and she used this information, along with immigration records from Ellis Island and draft registration cards from both World Wars, to identify Sinopoli.

The initial confirmation was made in February of 2022 through the surreptitious sampling of a coffee cup that Sinopoli had discarded at the La Colombe café in the Philadelphia International Airport on his way to board a flight to Amsterdam. True Allele used their DNA mixture interpretation software to resolve the two person mixture on the coffee cup.

Sinopoli lived in the same apartment complex as Biechler and her husband at the time of her murder. He is facing charges of homicide in Lancaster County. Before his arrest, this was the oldest cold case in Lancaster County.

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### Case ID 1424: Sipos, John

John Sipos was arrested on October 24, 2020 and charged with the November 20, 1969 rape and murder of 24-year-old Mary 'Lucky' Scott in San Diego, California.

Scott's naked body was discovered at about 8:30 in the evening after she failed to show up for her job as a go-go dancer. Scott had been sexually assaulted, her jaw was broken, and

she was strangled. She was the single mother of two young children.

Scott's sister, Rosalie Sanz, contacted law enforcement and asked them if they could use FGG to reopen Scott's case. Reports indicate that the FGG investigation may have been conducted by the FBI's Investigative Genealogy Unit. The initial confirmation was made through police surveillance and the surreptitious sampling of a bloody bandage Sipos had discarded in his trash.

At the time of Scott's murder, Sipos was serving with the U.S. Navy and was stationed nearby. The sexual assault charges against him have been dropped due to the statute of limitations.

Sipos was tried in San Diego Superior Court. Several witnesses were available to testify, 52 years after the crime, including two of the original officers who investigated the case. The jury convicted Sipos of first-degree murder on March 24, 2022, after less than a day of deliberations. On April 22, 2022, Sipos was sentenced to 7 years to life in prison.

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### **Case ID 1362: Smith, Aryan Vito**

Aryan Vito Smith was arrested on May 11, 2020 and charged in the February 5, 2018 murder of 22-year-old Treeanna Nichols in Westminster, California.

Nichols was staying at the Quality Inn in Westminster when she was killed in her room. At around 3:00 pm, video surveillance footage shows a man in a hoodie walking up the stairs, and then leaving soon after. He was seen vaping a substance.

Nichols's body was found a short time later during a welfare check. She had been stabbed multiple times.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. The case received an important break in April of 2020, when a distant relative of Smith uploaded their DNA to GEDmatch. A search warrant was issued to obtain Smith's DNA.

Smith is charged with murder with the use of a deadly weapon. The case against him is pending in Orange County Superior Court.

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### **Case ID 1533: Smith, George M.**

George M. Smith was identified on September 24, 2021 as the lead suspect in the September 24, 1971 rape and murder of 17-year-old Maureen Brubaker Farley in Cedar Rapids, Iowa – 50 years to the day. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Smith.

Farley's partially nude body was found by two boys, aged 14 and 15, in an abandoned car in a wooded ravine several days after she failed to show up for her job at a diner. She

had been killed by a blow to the right side of her head.

Smith is reported to have passed away in 2013 at the age of 94. He was reported to have been an acquaintance of Farley and had visited the diner where she worked. He was long a suspect in the case, but there was no physical evidence tying him to the crime.

Farley's mother is now 86 years old, and she was notified that her daughter's killer has been identified. Her father passed away in 2009. She was the oldest of seven siblings.

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### **Case ID 1378-1382: Smith, Leroy Jamol**

Leroy Jamol Smith was arrested on June 9, 2020 and charged in connection with a series of sexual assaults against five victims that took place in Muskogee County, Oklahoma between 1993 and 1995.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. The initial confirmation was made with a sample of Smith's DNA that was on file with the Tulsa Police Department as a result of a warrant in an unrelated case in 2005. This case involved a double homicide in which Smith was acquitted, and so his DNA was never processed and uploaded to CODIS.

The statute of limitations has expired on these sexual assaults, an outcome that was influenced by the recent decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in *McGirt v. Oklahoma*, 591 U.S. 2020. That case determined that the location in which these crimes took place falls in the territorial boundaries of the Five Civilized Tribes, including the Muscogee Nation, as granted by a treaty in the 1830s. This means that this area is an American Indian Reservation for the purposes of the criminal law, and therefore the state lacks the authority to try a defendant if the defendant or the victim is Native American or a descendent of one of the tribes.

Smith's case was therefore moved from the Muskogee County District Court to federal

court, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma. The State of Oklahoma had passed a law extending the statute of limitations from its usual 5 years in cases where new DNA evidence becomes available. However, under federal law, the statute of limitations had expired. A federal judge dismissed the charges against Smith, and he was released from custody in August of 2020.

Prosecutors refiled the charges, claiming that Smith was not a member of a recognized tribe at the time of the offences, and so was not covered by the *McGirt* ruling. He could therefore be tried in Muskogee County Court (one of his victims was also a member of a federally-recognized tribe, and so the charges in her case were excluded from this motion). The Special District Court ruled in Smith's favour in April of 2021. In May of 2021, prosecutors stated that they had come to the end of the line, and they would not file any further pleadings. The case against Smith was dismissed.

Ray Carter reported that officials with local tribal governments did not respond to queries as to whether Smith was a tribal member, or the ramifications of the *McGirt* decision on law enforcement in Oklahoma. Rebecca Nagle claims that only a small number of offenders will be able to access federal relief.

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#### **Case ID 1730-1731: Smith, Reuben J.**

Ruben J. Smith was identified as the lead suspect in the rape and murders of two women in Orange County, California. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Smith.

23-year-old Shannon Rose Lloyd was killed in her bedroom in her apartment in Garden

Grove on May 21, 1987. She had been sexually assaulted and strangled to death. The body of Renee Cuevas, 27, was found along the Lambert Road outside of the now-closed El Toro Marine Base in Orange County on February 19, 1989.

The cases were linked together in 2003, when DNA profiles were developed from crime scene DNA. The FGG investigation was conducted by the Orange County District Attorney's Investigative Genetic Genealogy unit, beginning in 2021. There is currently no information on how the final confirmation was made.

Smith moved away from the Orange County area to Las Vegas, where he died by suicide in 1999. He was 39 years old. He had been charged in 1998 with the rape and attempted murder of a third woman, who managed to escape. She said, "The evil in him. I know if I didn't fight, I was going to die... It was horrible. The things that he did, the things he said. He told me he was going to kill me."

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#### Case ID 1836-1837: Snowden, Eddie George Jr.

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department announced on February 6, 2023 that Eddie George Snowden Jr. was identified as the lead suspect in two rape-murders in the early 1990s in Las Vegas, Nevada. The cases have been cleared by exception due to the death of Snowden.

A man out walking his dog found the body of Lori Ann Perera, 31, on December 11, 1992 behind a Montgomery Ward store in a desert area. She was nude, and had ligature marks on her wrists and ankles. It appeared that she had been bound and had duct tape placed over her mouth. The autopsy found that she had died from manual strangulation and blunt force trauma.

The body of Pearl Wilson Ingram, 35, was found on January 11, 1994 in similar circumstances. She was found by an employee of a garbage disposal company in a dumpster behind Von's Grocery Store. She was nude from the waist down, and the autopsy found that she had been beaten, that several of her teeth had been knocked out,

and she had died from manual strangulation. She had been covered in debris to delay the discovery of her remains.

The cases were reopened in March of 2007. Sperm was found on a rectal swab taken from Perera at her autopsy. This profile was entered into CODIS, but produced no hits. In July of 2012, a DNA profile was obtained from a sexual assault kit taken from Ingram's body during her autopsy. The source of the DNA was a skin swab. There were no hits in CODIS, but investigators were able to learn that the same suspect was linked to both murders.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, beginning in June of 2022. Funding for the FGG investigation was provided by a local non-profit organization, the Vegas Justice League. The final confirmation was made to living family members of Snowden.

Snowden was born in January of 1937. He lived in Las Vegas, close to where both victims' remains were found, at the time of the murders. He died in Las Vegas in February of 2017.

He lived in a number of cities in California during his life, and authorities there have been notified so that they can investigate whether Snowden is linked to similar murders. He lived in Fresno, California, from about 1956 to 1979 where he has a criminal record, although the offences are not specified.

Ingram's younger sister, Teresa Board, stated, “I'd like to say, if there are any other family

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### Case ID 1413-1414: Snyder, Mort Jr.

Mort Snyder Jr. has been identified as the lead suspect in two sexual assaults that took place in 1996 in Layton, Utah and in 1986 in Okaloosa Island, Florida. The two cases were linked through DNA profiles obtained from the victims' sexual assault kits, but there were no hits to a suspect in law enforcement databases.

There is currently no information on who performed the FGG investigation. The case was cleared by exception, as Snyder passed away in southern Carolina in 2015. He had lived in both areas at the time of the assaults.

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### Case ID 1156: Soares, Michael

Michael Soares was arrested on February 5, 2019 and charged with first degree murder in the May 16, 2013 killing of 66-year-old John Fay in Warwick, Rhode Island.

Fay had been jogging on a walking trail in Warwick City Park when he was ambushed and beaten. His body was found the next day stuffed into a trash barrel. He had been

stabbed and bludgeoned to death with a hammer resembling those used in fantasy gaming.

A DNA profile of the suspect was developed from samples found on the trash barrel where Fay's body was found, the hammer used in the murder, and a sample obtained from under Fay's fingernails.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Colleen Fitzpatrick of Identifinders. Ancestry analysis showed that the suspect had some Mediterranean or Middle Eastern ancestry, and his Y-STR analysis showed that he was likely descended from a line of Portuguese men. Fitzpatrick solved the case by finding a second cousin once-removed who had uploaded their DNA to FTDNA. Police then obtained a search warrant for Soares' DNA, and they took a cheek swab that was consistent with the DNA profile obtained from the crime scene.

On January 6, 2023, Soares pled not guilty due to reason of insanity at his trial in Rhode Island Superior Court.. A psychiatrist testifying for the defense testified that Soares had schizophrenia and therefore not criminally responsible for the murder. A psychiatrist testifying for the prosecution agreed with this evaluation.

According to Dr. Christopher Matkovic, Soares understood the ramifications of his actions, but did not see Fay as human at the time of killing. He agrees that Soares fits the legal standard for not guilty due to reason of insanity, but also shared his concerns on the possibility of Soares murdering again. During his time at the Adult Correctional Institutions in Cranston, Matkovic states that Soares had dreams of murdering his parents. Matkovic

advised that Soares be supervised in a secure forensic psychiatric facility, possibly for the rest of his life.

Soares was found guilty of first-degree murder after a bench trial on January 27, 2023. The defence states that it intends to appeal the verdict.

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Christopher Speelman was arrested on July 27, 2021 for the August 13, 1987 rape and murder of 85-year-old Edna Laughman in Oxford Township, Pennsylvania.

Lahughman was killed by an intruder who forced her to swallow pills, and then sexually assaulted and strangled her while she was unconscious.

Forensic scientists attempted to obtain a profile from a sexual assault kit taken at Laughman's autopsy in 1993, but the results were not conclusive. A DNA profile was finally obtained in 2003 from the samples – which had inexplicably been lost. They were located in the possession of a former Penn State professor who was then living in Germany. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. A warrant was obtained by police to take a DNA sample from Speelman for confirmation. There is no information on whether surreptitious sampling was used.

Speelman was convicted of burglary in 1991, and there is currently no information that he has a more recent criminal record.

Barry Laughman, a neighbour and relative of Laughman, was wrongfully convicted of this offence on December 16, 1988. He served about 16 years in prison before being released in 2003. On August 26, 2004, he was finally exonerated by the DNA profile obtained in 2003 when his Y-STR profile showed him to be excluded as a contributor to the crime scene sample. Barry Laughman is reported to have had an IQ of about 70, and to have been functioning at the level of a 10-year-old. This, combined with improper police interrogation techniques, is thought to have contributed to his false confession and wrongful conviction.

Serology evidence introduced at the trial is also thought to have been faulty. Both blood types A (Barry's) and B (Edna's) were found at the crime scene. The Innocence Project states that, "The police chemist testified correctly at trial that the victim's profile could have masked Laughman's profile. The analyst testified incorrectly, however, that bacterial degradation could have changed type A blood to type B or vice versa." This was a common problem in the field of serology at the time, and it has led to several wrongful convictions.

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#### Case ID 1278-1282: Stane, Nickey

Nickey Stane was arrested on October 3, 2019 and charged in the August 22, 1996 rape and murder of 22-year-old Debbie Dorian in Visalia, California.

Dorian had been bound and gagged with duct tape, and sexually assaulted by an intruder. Her father found her body inside her home when he went to look for her. She had likely been dead for up to two days. Dorian had been studying economics at Fresno State University.

A DNA profile of the suspect was obtained from the sexual assault kit performed at Dorian's autopsy, and this was linked to a sexual assault in Visalia in 1999. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon.

Stane is also charged in a series of sexual assaults in Tulare County, California that took

place between 1999 and 2002. The assailant in those attacks raped women at gunpoint, usually women walking alone at night. ‘John Doe Warrants’ had been filed to stop the statute of limitations from running. Stane is also charged with using a device to record women in a washroom without their knowledge.

Stane has previously been charged with several misdemeanor sexual assault charges in the 1980s, but these took place before the routine collection of DNA.

The charges against Stane are pending together in Fresno County Superior Court. Prosecutors have yet to announce whether they will seek the death penalty.

In July of 2021, the defence motioned to have the murder charge separated from the other rape cases, claiming that it would prejudice his trial. The defence motion was denied, and the defendant appealed to the 5th Appellate District Court of Appeal in December of 2022.

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### **Case ID 1544: Stough, Kenneth, Jr.**

54-year-old Kenneth Robert Stough Jr. was arrested on November 2, 2021, for the February 3, 1996 murder of 31-year-old Terence Paquette in Orlando, Florida.

Paquette was working as a clerk at a Lil'Champ convenience store in Orlando, where he had arrived to open the store in the early morning hours, just before 6:00 am. A few hours later, he was found dead in the bathroom after having been brutally stabbed 73 times. His throat was slit by an unknown intruder who stole the store's cash deposits – in the amount of about \$1,000. Paquette had moved to the area only a few years earlier, often worked 60-hours weeks, and was reportedly a quiet and reserved person.

A DNA profile was obtained in 2003 from blood found on a freezer door, but there were no hits to profiles in law enforcement databases. The case was reopened in 2019 by a new cold case unit, and investigators with the Orange County Sheriff's Office were able to obtain a new DNA profile for FGG analysis.

The FGG investigation was undertaken by the FDLE. The suspects were narrowed down to Stough Jr. and his two brothers. Police made the initial confirmation through surveillance

and the surreptitious sampling of beer cans that Stough discarded in his trash.

Stough has been charged with first degree murder and robbery with a deadly weapon, and he is being held in custody in Orange County. Although Stough did not know the victim, he once worked at the convenience store where Paquette was killed. He also lived in the area at around the time of the murder.

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### **Case ID 1793-1794: Sutherland, Joseph George**

Joseph George Sutherland, 61, was arrested on November 25, 2022 by the Ontario Provisional Police in Moosonee, Ontario for the home invasion rapes and murders of two women in central Toronto in 1983.

45-year-old Susan Tice was murdered on August 17, 1983. Her home had been ransacked by an unknown intruder, and she was sexually assaulted and stabbed to death in her bedroom. She was a social worker and mother our four who had recently moved to Toronto from Calgary.

22-year-old Erin Gilmour was murdered on December 20, 1983 in her apartment in Toronto's Yorkville neighbourhood. She had also been sexually assaulted and stabbed to death.

A DNA profile of the suspect was obtained in 2011 from DNA found at the crime scenes. At that time, the two crimes were linked to the same suspect in the victim's index of Canada's National DNA Database.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Toronto Police Service, who performed the genealogical portion of the investigation. The final confirmation was made to the crime scene

samples through a warrant for Sutherland's DNA profile.

Toronto police have stated that Sutherland had no prior criminal record, and had never been connected with the investigation into the murders. He was living in Toronto at the time of the murders. He is currently facing two charges of first-degree murder in Ontario Superior Court.

Police state that over 5,000 men were suspects in the homicides before Sutherland's arrest. Police continue to investigate Sutherland for similar crimes committed in Ontario outside of Toronto.

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### **Case ID 1091-1092: Talbot, William Earl II**

William Earl Talbott II was arrested on May 18, 2018 and charged with the November 18, 1987 murders of 20-year-old Jay Cook and 18-year-old Tanya Van Cuylenborg in Snohomish County, Washington.

The young couple had left home in Saanich, BC to pick up furnace parts for Jay’s father’s business in Seattle. They never returned. Tanya’s body was found down an embankment in rural Skagit County near Monroe. She had been sexually assaulted, her bra was still pushed up, and she had been killed by a gunshot to the back of her head. Cook was later found in another rural area almost 100 km away from where Tanya was found. He had been beaten and strangled with twine and two red dog collars.

A DNA profile was obtained from touch DNA on zip ties used in the killings, as well as semen found on Tanya’s clothing and genital area. The FGG investigation was conducted by CeCe Moore of Parabon Nanolabs. The initial confirmation was made through police surveillance followed by the surreptitious sampling of a coffee cup discarded by Talbot.

Talbot was convicted after a jury trial, making him the first person identified with FGG to be so convicted. His attorneys did not challenge the FGG evidence. Talbot admitted that it was his semen on Tanya, and his assertion that

they had consensual sex was the foundation of his defence.

The use of genetic genealogy in the investigation is not being considered in Talbot’s appeal. He states he is not guilty because he had consensual sex with the victim and someone else is responsible for their murders. One of his attorneys suggested that her own fluids being mixed in with Talbott’s indicated arousal, and thus consensual sexual activity. Talbot himself did not take the stand and testify in his defence. Jurors at the trial stated that this weighed against his innocence.

Talbot’s family have since spoken to the press and indicated that he was abusive towards them from a young age. One sister alleged that he had kicked her with boots on, and another states that he broke her tailbone because she had turned down the volume on her radio. He is also accused of assaulting his disabled father and threatening to run him over with a car. They also allege that he sexually assaulted one of his sisters when she was 11 years old. Talbot has previously been convicted of indecent exposure.

Talbot’s conviction was overturned on December 6, 2021, by the Washington state Court of Appeals due to actual bias on the part of one of the jurors. It was found that the juror had admitted upon being questioned to being biased in cases involving violence against women, due to her own experiences and the strong emotions it generated. The court did not rule in any matters relating to the use of DNA or FGG in this case.

Snohomish County prosecutors appealed the ruling to Washington State Supreme Court, and on December 22, 2022, the charges were

reinstated. The case is expected to return to the Court of Appeals to address other legal questions raised by Talbot. Talbot's attorneys also argue missteps taken at trial regarding "insufficient evidence" and the "inadequacy of the police investigation." Talbot continues to maintain his innocence.

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#### Case ID 1354: Taylor, James Raymond

James Raymond Taylor has been identified as the lead suspect in the August 18, 1963 rape

and murder of 16-year-old Margaret Beck in Douglas County, Colorado.

Beck was a Girl Scout on a camping trip with her troop at the Flying G Ranch near Deckers, Colorado in the Pike National Forest. Beck's tentmate found her when she came back from spending a night in the infirmary. Beck had been sexually assaulted and strangled to death.

A DNA profile of the suspect was created in 2007, but there were no hits in CODIS. A new profile was obtained in June of 2019 and sent for FGG. The FGG investigation was conducted by United Data Connect.

Taylor has not yet been located. He is presumed to be deceased, although a warrant has been issued for his arrest. He was last seen in Las Vegas in 1976. If he is still alive, he will be about 82 years old as of 2021. It is known that he lived in the area at the time of the murder, working in a TV repair shop in Edgewater.

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#### Case ID 1309: Tellez, Martin Isaac

Martin Isaac Tellez was arrested on December 10, 2019 and charged in the February 15, 2002 murder of 58-year-old Subir Chatterjee in Oak Ridge, Texas.

Chatterjee was a partial owner and employee at the Coastal Gas Station where he was robbed and murdered. About \$160,000 in cash that Chatterjee had on site as part of his cheque-cashing business was stolen in the robbery. He was shot in the head and neck at close range. A male had been seen with him inside his glass enclosure, leading police to think that Chatterjee knew his killer. He had been shot twice in the head and neck at close range.

A DNA profile was created from blood found at the crime scene. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. The initial confirmation was made by police surveillance followed by the surreptitious sampling of Tellez' DNA from a coffee cup, a fork, and a piece of toast.

Tellez was released on a \$500,000 in March of 2020. In about April of 2021, he removed his GPS monitor and fled to Mexico. He surrendered to U.S. Marshalls and Texas Rangers in Brownsville Texas on April 18, 2021.

On June 28, 2022, Tellez pled guilty to the murder of Chatterjee and was sentenced to 60 years in prison by the Montgomery County District Court. He will be eligible for parole after 30 years of his sentence is served.

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### Case ID 1787-1788: Thies, Frank

Frank Thies, now 66, was arraigned on November 17, 2022 for sexual assaulting an 11-year-old and a 13-year-old girl on April 12, 1987 in Exeter, Rhode Island. The girls were playing tennis when Thies approached them. He then forced them at knifepoint into the woods, where he sexually assaulted them.

A DNA sample had been obtained from semen found on one of the victim's clothing. The case was reopened in 2019 by the Special Victims Unit of the Rhode Island State Police. The FGG investigation was conducted by Identifiers. The initial confirmation was made by the Indiana State Police through the surreptitious sampling of a beer bottle, soda can, and food wrappers that Thies had discarded.

Thies, who served in the U.S. Marines and the Navy, was found to have reported for duty at the Naval Justice Academy in Newport the day before the sexual assaults. Thies is facing a charge of first-degree sexual assault and two charges of first-degree child molestation in Washington County Superior Court. He had pled not guilty and is being held without bail. Police are investigating whether Thies is

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### Case ID 1703-1704: Thomas, Douglas

Douglas Thomas, 67, was arrested on May 25, 2022 for the April 1992 murder of Shenda Denise Hayes in Mount Pleasant, Texas.

Hayes' body was found near a rest area on the Interstate-30 outside of Mount Pleasant. She had been sexually assaulted and strangled with a device made of wire and cord.

A DNA sample from a SAK taken at Hayes' autopsy was uploaded to CODIS in 2004. It

was match to a similar homicide that took place on March 30, 1993 in Desert Center, California. The body of Sherri Herrera was found along the Interstate-10 Highway in the desert between Palm Springs and Arizona. She, too, was sexually assaulted and had been strangled to death with a belt. Both women were engaged in sex work at the time they were murdered.

DNA taken at the scene of Herrera's murder had been uploaded to CODIS in 2002, and a SNP profile suitable for FGG was developed in September of 2020. There is no information on who performed the FGG investigation. The final confirmation was made after a warrant was issued to take a DNA sample from Thomas for comparison.

Thomas is a retired long-haul truck driver from Waco, Texas. He is currently being held on \$2 million bail in Titus County, Texas.

On June 13, 2022, Thomas was also charged in the murder of Herrera, with a special circumstance of committing a murder during a rape. He will first be prosecuted in Texas, and will then be extradited to California.

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#### **Case ID 1312-1313: Thomas, Robert Brian**

Robert Brian Thomas was arrested on December 16, 2019 and charged with two sexual assaults that took place in Florida in 1998.

A woman in her 20s was walking along Indian Rocks Beach when she was threatened and raped at knifepoint. Several months earlier there was a violent home invasion rape in Venice. Both women were raped at knifepoint and made to wash themselves after the rapes. Thomas is suspected in other rapes that took place in the area, but there was no DNA recovered from those assaults. Fingerprints of the suspect were also collected from the Venice crime scene.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). They found a match on GEDmatch to a fourth cousin. The initial confirmation was made through police surveillance of Thomas, who was then living in Michigan, followed by the surreptitious sampling of cigarette butts he discarded. Thomas had lived near the rapes at the time they were committed.

Thomas had gone to prison in 2010, but his DNA was not entered into the system because of a processing error.

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#### **Case ID 1435-1438: Thomson, Michael F.**

Michael F. Thomson was arrested on December 1, 2020 and charged with a series of sexual assaults that took place in 1991 in Arlington, Virginia. These attacks were part of a larger series of rapes and attempted rapes perpetrated against females walking alone from the East Falls Church Metro Station,

who were abducted and threatened them with a firearm.

On January 17, 1991 at about 6:00 pm in the evening a woman left the Metro Station and was kidnapped by a man with a firearm. He forced her into a grassy area between two homes and sexually assaulted her. The next assault took place on February 13, 1992 at about 7:40 pm when another woman leaving the Metro was attacked in a similar fashion. On March 6, 1991 at about 10:00 pm, the assailant put a gun to the head of a woman and forced her to remove her clothing. He then asked her if she wanted him to leave. When she said yes, he fled without assaulting her.

On December 2, 1991, another woman was attacked at about 7:08 pm in the evening. When she screamed, the man fled, dropping his baseball cap. DNA was recovered from the cap and matched to the other two cases.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs.

On Friday February 11, Thomson pled guilty and in Arlington County Circuit Court and was sentenced to life in prison plus 56 years.

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#### Case ID 1684: Trent, Cecil H

On April 14, 2022, the Honolulu Police Department announced that Cecil H. Trent was identified as the lead suspect in the 1994 murder of 37-year-old Lisa Fracassi in Honolulu, Hawaii. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Trent.

Fracassi was found strangled to death in her own apartment on November 3, 1994. She worked as an exotic dancer but had wanted to become a nurse and was trying to save money to go to school.

The FGG investigation was conducted by CeCe Moore of Parabon Naolabs, beginning in 2020. The final confirmation was made by comparing fingerprints taken at the crime scene to those taken of Trent after his death. It has not been reported as of yet if a DNA

sample taken at his autopsy was also used in the final confirmation. Investigators state that the DNA evidence in this case was well-preserved as the HPD had begun using an updated method of storing evidence in the year before Fracassi's murder.

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#### Case ID 1300-1301: Van Vaultz, Horace Jr.

Horace Van Vaultz Jr. was arrested on November 15, 2019 and charged in the June 9, 1986 rape and murder of 22-year-old Mary Duggan in Burbank, California as well as the

July 16, 1981 rape and murder of 20-year-old Selena Keough in San Bernardino County, California. Keough had been sexually assaulted, bound, and strangled. She died of asphyxia from having tissues stuffed down her throat. Her body had been left under some bushes in Montclair.

Duggan had also been sexually assaulted. Her body was found in the trunk of her car off the 5 Freeway in Burbank. A DNA profile was developed from material left on her body in 2006. This was uploaded into law enforcement databases. It provided no hit to a suspect but did match an earlier DNA profile developed from the murder of Selena Keough.

There is no information on who conducted the FGG investigation. The initial confirmation was made through police surveillance followed by the surreptitious sampling of items that Van Vaultz had discarded in his trash.

Van Vaultz previously pled no contest to raping a choking a 22-year-old woman in 1984. In 1988 he was acquitted of the sexual assault and murder of Janna Rowe who was killed on Christmas in 1986. He also has a misdemeanor criminal record for spousal assault in 2005 and again in 2007. He is suspected of further offences, but no new charges have yet been laid.

The case against Van Vaultz proceeded in the Los Angeles County Superior Court. Van Vaultz was convicted by a jury on two counts of first-degree murder on August 19, 2022. This was the first conviction in LA County using FGG.

Van Vaultz's defence was that he had consensual sex with the victims, but that both women were shortly thereafter murdered by a different person. All three victims had been restrained and then strangled in ways that were very similar.

Van Vaultz was sentenced on September 19, 2022, by the Ventura County Superior Court to two terms of life in prison, to be served consecutively and without the possibility of parole.

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#### **Case ID 1178-1179: Vannieuwenhoven, Raymand Lawrence**

Raymand Lawrence Vannieuwenhoven was arrested on March 14, 2019 and charged in the July 9, 1976 murders of 24-year-old Ellen Matheys and 25-year-old David Shuldes in Silver Cliff, Wisconsin. They had been shot to death shortly after arriving at their camp site in McClintock Park. After setting up their camp they appear to have gone for a walk. Shuldes was found by park employees outside of the camp toilet. It appears he had been shot while waiting for Matheys to use the restroom. The suspect then forced or chased Matheys to a location in the nearby woods where she was raped and shot. She had been putting her clothes back on when she

was shot in her chest and abdomen by an assailant standing in front of her. Her body was found the next morning in the bushes. They had both been shot with a .30 caliber rifle.

A DNA profile was obtained from semen collected from Matheys' body and from the shorts she was wearing. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. The initial confirmation was made through police surveillance followed by the surreptitious sampling of an envelope that Vannieuwenhoven had licked.

Vannieuwenhoven has prior convictions for two sex offences. He had attacked two teenaged girls in November of 1957, but they escaped. He served 6 months in prison.

In September of 2020, Vannieuwenhoven suffered a stroke and underwent a competency evaluation. He suffered this stroke after passing a previous competency evaluation. In January of 2020, he was being held at his attorney's request in the Mendota Mental Health Institute, rather than in a correctional facility. On November 4, 2020, he was again found competent to stand trial and the trial was scheduled for July of 2021. The sexual assaults charges have been dismissed due to the statute of limitations, which would have expired after 6 years.

Vannieuwenhoven was convicted by a Marinette County jury on July 27, 2021 of two counts of first-degree murder. The defence had not disputed that the semen found on Mathey's shorts was Vannieuwenhoven's, but that the state could not prove when, where, and why that semen was deposited there. The jury deliberated for about two hours before coming to their

verdict. On August 26, 2021 he was sentenced to two consecutive life sentences.

Vannieuwenhoven passed away at the age of 85 in the Oshkosh Correctional Institution in June of 2022. His attorneys are continuing with their appeal. They are challenging the police's collection of his DNA on an envelope without his consent, arguing that the right to privacy in the information contained in one's DNA should outweigh the interest that society has in solving serious crimes. The case is now before the Wisconsin Court of Appeals.

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#### **Case ID 1495: Vaughn, Jared**

Jared Vaughn was arrested in mid-June, 2021 for the January 27, 2007 rape of a University of Tampa student in Tampa, Florida. The suspect walked the student back to her dorm room after the Gasparilla Pirate Festival, and then proceeded to sexually assault her in the shower. He fled when the woman’s roommate returned home. A DNA sample of the suspect was collected from the victim’s sexual assault kit.

The FGG investigation was undertaken in 2020 by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). The investigation was continuing when, in March of 2021, Vaughn himself uploaded his DNA to one of the databases being used by the FDLE – either GEDmatch or FTDNA. Officers then

obtained a warrant to take Vaughn's DNA, which was found to be a match to the DNA profile collected from the victim's SAK.

Vaughn is now facing charges of sexual battery in Hillsborough County, Florida.

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#### Case ID 1302-1303: Vien, Gregory Paul

Gregory Paul Vien was arrested on November 18, 2019 and charged with two sexual assaults in Livermore and Union City, California that took place on September 15, 1997, and May 6, 1997 respectively.

On May 6, 1997 a male suspect grabbed a woman walking to a Union City BART transit station. She was dragged into a secluded area at knife point. Her clothes were cut off her and she was sexually assaulted. A DNA profile was obtained from semen found on her clothing. In September of that year, a woman was sexually assaulted while walking near Livermore High School. A DNA profile was obtained from semen found at the scene. Vriend is a suspect in several similar sexual assaults that took place in Livermore at around that time.

The FGG investigation was performed by Barbara Rae-Venter of Gene By Gene. The initial confirmation was made by police surveillance followed by the surreptitious sampling of a spoon that Vien had used at Baskin Robbins.

Vien was released from custody for medical reasons. This decision drew a good deal of criticism in the community. After his release, he attempted suicide with a nail gun. He succumbed to his injuries on Friday November 21, 2020. His victims were testifying at his preliminary hearing at the time of his death.

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### **Case ID 1718: Villegas, Ramiro**

On June 30, 2022, the Tulare County Sheriff’s Office announced that they had identified Ramiro Villegas as the lead suspect in the March 3, 1994 rape and murder of 10-year-old Angelica Ramirez in Visalia, California. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Villegas.

Ramirez was at a swap meet with her family, helping at their vegetable booth, when she left to use the restroom. She did not return. A search was begun immediately. Her body was found by a farm hand two days later in a canal in Pixley. She had been raped and strangled.

A DNA profile of the suspect was obtained from semen collected from Ramirez’ body. The FGG investigation was conducted by the FBI Forensic Genealogy Unit (FGU), beginning in June of 2021. The investigation was narrowed down to a cohort of five brothers, four of whom were living in Southern California. These four had their DNA sampled, and were ruled out as suspect.

The fifth brother is Ramiro Villegas. He had been charged with fighting in 1991, but received probation with no jail time, and later spent two years in prison, from about 2002-2004, in El Dorado County for transporting drugs. He is also said to have molested two children in the 1980s, but these crimes were not reported to law enforcement. Villegas was returned to Mexico after he was released from prison, where he died in 2014.

A DNA sample was not collected from Villegas after his 2002 conviction, as California did not collect DNA from persons convicted of all felonies, including non-

violent felonies, until the passing of Proposition 69 in November of 2004. A 2010 study by the California AG found that the majority (61%) of DNA samples that matched to a cold case was collected for a non-violent felony, like drug offences and property crimes. This expansion of DNA collection to all felonies remains controversial in California.

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#### Case ID 1770-1771: Wagner, Tony Lee

Tony Lee Wagner, 61, was arrested on October 15, 2022 for an August 14, 1992 rape and assault of two women in the Henning State Park, in Taney County, Missouri.

On that date, two female visitors were hiking in the state park when they were approached by a man looking for a lost wallet. They saw the same man a short time later, and he began to assault the two women with a rock. One of the victims pretended to be dead. The second woman, who was unconscious, was taken by the suspect to another location where she was sexually assaulted. The first woman managed to escape, and flag down a passing motorist. The second woman remained in a coma for several months before beginning her recovery.

A sexual assault kit taken from the second woman was not tested until 2008, when a DNA profile of the suspect was finally obtained. Her kit was part of the backlog of untested sexual assault kits that has led to an under-clearance of cases involving sexual assault.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs in partnership with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The Fort Scott, Kansas Police Department, where Wagner is now living, took a styrofoam cup, a lid, and a straw from Wagner's trash to make the initial confirmation.

Wagner was extradited from Fort Scott, Kansas to face charges of forcible rape, kidnapping, and two counts of assault in Taney County Circuit Court.

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#### Case ID 1112-1120: Waller, Roy Charles: NorCal Rapist

Roy Charles Waller was arrested on September 20, 2018 and charged in a series of sexual assaults that took place in Northern California over a 15-year period, from 1991 to 2006. The suspect was known as the NorCal Rapist. This series consisted of several extremely violent home invasion rapes in which the victims were bound, brutally raped multiple times, and threatened with deadly weapons.

There is no information on who conducted the FGG investigation. DNA profiles were obtained through evidence left at the crime scenes. In one case, the suspect's blood was collected because the victim had stabbed him with a pair of scissors. The initial confirmation was made through police surveillance followed by the surreptitious sampling from items Waller had discarded in the trash outside his home. John Doe warrants had been filed in 2006 to stop the statute of limitations from running.

Waller was charged with 46 counts, including 21 counts of rape against 9 different victims, as well as kidnapping, burglary, and other related charges. The trial began on October 19, 2020.

Waller took the stand in his defence and testified that he could not explain how his DNA ended up at the crime scenes. The jury deliberated for only 2 ½ hours before finding Waller guilty. After the trial, his attorney told Murray, "'It didn't matter what I did,' ... 'It was a DNA case. We could not overcome the fact that his DNA was at nearly all the crime scenes.'"

There is no data on the ethnicity of his victims, but he is reported to have targeted young Asian females. Waller has been sentenced to 897 years.

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### Case ID 1470: Warren, Christine Marie

Christine Marie Warren was charged on March 15, 2021 with the murder of her newborn son on November 18, 1997 in the rest room of a gas station in Seattle, Washington.

Video footage shows a woman going into the rest room at about 11:20 pm that evening and exiting about 14 minutes later. A witness claims to have heard a baby cry in the rest room. The baby was found about two days

later in the rest room trash can by an employee who was emptying the garbage. An autopsy determined that the baby was born alive and died by homicide shortly thereafter. He was nicknamed Baby Boy Doe, and he was buried in Calvary Cemetery through community donations.

A DNA profile of the baby's mother was developed in January 2018 from placental blood collected at the autopsy. The FGG investigation was conducted by Barbara Rae Venter of DNA Solutions. The initial confirmation was made surreptitiously in November of 2020, when police sent her a fictional survey, and obtained a DNA sample from the envelope.

Warren has admitted to police that she abandoned the boy in the trash can, and that she was not aware whether he was alive when she left. She is charged with second-degree murder and abandonment of a dependent person and has been released on bail. The case against her is pending in King County.

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#### Case ID 1290-1299: Warrick, Giles Daniel: Potomac River Rapist

Giles Daniel Warrick was arrested on November 13, 2019 and charged in the August 1, 1998 rape and murder of 29-year-old Christine Mirzan in Washington, D.C., as well as a series of sexual assaults in Washington, D.C. and Montgomery County, Maryland in the 1990s. The suspect in these crimes was known as the Potomac River Rapist.

Mirzan was an intern at the National Academy of Sciences who had recently moved to the area. She was walking home from a barbecue to the student housing at Georgetown University on the night she died.

She had been sexually assaulted and bludgeoned to death with a heavy rock.

Seven of the nine rapes were linked by DNA profiles obtained from crime scene samples. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs in cooperation with Montgomery County Police Department officer Steven ‘Smugs’ Smugeresky.

The case against Warrick was pending in D.C. Superior Court. He pled not guilty to the charges, and his trial was scheduled to begin on November 29, 2022. However, on the morning of November 20, 2022, Warrick was found dead in his cell from an apparent hanging. The case has now been closed.

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## **Case ID 1090: Washburn, Robert Dwane**

Robert Dwayne Washburn was arrested on May 11, 2018 and charged in the August 4, 1986 rape and murder of 13-year-old Jennifer Bastian in Tacoma, Washington.

Bastian was riding her bike in Point Defiance Park to train for an upcoming bike tour. She was last seen at around 6:00 pm. Her body was not found until three weeks later in a wooded area in the park. She had been sexually assaulted and strangled.

A DNA profile was developed from semen found in the crotch area of Bastian's bathing suit. The FGG analysis was conducted by Colleen Fitzpatrick of Identifinders.

Fitzpatrick analyzed the Y-STR profile and its male lineage and provided investigators with the name Washburn. Detectives then placed Washburn on a list for collecting of DNA from high-priority suspects. Washburn was contacted. He voluntarily provided a cheek swab to police. He lived very close to the area at the time of Bastian's murder.

This case was long thought to be connected to the nearby and very similar murder of Michella Welch, see above, until DNA profiling showed there to be two different perpetrators. Washburn's name was in the police files because he had called in a tip in the earlier murder – which happened just months before.

Washburn pled guilty and was sentenced to 27 years in prison.

Before this case was cleared, investigators collected from about 160 male suspects.

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## **Case ID 1783: Weber, Douglas Larry**

Douglas Larry Weber, 58, was arrested on October 31, 2022 for the January 7, 1996 rape of an 18-year-old woman in Midland County, Michigan.

The young woman's car had broken down when she was on Stark Road, near Beamish, when a young man stopped to help her and

give her a ride home. Instead, he drove her to a remote field where he sexually assaulted her. He let her go from the vehicle when emergency vehicles approached, and she managed to run home where she told her mother she had been raped. She was taken to a local hospital, where she had a sexual assault kit taken. The kit was not tested until 2016, when Michigan received funding to clear the SAK backlog in that state.

Sorenson Forensics produced a DNA profile of a suspect in January of 2018, which was uploaded in CODIS but received no hits. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs, along with forensic phenotyping. Police obtained a search warrant to obtain DNA from Weber when he was interviewed by police in July of 2022. His DNA profile was confirmed to be included in that taken from the victim's SAK in 1996.

Weber has been remanded into custody, where he is facing charges of first-degree criminal sexual conduct during a kidnapping in the 75th District Court. He has pending criminal charges for assault, battery, trespass, larceny, and failing to appear.

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#### **Case ID 1348: Wells, Daniel Leonard**

Daniel Leonard Wells has been identified as the lead suspect in the January 1, 1985 murder of 23-year-old Tonya Ethridge McKinley in Pensacola, Florida.

McKinley was found just before dawn in an empty lot on New Year's Day, by a family who was taking their dog to the vet. She was last seen leaving a local bar at around 1:30 am that morning. She was partially nude and had been raped and strangled.

A DNA profile was produced from semen, as well as head and pubic hair, collected from the crime scene. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon and the FDLE. The initial confirmation was made through police surveillance followed by the surreptitious sampling of DNA from cigarette butts discarded by Wells.

Wells was arrested on March 18, 2020 on charges of first-degree murder and first-degree sexual battery. He was found dead in his jail cell from suicide on April 3, 2020. He

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### Case ID 1159: Westrom, Jerry

Jerry Westrom was arrested on February 11, 2019 and charged in the June 13, 1993 murder of 35-year-old Jeanne Ann Childs in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Childs was found stabbed to death in her apartment. She had been stabbed multiple times in the abdomen, with several wounds being inflicted post-mortem. She was especially vulnerable as she had been working as a prostitute out of her apartment at the time she was killed.

A DNA profile of the suspect was obtained from semen located on Child's comforter as well as from a blue towel and a blood spot on the sink in the washroom, where the suspect had washed up afterwards. The killer had left the water running in her high-rise apartment, and it had begun seeping into the apartment below.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Barbara Rae-Venter. The initial confirmation was made through police surveillance followed by the surreptitious sampling of a napkin Wells had used and thrown away while attending a hockey game.

Wells turned himself in and was released on bail. He has a prior criminal record for impaired driving and solicitation. He was charged with second degree murder, and the sex assault charges were dropped.

Wells was convicted by a jury on August 25, 2022 of first-degree premeditated murder and second-degree intentional murder. On September 9, 2022, he was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for 30 years.

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## Case ID 1487: Whelpley, Barry Lee

Barry Lee Whelpley was arrested on June 2, 2021 for the July 7, 1972 rape and murder of 15-year-old Julie Ann Hanson in Naperville, Illinois.

Hanson disappeared after borrowing her brother's bicycle and riding off to watch a baseball game. She never returned home. Her body was found the next day in a nearby cornfield off 87<sup>th</sup> Street and Modaff Road. She had been sexually assaulted and was killed after being stabbed about 3 dozen times. Whelpley had been living very near Julie Hanson at the time of the murder.

While DNA had been recovered from Hanson's body, it was highly degraded – the sample was reportedly of low quality, and there was only 360 picograms of DNA. The FGG investigation was performed by Colleen Fitzpatrick of Identifinders International. Fitzpatrick has stated that this case is pushing the bounds of the technology, and is likely one of the most difficult cases to be solved to date, based on DNA quality and quantity.

Whelpley has been charged with three counts of first degree murder in Will County District Court. He is being held on \$10 million bond in Will County jail.

During a police visit to Whelpley's house for questioning, police took off their body cameras and placed them on the table, allowing them to have footage of a private conversation between Whelpley and his wife. On May 25, 2022, Will County Judge David Carlson granted two defense motions, allowing the conversation to be inadmissible in court, as well as statements made by Whelpley after a second request for an

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#### **Case ID 1623-1624: Whitson, Ray Mason Jr.**

Ray Mason Whitson Jr. was identified on January 6, 2022, as the lead suspect in a double homicide that took place in a rural area of Klamath County, Oregon. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Whitson.

The skeletal remains of two youths were found on November 17, 1978, near the Lake of the Woods, by an individual cutting firewood. The bodies were identified as 19-year-old Kirk Leonard Wiseman and 17-year-old Cynthia Lynn Frayer. The remains of a small dog were found with Kirk. The teenagers were originally from California, and it is thought that they were hitchhiking in the area, perhaps on their way to Crater Lake. Frayer had been sexually assaulted, and then the couple were shot several times in the head with a .22 calibre firearm.

In 2019, investigators developed a DNA profile of an unknown male from biological material found on Frayer's clothing. There were no hits in CODIS. The FGG investigation was performed by Parabon

Nanolabs. The final confirmation was made to living family members of Whitson.

Investigators have stated that the FGG investigation cost about \$8,000 and was funded by the Klamath County Sheriff's Office.

Investigators have learned that Whitson lived near Klamath Falls at the time of the murders and was very familiar with the area where the bodies were found, having gone camping there often. Whitson died in Texas in 1996. He had no criminal record.

At the time of the murders, officers suspected an unnamed man who had given the couple a ride near Grants Pass. He has since passed away.

With the closure of the case, several personal effects found with Frayer, including a pair of earrings and some letters and postcards she had written, can now be returned to her family.

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### Case ID 1222: Whyte, Michael

Michael Whyte was arrested on June 13, 2019 and charged in the March 17, 1987 murder of 20-year-old Darlene Krashoc in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Krashoc was an army specialist stationed at Fort Carson. She had left a local bar sometime around 1:00 am. Her body was found later that morning beside a dumpster in an alley by two soldiers on patrol. Krashoc had been raped and strangled and she was tortured for some time before she died. She may have been thrown from a moving vehicle, and her body then moved behind the dumpster.

A DNA profile of the suspect was obtained from semen found in her genital area, saliva on some nearby cigarettes, and an unspecified sample from her neck. In 2016, a more complete profile was obtained from semen found on her clothing. Investigators were assisted by the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division (CID) and the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory. Forensic phenotyping was performed in December of 2016 with the Assistance of Parabon Nanolabs. This is reportedly the first time that the U.S. Army CID used forensic

phenotyping and genetic genealogy as part of an investigation.

The FGG investigation was undertaken by Parabon Nanolabs. The initial confirmation was made through police surveillance followed by the surreptitious sampling of a cup Whyte had used at a fast food restaurant. White had also been stationed at Fort Carson at the time of the killing, as an Army signal operations manager.

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### **Case ID 1139-1142: Williams, Christopher Quinn**

Christopher Quinn Williams was arrested on December 12, 2018 and charged with several home invasion sex assaults in College Station, Texas that date back to October of 2015. The suspect would break into women's homes and masturbate over them while they were sleeping in their bedrooms, sometimes fondling them. He would leave if they woke up.

A DNA profile of the suspect was obtained through biological material he had left at the scenes. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs.

Williams is charged with four counts of burglary of a habitation. He is not being charged with any sexual offences. Williams

has been released on bond while awaiting trial. His trial date is set for February 5, 2021.

This case caused some controversy when it was learned that Williams was charged with a burglary-related offence. Some had wanted GEDmatch to be used only for crimes involving homicide and sexual assault. It is not known why Williams was not charged with a sex offence in these cases.

Williams has a previous criminal record for criminal harassment against women and making harassing phone calls of a sexual nature. He may suffer from a mental illness, and it is desirable that he should receive proper intervention before his offending progresses further.

On August 24, 2022, Williams was convicted of burglary of a habitation with attempted sexual assault and was sentenced to life in prison. During a trial the jury heard cell phone or DNA evidence showing seven additional burglaries where sexual offences were attempted.

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### **Case ID 1532: Williams, Scott**

49-Year-old Scott R. Williams was arrested on October 5, 2021, for the May 13, 1995 rape, robbery and aggravated assault of a 22-year-old Penn State Student in State College, Pennsylvania.

The victim was found in the middle of the street, covered in blood and naked from the waist down. She had been hit from behind while walking home and was dragged into a flower bed where she was raped and brutally beaten. She was air-lifted to Geisinger

Medical Center to be treated for fractures to her face, skull, and jaw that she received from being brutally beaten by her attacker. She required 4 metal plates in her skull.

A DNA profile of the perpetrator was obtained from semen, and a DNA Doe warrant was issued for his arrest on March 29, 2000 in order to prevent the statute of limitation from barring the charges after 5 years – one of the only such warrants issued in the Eastern United States.

The FGG investigation was performed by Parabon Nanolabs, who also performed a forensic phenotyping analysis. They located a close relative of the perpetrator, Wanda K. Williams, who was identified as the mother of the perpetrator. Wanda had three sons, Scott, Mark, and Rishell. Police then attempted to surreptitiously sample William's DNA at a high school football banquet. Since he did not eat or drink, police sampled his son's DNA instead, and determined that he was the son of the suspect. Police then tested spit tobacco items that Williams had discarded in his trash.

The charges against Williams are proceeding in the Center County Court of Common Pleas. He was released on December 14, 2021, after the court reduced his bond from \$500,000 USD to \$100,000 UDS.

On January 12, 2023, a pre-trial hearing was held, with conflicting testimony from both sides regarding the DNA evidence. The defense is also attempting to have the affidavit dismissed, due to the questions surrounding the DNA evidence.

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### **Case ID 1781: Wilson, James Frederick**

James Frederick Wilson, 59, was arrested on October 27, 2022 for the March 24, 1984 rape and attempted murder of a woman in Columbia, Missouri.

The woman had been walking to work in around the 4000 block of Wellington Avenue and Providence Road when she was abducted at knifepoint into the suspect's car. He then drove the victim to a dead-end where he sexually assaulted and stabbed her, cutting her throat. He then left her for dead in a nearby creek, but she survived.

A DNA profile of the suspect was developed from a sexual assault kit taken from the woman at the hospital. There was no STR match in CODIS.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Columbia Police Department, beginning in February of 2021. The initial confirmation was made through surreptitious sampling.

Wilson is facing charges of forcible rape and first-degree assault with a deadly weapon in Boone County. He was detained in the Iredell County jail in North Carolina while awaiting extradition.

Police have established a tip line where the public can provide information on whether

Wilson committed similar crimes against further victims in the area.

On January 13, 2023, Wilson pled not guilty to forcible rape with a weapon and first-degree assault with a deadly weapon. A status hearing is scheduled for March 13, 2023. He is currently being held at Boone County Jail without bond.

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#### Case ID 1355: Wilson, Philip Lee

Philip Lee Wilson was arrested on April 23, 2020 and charged in the April 24, 1980 murder of 20-year-old Robin Gisela Brooks in Sacramento, California.

Brooks had left her job at a Rosemont donut shop late that night and walked home alone. When she did not show up for her shift the next day, a friend checked on her and found her dead in her bedroom. Brooks had been sexually assaulted and stabbed to death. Police suspect she may have been stalked by the suspect before her death.

A DNA profile was obtained from semen from a sexual assault kit, as well as blood left at the crime scene where the killer had cut himself while stabbing Brooks. There is currently no information on who performed the FGG investigation.

Wilson was convicted by a jury on March 10, 2022. The jury had been deadlocked the day earlier. Wilson's defence attorney had argued that Wilson had consensual sex with Brooks on the night she died, and that his blood was found at the crime scene because he had a workplace injury. The defence put Norbert Holston forward as an alternative suspect. Holston was the boyfriend of Brook's sister,

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On April 22, 2022, Wilson was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

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### Case ID 1671, 1748: Wise, Henry Frederick

See also: Stacy Lyn Chahorski

Henry Frederick Wise was identified on September 6, 2022, as the lead suspect in the murder of Stacy Lyn Chahorski, whose body was found on December 16, 1988 near Rising Fawn in Dade County, Georgia. The case has

been cleared by exception due to the death of Wise.

Chahorski herself was not identified until March 24, 2022. The identification of Chahorsky was also accomplished by FGG. Both investigations were conducted by Othram in partnership with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the FBI. The final confirmation was made to living relatives of Wise. The funding was provided by Audiochuck.

Henry (Hoss) Wise was a truck driver and a race car stunt driver. He regularly drove through the area where Chahorski's body was found.

Wise was killed in 1999 in a crash at the Myrtle Beach Speedway in South Carolina. Wise had a criminal history, including for theft, assault, and obstruction, but these offences took place before mandatory DNA collection for felony arrests was instituted.

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#### Case ID 1838: Wood, Russell Grant

On February 7, 2023, the Lexington Police Department announced that Russell Grant Wood was the lead suspect in the May 30, 1987 rape and murder of Mary Mathis Davis in Lexington, North Carolina. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Wood.

Davis' remains were found behind a Winn-Dixie on May 31, 1987 - the day after she disappeared. She was last seen at her job at Lanier's Ace Hardware Store. She left for a break, and never returned. The autopsy found that she had been sexually assaulted and that she died by strangulation.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Lexington Police Department and the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, beginning in 2022.

Wood, who was from Lexington, died in 2013 at the age of 58. It was reported that Wood and Davis may have known each other, but further information about the nature of their relationship has not been made available.

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## Case ID 1631: Wortman, Robert Eugene

Robert Eugene Wortman was identified on January 24, 2022, as the lead suspect in the July, 1985 homicide of 63-year-old Helen Margaret Brooks in Apple Valley, California. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Wortman.

Brooks' body was discovered in her home in the Apple Valley Garden Apartments on July 5 during a wellness check after friends and co-workers had not been able to contact her for several days. She is thought to have been killed sometime between July 3 and July 5.

She is thought to have died by strangulation with a nylon stocking. Authorities stated that there were no signs of a sexual assault.

A DNA profile of the suspect was developed in 2009. There is no information on who performed the FGG investigation. It has been reported that the case was investigated by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office, and the FBI's Riverside Office.

Wortman was interviewed at the time but denied knowing Brooks or going to her apartment and authorities had no evidence against him.

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### **Case ID 1193: Wypych, Frank Edward**

Frank Edward Wypych has been identified as the lead suspect in the July 10, 1967 murder of 20-year-old Susan Galvin in Seattle, Washington. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Wypych.

Galvin had worked for the Seattle police department as a records clerk. A search was initiated she failed to show up for her overnight shift on July 10. Her body was found three days later in an elevator by a parking attendant at the Seattle Center. Galvin had been sexually assaulted and strangled.

A DNA profile of the suspect was obtained from semen found on Galvin’s underwear. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. Ancestry analysis performed by Parabon showed that the suspect was about 16% Native American. This assisted in the genealogical analysis.

Wypych passed away on April 7, 1987 at the age of 46 from diabetes complications. Investigators applied to exhume his remains, and his DNA profile was found to be consistent with the DNA sample taken from Galvin’s body. Fingerprints that had been collected from the elevator in the parking

garage were also matched to fingerprints taken in 1971 when Wypych was arrested for larceny.

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## **Case ID 1399-1400: Young, Gary Robert**

Gary Robert Young was arrested on August 5, 2020 and charged with two cold case rapes in Chandler, Arizona. On November 8, 1991, a 26-year-old woman was kidnapped and raped at gunpoint. In 1992, a 15-year-old girl was kidnapped, driven to a nearby home, and sexually assaulted there.

A DNA profile of the suspect was obtained from the victims' sexual assault kits. This linked the cases together in CODIS, but there was no hit to a potential perpetrator.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Colleen Fitzpatrick of Identifinders. Initial confirmation was made through police surveillance followed by surreptitious sampling. The investigation was funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance's Sexual Assault Kit Initiative.

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## **Case ID 1461: Zamora, Jaime**

On September 18, 2001, an unknown male kidnapped and raped a 7-year-old girl who was walking to school with her 8-year-old brother in Greeley, Colorado. The case has been cleared by exception due to the death of Zamora.

Zamora forced the girl into his vehicle, and took her to a secluded area where he sexually assaulted her. She escaped and sought assistance at the nearby Air National Guard station at a nearby airport.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon, which had performed forensic phenotyping of the suspect's DNA in February of 2020. When this produced no leads, Parabon then performed a genealogical analysis, leading then to identify Jaime Zamora as a potential suspect.

Zamora passed away in 2014 in Wellington, Colorado. The final confirmation was made with tissue samples kept on file after his autopsy. Zamora, then 26-years-old, had been living in Greeley and working at a local sandwich shop at the time of the assault.

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### **Case ID 1548-1549: Zamora, Patrick**

Sixty-four-year-old Patrick Zamora was charged on February 11, 2021, in two sexual assaults that took place in Calgary, Alberta. Both assaults took place on the campus of the Foothills Medical Centre in the early morning hours.

The first occurred on June 16, 1981, when a 21-year-old nursing student was returning to her residence at the hospital when she was attacked and sexually assaulted.

The second took place on July 1, 1981, when a lab technician was leaving work. Both women were attacked in the hospital parking lot, dragged into nearby bushes, and violently sexually assaulted.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Convergence Investigative Genealogy using DNA collected from the victim's sexual assault kits (SAKs). The initial confirmation was made through police surveillance of Zamora, followed by the surreptitious sampling of a cigarette butt he had tossed from the window of his vehicle.

Zamora pled guilty to charges of rape and choking the second victim, and rape of the first victim on November 9, 2021, in the court of Queen's Bench in Calgary. He received a sentence of 5 years and three months. He has no prior criminal record.

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## **Case ID 1361: Zastawnik, James**

James Zastawnik was arrested on May 6, 2020 and charged in the December 20, 1987 murder of 17-year-old Barbara ‘Barbie’ Blatnik in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Blatnik was last seen when she was dropped off by a friend at about midnight. Her nude body was found the next morning in a wooded area along the roadside. She had been raped and strangled.

A DNA profile of the suspect was obtained from a tissue sample taken from underneath Blatnik’s fingernails. Since it was a mixture of Blatnik’s DNA and the man she had scratched, the mixture first needed to be resolved. Her older sister, Donna Zanath, provided her DNA to assist with this.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Colleen Fitzpatrick of Identifinders. Project Porchlight raised the money to fund the FGG investigation. Fitzpatrick studied the suspect’s Y-DNA as well as his autosomal DNA, learning that he was of Eastern European biogeographical ancestry. Police obtained a warrant to take a DNA sample from Zastawnik, and confirmed it was consistent with the crime scene DNA profile.

Zastawnik had worked at a factory near where Blatnik was last seen. He has a prior criminal record for exposing himself to two women in Akron in July of 1984. In police interviews, Zastawnik initially denied knowing Blatnik. Trexler reports that recordings indicate that when confronted by the DNA evidence, Zastawnik then displayed a “vivid recollection” of his encounter with Blatnik. He claimed that he had “spontaneous and consensual” sex with the teen on the night she

died after picking her up in his car when she was walking down Walker Road. He took her to his home so that she could use the telephone. He claims he dropped her back on Warner Road.

Zastawnik was released on a \$35,000 bond while awaiting trial on charges of murder and aggravated murder in Summit County. Zastawnik, 69, died from cancer in August of 2021. He was receiving hospice services and passed away surrounded by relatives while awaiting trial – which was scheduled to begin in October of 2021 after having been delayed. Warsmith reports that, “His family is mourning his passing,” said Erik Jones, who represented Zastawnik with attorney Andrea Whitaker.

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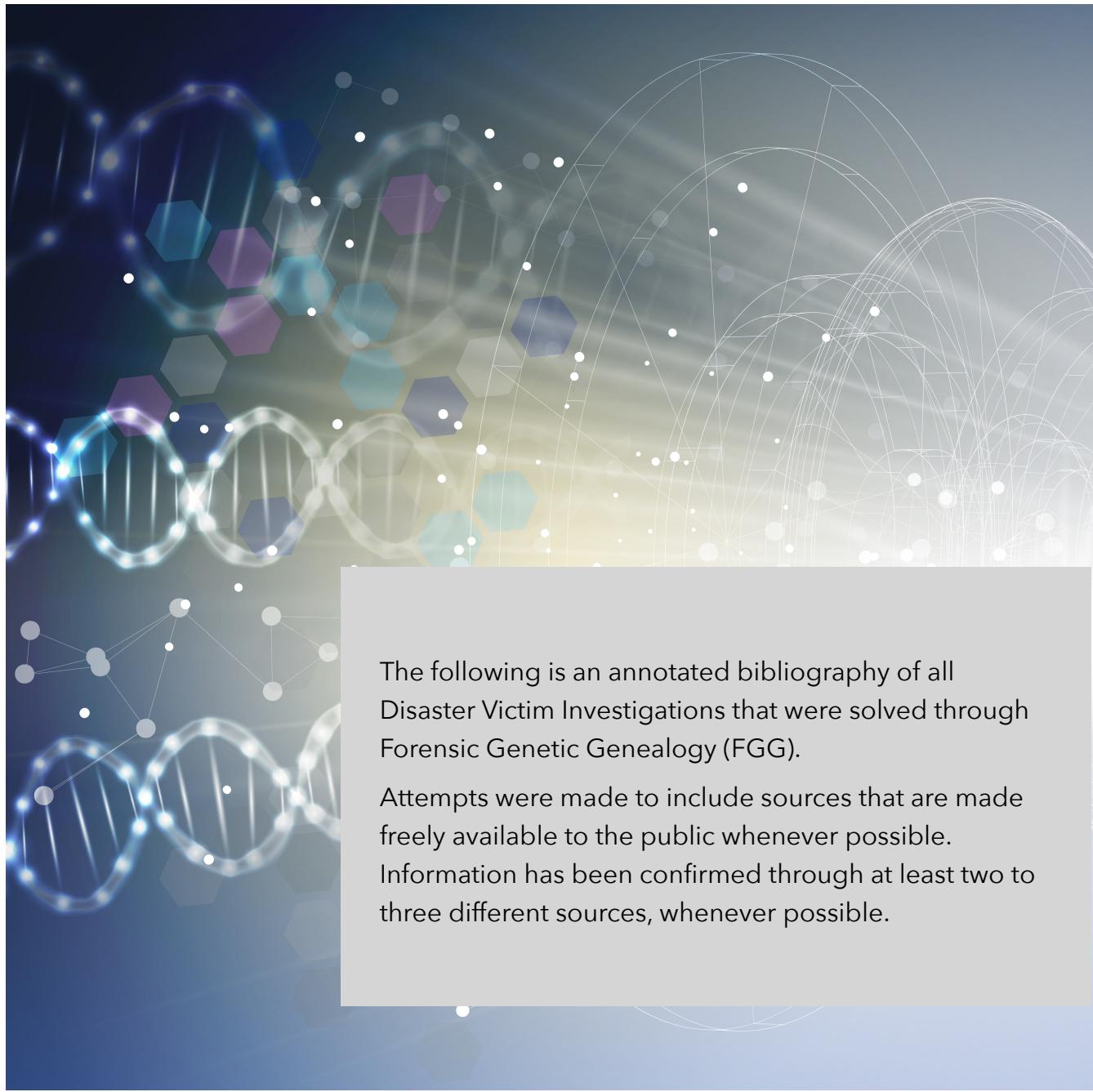
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# Disaster Victim Investigations



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## Case ID 1146: Christopher Maltby: Paradise Camp Fire Victim 1

The two Paradise Camp Fire victims went missing on November 8, 2018 in Paradise, California. The Paradise Camp Fire was one of California's deadliest fires, with 85 known victims.

For many disaster victims, DNA samples are taken from family members of the missing so that they can be matched with remains.

Oftentimes, then, FGG will not be necessary to make identifications. For the two unidentified Camp Fire victims in Paradise, there were no identifying characteristics or family whose DNA they can be matched to, as was the case for the other 83 victims.

Margaret Press of DNA Doe then offered to help identify them using FGG. The investigation was conducted jointly by the DNA Doe Project and the Sacramento County Coroner's Office.

He was identified as 69-year-old Christopher Maltby.

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## Case ID 1145: Confidential: Paradise Camp Fire Victim #53

The two Paradise Camp Fire victims went missing on November 8, 2018 in Paradise, California. The Paradise Camp Fire was one of California's deadliest fires, with 85 known victims.

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Victim #53 was the last victim of the Paradise Camp Fire to be identified. He was found at the home of Ellen Walker who lived in a

senior mobile home park. Walker was an elderly woman with fibromyalgia and limited mobility. She had been trapped and died in the fire. When DNA analysis was done, it was found that there was an unknown person beside her, perhaps he had died trying to assist Walker.

The man's identity is being kept confidential at the request of his family.

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# Human Remains Investigations



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## Case ID 1541: Alexander, Francis Wayne: Gacy Victim #5

The skeletal remains of Francis Wayne Alexander were found on December 26, 1978, in the crawl space of a home in Norwood Park, Illinois, just outside of Chicago. The home belonged to serial killer John Wayne Gacy. Alexander's remains were located along with those of 25 other victims of Gacy, mainly teenagers and young men. Gacy would kidnap, sexually assault, torture, and then kill his victims. Investigators believe that Alexander was murdered sometime between early 1976 and March 15, 1977. Alexander was one of 8 Gacy victims who could not be identified, and an investigation into their identity was reopened in 2011.

DNA was extracted from Alexander's molar by Astrea Forensics in Santa Cruz. The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. The final confirmation of Alexander's identity was made to his mother and half-brother.

Alexander's identification follows the identifications of two other of Gacy's victims – James Haakenson and William Bundy. They were identified using DNA matches to relatives who answered police's call to submit their DNA if they had a loved one go missing in Chicago in the late 1970s, the time when Gacy was most active. One of the last traces police have found of Alexander is a traffic

ticket dated January 5, 1976. There are now 5 remaining victims to be identified.

Alexander was originally from South Carolina. It is not known how he met John Wayne Gacy. Gacy was executed in 1994 after having been convicted of the murder of 33 young men and boys.

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### **Case ID 1183: Alkebu-Lan, Hassan: Virginia John Doe**

The body of 39-year-old Hassan Alkebu-Lan was found by a boater on March 13, 2016 along the banks of the James River in Chesterfield, Virginia. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs.

Criminal activity is not suspected in Alkebu-Lan's death. He suffered from mental illness and was being cared for by his family. His mother was going out to get him some identification when he disappeared. They did not know what became of him for three years.

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### **Case ID 1814: Alston, Katherine Ann: Bedford, New Hampshire Jane Doe 1971**

The remains of Katherine ("Kathy") Ann Alston were found on October 6, 1971 in Bedford, New Hampshire. She was found in the woods, near the Route 101 by-pass, now an onramp to Kilton Road. She is thought to have lain there for about one to three months before being found. Investigators determined that she was the victim of a homicide, but the cause of death has not been determined.

In 1993 and in 2006, a clay facial reconstruction was performed. In 2020, an updated digital facial reconstruction was produced.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project, in partnership with the New Hampshire State Police, beginning in February of 2020. The investigation was funded through donations, in the amount of \$3,500. The final confirmation was made to Alston's living family members.

This case was solved using a match to one of Alston's siblings that only appeared after GEDmatch changed its terms and conditions in January of 2021 to opt-in all kits to relative matching for human remains investigations. Between May of 2019 and January of 2021, GEDmatch opted all users out of law enforcement matching in all cases, and asked them specifically to opt in.

Alston was born in Chelsea, Massachusetts. She lived in Boston for most of her life. She had attended Boston University before marrying, and then divorcing, a fellow student. Alston was supposed to meet her parents and younger siblings at the airport to say goodbye, as they were moving to Texas.

Alston never showed up, and her family never spoke to her again. She was not reported missing.

Police continue to investigate Alston's murder.

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#### Case ID 1823: Alt, Richard Thomas

The skull of 31-year-old Richard Thomas Alt was found in June of 1986 in Morrisville, Pennsylvania. A fisherman from nearby Buckingham Township found the skull on the banks of the Delaware River, near the Morrisville Boat launch. Morrisville is at the bottom of the Delaware River falls, just across the river from Trenton, NJ.

The skull was turned over to the Bucks County Coroner's Office in October of 2019 and an entry made in NamUs, but no new leads were obtained. The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Bucks County Detectives, the Bucks County Coroner's Office and the Bucks County District Attorney's Office, beginning in September of 2022. The FGG investigation was funded by Audiochuck. The final confirmation was made to Alt's daughter, who was 11 years old at the time her father disappeared.

Alt was last seen by his parents on Christmas Eve of 1984 in Trenton, NJ, and was reported missing in early 1985. At the time, it was suspected that Alt and his girlfriend, Laurie Suydam, were homicide victims. Her body had been located in the Delaware River in April 1985 in Trenton. Police in Trenton continue to investigate both homicides.

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### **Case ID 1786: Ames, Othaniel Philip: I-5 Stilly John Doe**

The remains of 82-year-old Othaniel Philip Ames were found on July 23, 1980 in Arlington, Washington. A local fisherman found his remains along the Stillaguamish River. His body had lain in the water for several months, and his cause of death could not be determined: he had no obvious signs of trauma, and he did not drown. It was determined that he was elderly, and that he had heart disease.

His remains were exhumed in 2017 for further attempts at identification. A DNA profile was obtained, and entered into NamUs. In 2018, the University of North Texas Health Sciences Centre obtained a DNA sample from his femur that was entered into CODIS in March of 2019. The Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office states that it no longer buries unidentified decedents, although this was a common practice at the time.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office and the Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office, beginning in 2021. The investigation was crowdfunded through DNAsolves. Deb Stone conducted the genealogical investigation, which was challenging in this case since there were only 5th to 7th cousin matches in the databases. Stone was able to identify a set of great-great-grandparents.

Ames, who was born on August 23, 1898, moved to Arlington in the early 1950s. He operated a small dairy farm, and also worked at a paper mill and as a woodworker and winemaker. He was last seen by his family in early 1980, when he told them that he would be travelling to visit family in Oregon and California.

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### **Case ID 1590: Archer, Stephen Patrick: Rohnert Park John Doe 2015**

The body of 48-year-old Stephen Patrick Archer was found on January 2, 2015, along an access road in Rohnert Park, California. He possessed a mountain bike with a child carrier containing a set of hand-written journals containing his work in mathematics,

physics, and science. Authorities do not believe foul play was involved in his death. He is thought to have been a transient at the time of his death.

Efforts to identify Archer through were unsuccessful, despite his DNA profile being uploaded into CODIS, his fingerprints and dental records, and forensic anthropological analysis.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. The final confirmation was made to Archer's biological mother.

Archer lived in the Seattle area and had worked briefly for Boeing. He has been returned to his family.

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#### Case ID 1543: Armantrout, Daniel Paul: Bibb County John Doe

The body of 15-year-old Daniel ('Danny') Paul Armantrout was found on March 27, 1961 in the Cahaba River, south of Wilton, Alabama. He was hitchhiking and had been picked up just a short time before by a driver named James White. White struck a guardrail and lost control of the vehicle on Riverbend Road, which plunged into the river. White survived, but the boy did not. He had no ID, and the driver did not know his name, or many details about him, as they had only been in the car together a short time. He told the driver that his parents had separated, and he had left home and was looking for work. The community paid for him to be buried at the Centreville Memorial Cemetery.

His body was exhumed on June 9, 2016 with funding from NCMEC and bone samples were taken, but no DNA could be extracted. In November of 2020, Colleen Fitzpatrick of Identifinders was engaged to perform the FGG investigation. She located the 2016 autopsy samples at the University of North Texas and sent the bone samples to Astria Forensics where they were able to obtain a DNA profile. The FGG investigation was funded by Gray Hughes Investigates. This is reportedly the oldest NCMEC case to be solved through FGG.

Danny Armantrout was born on December 28, 1945 in Miami. He has an older brother, who is now 77 years old and living in Florida. He was serving in the army at the time Armantrout went missing. There is a third brother who also went missing. The brothers were living with their mother and stepfather, and their home life was reportedly unhappy.

The community has also paid for his name to now be added to his headstone.

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### Case ID 1420: Armbrust, Anthony John:

The body of 44-year-old Anthony John Armbrust III was found by hikers in a mountainous region near Grant, Colorado on

February 11, 1974. Investigators estimate he died about four months earlier of blunt force trauma when he fell or jumped from the plateau above. For almost 5 decades, he was known only as the Park County John Doe.

His remains were exhumed in 2011 for modern forensic anthropological analysis, and a DNA profile was obtained. The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project in cooperation with the Park County Coroner's Office. The case was solved after nearly 800 hours of research by volunteers. The initial confirmation was made through the testing of a first cousin.

Armbrust was an aeronautical engineer who led a metaphysical church in San Diego. Diagnosed with a terminal illness, he may have made a suicide pact with his wife, Renee, whose body has never been found. Before they disappeared, the couple had sent a letter to members of their church asking them to care for their dog and collect several personal items. Armbrust's death is thought to have been a suicide.

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### **Case ID 1419: Armstrong, Hallie**

The remains of 18-year-old Hallie Armstrong were found in an old barn in New London, Ohio sometime in the fall of 2016. About 72 human bones of unknown origin were found in the dilapidated barn when the property was sold. Since the age of the remains were unknown, an investigation was commenced by the New London Police Department. They suspected a homicide, as some of the bones – including the skull, sacrum, and pelvis – appeared to have been cut with a power saw.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Melinde Lutz Byrne, the lead investigative genealogist at Bode Technology. Funding for the investigation was provided by the Porchlight Project, which assists with funding for further investigations in cases of missing persons and homicide victims.

The remains were identified as those of Armstrong, a young, unmarried teacher who died of unknown causes in 1881. She is reported to be buried in a grave at Sugar Grove Cemetery in Wilmington. It is not known whose remains, if any, are buried in that grave. Armstrong’s father had been the superintendent of an infirmary, and one of the former owners of the barn was a chiropractor. This has led to the speculation that her remains were being used as medical specimens.

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### **Case ID 1459: Asher, Freeman, Jr.**

The skeletal remains of Freeman Asher Jr. were found near the bottom of Multnomah Falls, Oregon by two hikers. Some of his personal effects were found nearby, including clothing, a baseball cap, and eyeglasses.

A DNA profile of the remains was obtained in 2010 and uploaded to CODIS, but there were no matches to known missing persons. In 2013, a composite sketch was made of what

Asher might have looked like with his baseball cap.

The FGG investigation was performed by Parabon Nanolabs. The investigation was funded by a grant from the National Institute of Justice. The final confirmation was made to Asher's sister, now living in California.

His cause of death is still undetermined. His remains have been returned to his family.

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### Case ID 1175: Baby Andrew

The remains of an infant male were found in a ditch on February 28, 1981 in Sioux Falls, North Dakota. He was named Baby Andrew by members of the local community, who also paid for his funeral. Baby Andrew had been born alive and died of suffocation and

exposure in about the first 24 hours of his life. He was found wrapped in blankets with his placenta still attached.

On September 3, 2009, Baby Andrew was disinterred for forensic analysis and DNA testing at the North Texas University Science Center. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. The identification was made when a third cousin once removed to Baby Andrew uploaded their DNA to GEDmatch.

In January of 2019, the possible parents of Baby Andrew were identified as Theresa Rose Bentaas and Dirk Bentaas. The initial confirmation was made through police surveillance followed by the surreptitious sampling of items from their trash, including a Sam Adams beer bottle and several cigarette butts.

On March 8, 2019, Theresa Bentaas was arrested and charged with first-degree murder, second-degree murder and manslaughter. She was 19 years-old at the time of Baby Andrew's birth. The father is not thought to have known about the baby. She admitted to the killing when questioned by police, and her case is currently pending in Minnehaha County Circuit Court.

The FGG evidence has not been challenged directly in this case, but the surreptitious sampling of discarded items has been challenged by Bentaas' attorneys who filed a motion to suppress the evidence. Judge Susan Sabers ruled that the evidence was admissible because Bentaas had voluntarily discarded the items in her trash, and no longer had any expectation of privacy in them. She ruled that the Fourth Amendment does not prohibit DNA testing on discarded items, and that

precedent generally upholds using discarded items to test for DNA for identification purposes.

On October 8, 2021, Bentaas entered an Alford plea to a charge of first-degree manslaughter in exchange for the dropping of the first degree murder charges. On December 2, 2021, she was sentenced to 10 years in prison, with 9 years of her sentence suspended.

Bentaas was paroled in March of 2022 after serving two months in prison. She will serve the remainder of her sentence in the community.

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## **Case ID 1328-1331: Baby Does of Toledo**

The remains of Baby Boy Doe were found on May 11, 2017. He had been wrapped in blankets and placed in the passenger side of an abandoned vehicle. He was about 2 months old when he died. His remains could not be buried by the community, because he could not be identified, and his family was unknown.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Cheryl Hester from Advance DNA. They identified Jacob and Jenna Cisneros of Toledo, Ohio as being the birth parents of Baby Boy Doe. They were arrested on February 3, 2020.

After speaking to the Cisneroses, police located a second vehicle which they towed to the police impound lot. Inside that vehicle they found the partially mummified remains of a second infant – a baby girl. She had been wrapped in a blanket and placed underneath the dashboard. There is no official announcement on how old Baby Girl Doe was when she died.

There were no birth records for either infant, neither of whom had been born in a hospital. Autopsies revealed that both infants had been born alive, but no cause of death could be determined. Jenna Cisneros had informed acquaintances that she had a baby girl born in a hospital on October 22, 2018, and that the baby had died of heart complications a few weeks later.

Cisneros, now 34 years-old, pled no contest to two counts of involuntary manslaughter, child endangerment and tampering with evidence and obstruction of justice. She has been sentenced to 25 years.

Jacob Cisneros pled not guilty. He was released on bond to avoid the case being dismissed for failure to be tried within the required 90-day window. On February 16, 2022, he pled no contest to two counts of complicity in involuntary manslaughter and was sentenced to 11 years in custody. At his sentencing hearing he stated that, “I understand why people wouldn’t understand things, but I am proud of who I am and the father that I’ve been to my three amazing children.”

Three older children were living with Jacob and Jenna Cisneros at the time of their arrest, and they have now been placed in the care of family members

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### **Case ID 1695: Baby Boy Cory: Babes in the Water**

See also: Baby Girl Jamie

The remains of Baby Boy Cory were found on December 7, 2003, on the beach of Lake Pepin in Frontenac, Goodhue County, Minnesota. The remains of a little girl had been found four years earlier, on November 4, 1999, at the Lower Boat Harbour of the Mississippi River near Red Wing, Minnesota. She had been found wrapped in a towel in the Mississippi River by two local high school students. The infants were found to share the same mother.

The infants were named Jamie and Cory by Jeanne Madtson, who had lost her own baby. Jeanne buried the infants next to her daughter, Ann Marie. She also buried a third infant found in the water in 2007, whom she named Abby, and who is not related to the other two.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs, beginning in 2020. The final confirmation was made through a warrant to obtain DNA from Jennifer Lynn Matter, who has been found to be the mother of the two babies.

Matter has been charged with two counts of second-degree murder in connection with the death of Baby Boy Cory. She is not yet charged in the death of Baby Girl Jamie, but police have stated that further charges may be laid.

Matter has stated that she gave birth to Baby Girl Jamie in a bathroom when she was dropping her other two children off at their school and daycare. She told police that later that night she drove to a local park and put the baby in the water. She gave birth to Baby Boy Cory at a public beach, and left the child on the beach as she had warrants for her arrest. She stated that the infant was alive when she left him.

Matter has two children born before these incidents, and one child born after.

Matter pled guilty to second-degree murder in Goodhue County Court on January 25, 2023. Her sentencing hearing is scheduled for April 28, 2023.

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#### Case ID 1185: Baby Boy Doe:

See also: Julie Valentine

The remains of Baby Boy Doe were found on April 15, 1989 in a patch of woods in Greenville County, South Carolina. He was found by a group of young girls playing in the woods. He had been wrapped in bedding and placed in a garbage bag which was then thrown from a moving vehicle. He appears to

have been born alive a few days to a week before, but examiners could not discern the cause of death. Baby Boy Doe is the older brother of Julie Valentine, discussed below, who became a symbol for abused children and child-abuse prevention.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. Police identified Brook Graham as the mother of Baby Boy Doe. She is charged with homicide by child abuse and the desecration of human remains. She would have been about 23 years-old at the time of Baby Boy Doe's birth.

Police first located the father of Baby Boy Doe. They determined that he is also the father of Julie Valentine. He told investigators that Graham attempted to kill her first-born child by putting it in the toilet, but he found the baby and obtained medical care. He is not being charged in connection with the two deaths. Graham has two living children who are now grown.

Graham has a lengthy criminal record for fraud. She was released on bond while awaiting trial in Pitt County Superior Court. On May 12, 2022, she entered an Alford plea to two charges of unlawful neglect of a child and one charge of desecration of human remains in connection with Julie Valentine. The offence of desecration had not yet been passed at the time of Baby Boy Doe's birth. The medical examiner stated that it was not possible for an autopsy to confirm that the two infants were born alive and died thereafter, due to the decomposition of the remains. Graham is awaiting a pre-sentence report for sentencing.

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### **Case ID 1344: Baby Boy Horry**

Baby Boy Horry's body was found in a ditch by utility workers on December 4, 2008 in Horry County, South Carolina. He had been wrapped in a blanket and placed in a tote bag. An autopsy determined that the baby had been born alive. He was given the name 'Baby Boy Horry' to commemorate that he was found in the Horry County Woods.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. The FGG investigation was commenced after police sought another woman, Alyssa Dayvault, in connection with the baby's death; she had been charged in the deaths of two different infants, but DNA testing proved that she was not Baby Boy Horry's mother.

Police arrested Jennifer Sahr on March 5, 2020 and charged her with homicide by child abuse and desecration of human remains. Sahr would have been about 20 years-old at the time of Baby Boy Horry's birth. She was then a student at the nearby Coastal Carolina University. Police first located the father of the baby, who stated that he did not know he had a son. Sahr is now married with two children.

Sahr pled guilty on September 15, 2022 in Horry County Circuit Court to a lesser charge of voluntary manslaughter. She is awaiting sentencing, which ranges from 2 to 30 years.

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## Case ID 1713: Baby Doe Hugo

The remains of Baby Doe Hugo were found on December 8, 1993 on a private property in rural Choctaw County, Oklahoma. The homeowner had seen what she thought was a doll in her yard, and went to investigate. The medical examiner determined that the baby had been born alive, and had died from having his throat slashed. He was named Baby Boy Hugo by the local community, who raised money for him to have a proper burial. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs, beginning in October of 2020.

Police arrested the boy's mother, Meaonia Michelle Allen, 53, on June 24, 2022 for first degree murder. She turned herself in on a warrant and was denied bond. Allen was interviewed by police 9 days after the murder as she had been staying at the house at the time with her boyfriend and daughter. She told police then that she had no knowledge of a pregnant woman being at the house.

In her first interview with police after being identified as he boys mother, she admitted that she was the baby's mother and stated that the baby was stillborn. She also provided a consent DNA sample. After being confronted

with the autopsy evidence, she admitted slashing the baby's throat. At the time of the murder, she worked as a caregiver at a day care.

Allen is facing charges for first-degree murder in Choctaw County District Court.

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#### Case ID 1350: Baby Doe of Troup County

The remains of Baby Doe were found on January 6, 2019 in a small cooler decorated with watermelons in Troup County, Georgia. The cooler may have been thrown from a moving vehicle, and had been lying beside the road for several days before it was opened

by a man who was house hunting in the area. Inside, he found the remains of a full-term female infant. An autopsy showed that she had been born alive, but a cause of death could not be determined.

The forensic work in this case was performed Innovative Forensic DNA.

On March 26, 2020, police arrested 19-year-old Caroline Riley Propes and charged her with second-degree murder. She was about 18 years old at the time that Baby Doe was born. Georgia then had safe haven laws that allow newborn children to be handed in to hospitals, police, and fire departments.

Propes pled guilty in Troup County Superior Court on December 10, 2021, to second-degree murder and child cruelty. She was sentenced to 23 years in prison, followed by 7 years of probation.

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### **Case ID 1441-1442: Baby Doe Twins of Stickney Township**

The remains of twin baby boys were found on 6 June 2003 in Stickney Township, Illinois. A waste management employee was emptying trash bins in an alley when she saw their bodies in the front lift bucket of the waste truck. An autopsy showed that the babies had been born alive and had died of asphyxiation.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs.

On December 5, 2020, police arrested 41-year-old Antoinette Briley and charged her

with two counts each of first-degree murder and desecration of human remains. She would have been 24 years-old at the time the twins were born. The initial confirmation was made through police surveillance followed by the surreptitious sampling of a cigarette butt discarded by Briley.

She has admitted her involvement in the death and disposal of the infants. Her case is pending in the Cook County Circuit Court in Bridgeview.

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## **Case ID 1288: Baby Faith**

The remains of Baby Faith were found on August 24, 1996 in Fort Collins, Colorado. Her body was discovered by two 11-year-old boys as they played along the Horsetooth Reservoir. She had been wrapped in a brown towel, placed in a garbage bag, and weighted down with rocks.

There is no information on who performed the FGG investigation. On November 5, 2019, police arrested Jennifer Katalinich and charged her with manslaughter and obstruction. She would have been about 18 years-old at the time of Baby Faith's birth. She is now married with two children.

Katalinich pled guilty to the charges. She stated that she had given birth to the baby in her college dorm room, smothered her with a plastic bag, weighted her down with rocks, and dropped her into the Reservoir. She was given a sentence of 90 days in jail, followed by 8 years of community corrections, community service and probation. There was not a safe haven law in Colorado at the time of Baby Faith's birth – this law was introduced four years later.

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## **Case ID 1734: Baby Garnet**

The remains of Baby Garnet were found on June 26, 1997 in a campground toilet in Hudson Township, Mackinac County, Michigan. Workers found the infant's remains when clearing out the septic tank at the Garnet Lake Campground. It is thought that the infant had been disposed of several weeks prior, around July 1, 1997. An autopsy showed her to be near full term, about 38-40 weeks old at the time of her death. No family members claimed the infant, and she became known as 'Baby Garnet'. Members of the local community buried her in the Hudson Township Cemetery.

A DNA sample of Baby Garnet was first obtained in 2017, when the case was reopened. The FGG investigation was conducted by Identifinders International, beginning in January of 2020.

Police have identified 58-year-old Nancy Gerwatowski as the mother of Baby Garnet.

She had lived in the Garnet Lake area at the time of Baby Garnet's death.

Gerwatowski was arrested at her home in Wyoming after she admitted to police that she was the mother of Baby Garnet. She waived extradition, and was arraigned on July 31, 2022 on a charge of homicide - open murder.

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#### Case ID 1694: Baby Girl Jamie: Babes in the Water

See also: Baby Boy Cory

The remains of Baby Girl Jamie were found on November 4, 1999, at the Lower Boat Harbor of the Mississippi River near Red Wing, Minnesota. She had been found wrapped in a towel in the Mississippi River by two local high school students. The remains of Baby Boy Cory would later be found on December 7, 2003, on the beach of Lake Pepin in Frontenac, Goodhue County, Minnesota. The babies were found to share the same mother.

The infants were named Jamie and Cory by Jeanne Madtson, who had lost her own baby. Jeanne buried the infants next to her daughter, Ann Marie. She also buried a third infant found in the water in 2007, whom she named Abby, and who is not related to the other two.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs, beginning in 2020. The final confirmation was made through a warrant to obtain DNA from Jennifer Lynn Matter, who has been found to be the mother of the two babies.

Matter has been charged with two counts of second-degree murder in connection with the death of Baby Boy Cory. She is not yet charged in the death of Baby Girl Jamie, but police have stated that further charges may be laid.

Matter has stated that she gave birth to Baby Girl Jamie in a bathroom when she was dropping her other two children off at their school and daycare. She told police that later that night she drove to a local park and put the baby in the water. She gave birth to Baby Boy Cory at a public beach, and left the child on the beach as she had warrants for her arrest. She stated that the infant was alive when she left him.

Bail for Matter has been set at \$150,000. She has stated that she will be hiring a private attorney.

Matter has two children born before these incidents, and one child born after.

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#### Case ID 1345: Baby Hope

The remains of Baby Hope were found by two fishermen on August 24, 1996 in the Arkansas River in Pueblo County, Colorado. An autopsy showed that she had been born alive.

There is no data on who performed the FGG investigation. LeeAnn Hed was identified as the possible mother of Baby Hope in October of 2019. Police approached her and asked her to provide a DNA sample, and she refused.

Hed committed suicide several days later, on October 7, 2020. She was then 52 years old. Her body was found in a burned car outside of the Southern Colorado Gaming & Events Center. Autopsy samples were compared with Baby Hope and Hed was determined to be the baby's mother. The case was cleared by exception.

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### **Case ID 1710: Baby Jane Doe**

The remains of Baby Jane Doe were found on December 7, 1985 in Frenchville, Maine. Early that morning, Armand and Lorraine Pelletier's dog, a Siberian Husky named Paca, was pounding on their sliding glass door. As Armand Pelletier told to Bayly, "She kept pounding, and after awhile, I went to go look, and I could not believe what I saw. I saw what looked like a little rag doll, but then we saw it was a frozen little baby."

Paca had found the baby in a gravel pit near U.S. Route 1 outside of town, and had brought the baby's body home. A woman had given birth and then abandoned the newborn in the gravel pit and driven away. Police could not locate the mother, or identify anyone from the baby's family.

Lee Ann Daigle, 58, was arrested on June 13, 2022 after having been identified as Baby Jane Doe's mother. She is charged with murder. Police also located Baby Jane Doe's father, who is in a nursing home in Florida and is described as being unable to communicate due to years of substance use. Daigle states that she does not know the

father and recalls little of the pregnancy and birth.

There is currently no information on who conducted the FGG investigation, or how the final confirmation was made.

The Pelletiers never had any children of their own, and would have wanted to adopt baby Jane Doe had she lived. She is described as being 6 lbs 8 oz with reddish blonde hair.

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### **Case ID 1806: Baby June**

The remains of Baby June were found on June 1, 2018 in Manalapan, Florida. The newborn infant was found floating in the Boynton Beach Inlet by an off-duty firefighter. The baby was determined to have been born alive, and the cause of death was found to be asphyxia.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. Through this, investigators located the father of Baby June, who told them that his girlfriend at the time, Arya Singh, had told him she was pregnant with his baby, but that she had 'taken care of it'. He states that he thought she had had an abortion.

The final confirmation was made by the surreptitious sampling of DNS from items that Singh had discarded. Investigators then arrested 29-year-old Singh on December 15, 2022. She told investigators that she went to a hotel and gave birth to the baby in the washroom. An autopsy showed that the infant was born alive, but was deceased before it went into the inlet.

Singh is charged with first-degree murder in Palm Beach County Circuit Court.

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## Case ID 1499: Baby Mary Anne

The body of a newborn infant was found on 24, September 2007 in a dumpster behind a YMCA in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. David Ressler, the facilities manager at the YMCA, found the remains of the baby wrapped up in a blood-stained blanket, along with the placenta and umbilical cord, and placed in several plastic bags. An autopsy determined that the infant was born alive and died of asphyxiation.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs.

Over the years, police investigated 25 women as potential mothers of Baby Mary Anne, all of whom were eliminated as suspects. There is currently no information on whether police took DNA samples from these women in order to eliminate them. Ressler, who located the baby after noticing a strong smell coming from the dumpster, was treated by police as a suspect and given a lie detector test.

The mother of the baby, Tara Brazzle, née Indrakosit, was interviewed by police, and she made adverse admissions about abandoning the baby in the dumpster, after giving birth alone and failing to receive any pre-natal medical care. Brazzle had been an employee at the front desk of the YMCA where the body was found. Brazzle had even taken a maternity leave after the baby's birth. After this interview, Brazzle boarded a plane to California, and was arrested on a warrant by the San Jose Police Department. Brazzle is now being extradited to Lancaster County where she is facing charges of criminal homicide.

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### **Case ID 1542: Bada'an, Akram**

The body of 36-year-old Akram Bada'an was found on August 27, 1988, near a dumpster in Sheridan, Colorado. He had been killed by a gunshot wound. He was located on the 2800 block of West Oxford Avenue. He had no identification. Initial efforts to identify him were based on the faulty assumption that he was of Mexican or Latin American ancestry.

Investigators stated that once they learned that the victim was of Middle Eastern, Israeli, ancestry, they were able to access further genealogical leads on a public database similar to those used in North America. This database was not specified. The method of final confirmation of Bada'an's identity was not specified.

Bada'an's family in Israel have been notified of his death. Police continue to investigate Bada'an's homicide and are seeking information from the public.

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### **Case ID 1844: Baker, Elsie**

The skeletal remains of Elsie Baker were found on June 19, 1986 in Grants Pass, Oregon.

A homeowner named Steve Heaton was installing a new septic tank when her remains were found buried in a shallow grave along with some fabric from a dress, a set of dentures, and parts of what may have been a walker or crutches. It was determined that she may have been in the ground for several decades. Heaton stated that the discovery shocked him: "My neighbor kept picking up bones and telling me they were human," Heaton told Kevin Opsahl, "I didn't believe him."

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs in partnership with the Josephine County Sheriff's Office and the Oregon State Medical Examiner. The final confirmation was made to Baker's grandson, who is living in Utah.

The FGG investigation, which reportedly cost about \$6,000 to \$9,000 USD, was funded by a public grant. The Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office has received a \$405,000 grant to use DNA testing to identify 120 unknown decedents. 30 of these cases have been resolved to date.

Baker was about 62 to 63 years old when she disappeared from her home in Rogue River. She was undergoing treatment for cancer at the time, and was in a wheelchair. Authorities have stated that her wheelchair was found in her home but about \$10,000 in cash was missing. Sheriffs continue to investigate her murder.

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#### Case ID 1457: Baker, Michael Joe Wesley: Cameron Doe

The body of 24-year-old Michael Joe Wesley Baker was found in 2005 in the town of Cameron in Harnett County, North Carolina. Three boys were playing with their dog near a burned-out house, when they came across Baker's skeletonized remains. He became known as the Cameron Doe.

The FGG investigation was conducted by genealogist Leslie Kaufman, in partnership with the North Carolina Cold Case Initiative, which seeks to use anthropology and genealogy to identify unknown decedents. They hope to solve 13 more cases.

Baker's family had lost touch with him, and reported him missing in 2007, but they were unable to learn anything about what happened to him.

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### **Case ID 1561: Baker, Wendy Louise**

The body of 16-year-old Wendy Louise Baker was found by hunters on October 26, 1991 in Knowlton Township, New Jersey – just off the I-80 near the border with Pennsylvania. Her cause of death could not be determined, although she was ruled the victim of a homicide. She could not be identified. She had a large tattoo of a Bengal tiger on her lower left leg, and so she became known as the ‘Tiger Lady.’

A DNA profile was obtained from a bone sample in 2020. The FGG investigation was conducted by Bode Technologies.

Investigators found several relatives of Baker, including an uncle from Pennsylvania. Her father, Bruce Baker, had his DNA on file with the Pennsylvania State Police, and this was used to confirm her identity.

Baker was originally from Coatesville, Pennsylvania. Her parents are now deceased, and she had been raised by her father and stepmother. Her relatives thought she had moved to Ohio. Her cousin described her by stating, “I don’t want to say a lost soul but she seemed like she was kind of bounced here, bounced there, you know.”

The police continue to investigate Baker’s homicide.

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### **Case ID 1304: Bateman, Marcia Kaylynn: I-196 Jane Doe**

The body of 28-year-old Marcia Kaylynn Bateman was found on October 12, 1988 in Covert Township, Michigan. She was found along the I-196 highway by a hunter and was known only as the I-196 Jane Doe for 31 years.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. Local businesses funded the investigation.

Bateman’s family in Oklahoma had reported her missing in August of 1988, but her relatives had passed away before NAMUS (National Missing and Unidentified Persons System) was introduced in 2007. No one has been arrested for Bateman’s murder, and police hope that her identification will further their investigation.

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## Case ID 1568: Beavers, Michael Allison: Fire Island John Doe

The remains of 41-year-old Michael Allison Beavers were found on July 24, 1989, on the shores of Fire Island in Anchorage, Alaska. He was determined to be a homicide victim, but due to the decomposition of the body a

cause and a time of death could not be determined. His body was estimated as having lain on the beach at that remote location for at least a year. He became known as the Fire Island John Doe.

A DNA profile was obtained from tissues preserved at his autopsy in 2003 and uploaded into NAMUS. Bone samples were sent to Othram Inc. in 2021, who were able to extract a DNA profile suitable for genetic genealogy. The final confirmation was made to a living relative.

Michael Beavers was a heavy equipment operator who owned a business in Chugiak, Alaska, about 29 miles from where his body was found. He was reported missing by his spouse in January of 1980 after he disappeared *en route* to Seattle for a business trip in November of 1979. His missing persons case was closed in 1982, with no leads – about 7 years before his body was found.

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### **Case ID 1774: Beck, Frank: Downtown Phoenix John Doe 2004**

The remains of 57-year-old Frank R. Beck were found on October 19, 2004 in downtown Phoenix. He had likely fallen from a tall building near Central Avenue and Monroe Street. He was wearing jeans and a black belt, but had no identification with him. He had a surgical implant in his ankle, but efforts to trace it failed and he could not be identified.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project, in partnership with the Maricopa County Medical Examiner's Office. This was the first case to be solved by the DNA Doe Project's apprenticeship program for genetic genealogists. The case was partially funded by donations to the DNA Doe Project, which raised \$2525.

Beck was originally from Pennsylvania. He was known to be transient in the last last years of his life.

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### **Case ID 1808: Bennett, Linda: Owen County Jane Doe 1988**

The remains of 38-year-old Linda Bennett were found on May 6, 1988 in Owenton, Kentucky. She was found by a local couple on their way to pick up their newspaper. She was nude, except for a pair of men's dress socks, and may have been sexually assaulted. Some additional items of clothing were found nearby. She had a tattoo of the name 'Steve' on her upper right arm.

Fingerprints and facial reconstructions were not successful in identifying her. The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Kentucky State Police, beginning in 2022. The final confirmation was made to Bennett's son.

Bennett's family reported her missing from her home in Columbus in June of 1988. They had limited contact with her before her death.

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## Case ID 1680: Bennett, Roger Brian: Mr. Bones

The skeletal remains of 26-year-old Roger Brian Bennett were found in 1984, in a rural area off White Sand Road, near Colt Killed Creek, Idaho. In September of 1983, the Idaho County Sheriff's Office had found an abandoned camp about one mile away, with camping equipment and a pair of prescription eyeglasses. Bennett could not be identified, and so he became known affectionately as "Mr. Bones."

A forensic sketch of Bennett was produced, and his DNA profile was obtained in 2011 by the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification. His information was

uploaded into CODIS and NamUs. In November of 2020, the Idaho State Police obtained tentative federal funding to use genetic genealogy to identify unknown decedents. When the funding did not materialize, NamUs donated the funds for the FGG investigation, which was conducted by Othram, beginning in January of 2022. The final confirmation was made to Bennett's mother, Wilma Bennett, and his sister, Cheri Pope.

Bennett's sister, Cheri Pope, confirmed that Bennett went missing sometime in the early months of 1982. He had recently been discharged from the Air Force and was planning to go to Oklahoma to work on an offshore oil rig. It is not known why he was in Idaho, but he had a long-standing interest in the travels of Lewis & Clark and may have wanted to visit the trail.

A cause of death has not been determined. Investigators suspect there may have been foul play, as one of the lenses from his eyeglasses was found with his body, while the rest of his glasses were found at his camp.

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#### **Case ID 1661: Bentivegna, Katrina: Caddo County Jane Doe**

The partial remains of 20-year-old Katarina Bentivegna were found on April 24, 1995, in a rural area of Caddo County, Oklahoma. She had been dismembered, and her hands, feet, and head had been removed from her body. Her remains had been buried in a shallow grave near Highway 281 and Route 66. Her skull was found in 1996.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs beginning in March of 2021. The final confirmation was made to living relatives.

Bentivegna had moved to Midwest City, Oklahoma from Colorado and was married soon after. She has a son. Police continue to investigate her murder.

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#### **Case ID 1332: Bibb, Ginger Lynn: Phoenix Jane Doe**

The remains of 45-year-old Ginger Lynn Bibb were found on April 21, 2004 in Phoenix, Arizona. She was found in a rolled-up carpet at the side of the road, near 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Baseline Road. She was known for 16 years only as the Phoenix Jane Doe. It is not yet known who killed her or how she died. She was last seen sometime in April of 2003.

A DNA profile from her skeletal remains was obtained by Bode Technologies. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs and the DNA Doe Project. Confirmation was made through the assistance of Bibb's living relatives.

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### **Case ID 1525: Birdlong, Clara: Escatawpa Jane Doe**

The skeletal remains of 44-year-old Clara Birdlong were found by hunters on December 27, 1977, near present-day Highway 613 and Interstate 10 in Jackson County, Mississippi. It is thought that her body had been in the area for about 3 to 4 months before being found. She was very petite and had a distinctive gold front tooth. She may have been wearing a wig. Investigators could not determine the cause of her death, but they suspected that she was the victim of a homicide. She became known as "Escatawpa Jane Doe."

The FGG investigation was performed by Othram. A genealogy search located a close relative of Birdlong, and she pointed investigators to Birdlong's grandmother, a 93-year-old woman who was born in Leflore County, Mississippi. Her family had not seen Birdlong since she went missing sometime in the 1970s, perhaps on her way to Florida with an African American male who matches a description of Samuel Little.

Serial killer Samuel Little confessed in 2018 to the murder of Escatawpa Jane Doe. He did not remember her name. Little passed away in prison in December of 2020 at the age of 80 years. He is thought to have murdered about 93 women between 1970 and 2005, targeting mainly sex workers and African American women. Many of his victims were killed by strangulation. He spent about 6 years in custody before his death.

Before his conviction for three homicides in 2014, Little had previously been convicted of the rape and strangulation of two women in California. He was identified as a serial killer after he was arrested for a narcotics charge in Kentucky and extradited to California where the LAPD obtained a DNA profile.

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### Case ID 1682: Black, Brenda Sue

The decomposing remains of 26-year-old Brenda Sue Black were found on April 19, 1981, off the Interstate-80 highway in New Lenox, Illinois. Plants had grown up and concealed her body. It was estimated that her remains had lain there for about a year before she was found. A cause of death could not be

determined. However, her remains were found without any clothing, and investigators thought she had been placed in that location deliberately, leading them to treat her death as a possible homicide.

A forensic facial reconstruction was performed, and her case was entered into NamUs, but did not produce any leads. Over the years, about 250 missing women were ruled out as being Brown. The FGG investigation was performed by Othram, beginning in 2021. The final confirmation was made to her daughter, now living in Georgia.

Black was last seen by her family on January 1, 1980. A relative reported her missing in May of 2015. She had moved to California after high school, but was originally from Vandalia, Ohio. Police continue to investigate her death.

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### **Case ID 1530: Bolls, Anderson: Hinds County John Doe**

The skeletal remains of Anderson Bolls were found on August 27, 2020 by a maintenance worker just off Holmes Avenue in Jackson, Mississippi. His body was fully clothed and lying face down in a wooded area. He had no identification, and his remains could not be identified through forensic analysis of his bones and teeth. His cause of death has not been reported.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram. Genealogist Carla Davis provided some of the funding for this case to proceed. Several family members provided DNA samples to aid in his identification.

Bolls was last seen by his family on April 1, 2020, and was reported missing. No cause of death has been provided, nor have police stated if they are investigating this death as a homicide.

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### **Case ID 1743: Boucher, Samuel C.: Biloxi John Doe 2017**

The partial skeletal remains of 40-year-old Samuel C. Boucher were located on October 7, 2017 near Biloxi, Mississippi. A group of boaters found the remains near the Tchoutachabouffa River near an area called the "Hurricane Hole" just hours before the arrival of Hurricane Nate. Investigators found some personal effects, including the wallet and driver's license of a man who had been reported missing. However, the ancestry of Boucher did not match that of the missing man, and he could not be identified. There is currently little information as to when or how Boucher died.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram, led by genetic genealogist Carla Davis. Davis has worked many cases in Mississippi, and has recently been appointed the chief genetic genealogist at Othram.

Boucher had been reported missing by his family.

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### **Case ID 1479: Brandenburg, John Ingram Jr.: Brad Doe of Newton County**

See also: William Lewis: Jasper County John Doe

The body of 19-year-old John ('Johnny') Brandenburg Jr. was found on October 18, 1983, buried in a shallow grave in a rural area of Newton County, Indiana. Hunters had found the grave in an abandoned barn. The grave contained the bodies of four young men, only two of whom could be identified. All were victims of serial killer Larry Eyler, who preyed upon young men whom he tortured and sexually assaulted. Since Brandenburg's identification, only one of the victims found in the grave remains unidentified – 'Adam Doe'.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. This investigation was especially rapid. The DNA was uploaded to GEDmatch on April 2, 2021, and there was a match right away with a close relative. Brandenburg's identity was confirmed and announced on April 24, 2021.

Eyler was convicted and sentenced to death for the 1984 murder of 15-year-old Daniel Bridges, whose dismembered remains were located in a garbage bin near Eyler's residence. He passed away in prison in 1994 due to complication from AIDS. Before he died, he confessed to 20 further murders to his attorney, Kathleen Zellner.

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### **Case ID 1701: Brooks, Jimmy Mack: Chatham County John Doe**

The remains of 26-year-old Jimmy Mack Brooks were found on March 31, 1976 in Moncure, North Carolina. His body was found in the Cape Fear River, near the intake valve for the Carolina Light & Power Company. His head and hands had been removed, perhaps in an attempt to prevent his identification. Investigators believed he had been put into the water upstream. His death was determined to be a homicide but, as he

could not be identified, the investigation could not advance.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram, with the assistance of the North Carolina Unidentified Project. Mack is the seventh victim to date to be identified as a result of the partnership between North Carolina law enforcement, and the North Carolina Unidentified Project.

Mack was from Allegheny County, North Carolina. An Army veteran who had been stationed at Fort Bragg, he had been discharged from service only a few months before his death. The Chatham County Sheriff's Office continues to investigate Mack's murder.

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#### Case ID 1681: Brown, Alexander Jr.

The remains of Alexander Brown Jr. were found in February of 1981 in Pittsboro, North Carolina. He was determined to have been the victim of a homicide, but he could not be identified and the case went cold.

The FGG investigation was performed by the North Carolina Unidentified Project, a partnership between genealogist Leslie Kaufman and Dr. Ann Ross, a forensic anthropologist from North Carolina State University. The final confirmation was made to living relatives.

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### **Case ID 1453: Buckley, Pamela Mae: Sumpter Jane Doe**

See also: Freund, James Paul

The body of 25-year-old Pamela Mae Buckley was found on August 9, 1976 on Locklair Road, between Sumpter and Florence, South Carolina. She was found with James Paul Freund. The pair had been robbed and shot numerous times in the upper body. They may have been the victims of a carjacking, and they had no money or identification.

Their bodies were exhumed in 2007 for DNA testing. This showed that they were not brother and sister as originally thought, but there were still no leads as to their identities.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project, with bioinformatics work being done by Kevin Lord of Saber Investigations. They found several matches on GEDmatch and FTDNA and were able to produce a list of leads in about two days. This case was crowdfunded through donations to the DNA Doe Project.

The homicide investigation into the murder of Buckley and Freund is ongoing.

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### **Case ID 1555: Bunts/Bunce, Richard: Hudson John Doe 2019**

The remains of Richard Bunts were unearthed on August 16, 2019, in Hudson, Ohio. A real estate development project was underway when workers unearthed a pine coffin containing Bunts’ remains. Forensic anthropologists determined that the remains were likely those of a middle-aged Caucasian male who had been buried there for at least 50 years. Although the area was not an official cemetery, it was known that some remains had been buried there in the mid-nineteenth century.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. The final confirmation was made to a living descendent of Richard and Annie Bunts – their third great-granddaughter.

The DNA Doe Project identified the decedent as Richard Bunts, who is recorded in the 1850 census as having lived in Hudson with his

wife, Annie, and their children. The land on which he was buried likely belonged at the time to Bunts and his family. Bunts himself was born in 1793.

At the time this case was solved, Bunts' remains were the oldest to date to be solved using FGG.

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#### Case ID 1449: Buxton, Kathy

The skeletal remains of 46-year-old Kathy Buxton, also known as Kathy Thomas, were located in Polk County, Oregon, on September 1, 1996. Her skull was found by hunters, deep in a wooded area. She had been wrapped in a blue tarp, but her remains had been pulled out of the tarp by animals. Investigators were not able to determine the cause of her death, but it is considered to be suspicious.

A DNA profile was generated from her femur bone by DNA Solutions. The FGG investigation was conducted by genealogists Charles McGee and Jane Grier, as part of a television documentary entitled "The Jane Doe Murders." The confirmation of Buxton's identity was made with two of her daughters and a sister, none of whom knew that Kathy was missing or what had happened to her.

A bag of men's clothing was found near Buxton's body and is thought to be from the person who deposited her there. It contained a pair of men's briefs with a semen stain. A clump of hair was found on a bush nearby. The DNA sample was uploaded to CODIS and has not received any hits. The investigation into her death is continuing.

Buxton's spouse at the time of her murder, Brian Clifton, was arrested on September 7, 2021 for her murder. He was arraigned on charges of first-degree murder in Polk County Circuit Court. He admitted to playing a role in the homicide during police interviews. On October 27, 2022, he was sentenced to life in prison after pleading guilty to first-degree murder in the death of Buxton.

This is the second life sentence handed down to Clifton. He was previously sentenced to life in prison in 1973 for the murder by strangulation of a hotel employee. He was released on parole in 1981, three years before he married Buxton.

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### **Case ID 1229: Cabanaw, Tina Len**

The remains of 36-year-old Tina Len Cabanaw were found on September 6, 1999 in Angola, Indiana. A local farmer found her body in a field where it had lain for several months. Her body was nude except for a bra.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. The confirmation was made with her surviving daughter, Jessica Gallegos. Cabanaw was reported missing in July 1999 in Detroit. It is not known how she died, but her death is considered suspicious.

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### **Case ID 1775: Campbell, Patricia**

The partial skull of 15-year-old Patricia Campbell was found on October 26, 1986, in Two Mile Canyon, outside of Malad, Idaho. An autopsy determined that she had died from repeated blows to the head with a blunt object.

It was unknown at the time if her remains were connected with the partial remains of

two young girls found in 1981. These remains belonged to 12-year-old Tina Anderson and Patricia Campbell. The two girls were friends and had gone missing on July 22, 1978 from Pocatello, Idaho where they were attending a Pioneer Day celebration at Alameda Park. It is currently not known of the two girls' deaths were connected to other missing and murdered girls who disappeared from the Pocatello area near the same time.

An anthropological analysis of the skull could not determine the age or ancestry of the decedent, likely due to her young age and the small size of the remains. She was thought to have been Caucasian, possibly with some Hispanic ancestry. Anthropologists also attempted a facial reconstruction, but they could not use tissue depth markers.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Oneida County Sheriff's Office and Dr. Samantha Blatt of the Anthropology Department at Idaho State University, beginning in 2021. The investigation was funded through a crowdfunding campaign by Othram and DNAsolves, which raised \$5,000.

Campbell has been returned to her family. She will be cremated and buried with her mother.

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The body of 22-year-old Michelle Carnall-Burton was found on September 21, 1987 in Lincolnville, Kansas. She was found along the side of 290<sup>th</sup> Street by a road crew. She had been dead about two to three months. She was known for more than 30 years only as the Marion County Jane Doe.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. The confirmation of her identity was made with her surviving parents. Her murderer has not been identified and the case is still open.

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#### **Case ID 1603: Casey, Kim Ryan: Barn John Doe 2004**

The decomposing remains of 52-year-old Kim Ryan Casey were found on December 23, 2004, by several children exploring an abandoned barn in Tyler, Texas. The skeleton was clothed in jeans, a jacket, a baseball cap, and a pair of brown Rockport shoes. It was estimated that he had been dead for several months, but he could not be identified – nor could a cause of death be determined, although investigators do not think that he was the victim of a homicide. He may have been a transient sheltering in the barn, and who passed away from exposure, heat stroke, or other causes. He became known only as Barn John Doe.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. The final confirmation was made to living relatives. The case was especially challenging to degraded DNA, bacterial contamination, and endogamy in Casey's Kentucky and Missouri regions of his family tree.

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#### **Case ID 1802: Castillo, Nora Elia**

The remains of Nora Castillo were found on June 3, 1988 in a farmer's field in Baca County, Colorado, near the city of Springfield. She was determined to be a young woman of Hispanic ancestry, with possible European and Indigenous ancestry, in about her early 20s. It was estimated that she had lain there for about 1 to 3 years.

A facial reconstruction was performed, and dental records of missing persons were searched, but produced no leads as to her identity.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Michelle Kennedy of Solved by DNA in partnership with the Baca County Sheriff's

Office, beginning in May of 2021. Castillo's remains were exhumed in December of 2021. The investigation turned up a first cousin once removed - a very close match. The final confirmation was made to Castillo's surviving daughter.

Nora's daughter had been searching for her for some time, and had provided a DNA sample to the McAllen, Texas Police Department in 2004. Her family last had contact with her by phone sometime in 1986 or 1987 and she was reported missing in 1996. Police continue to investigate Castillo's murder.

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#### Case ID 1619: Cavallaro, Patricia

The body of 57-year-old Patricia Cavallaro was found on October 24, 1994, in a shallow grave in the desert in Thousand Palms, California. Her body had been wrapped in plastic and tied with a brown cord. Her body laid in the desert for about one to four months before being discovered. A cause of death could not be determined, but investigators ruled it a homicide.

Cavallaro's DNA was entered into the California Department of Justice's Missing & Unidentified Persons System, but no match could be made. The FGG investigation and laboratory work were performed by Othram. The final confirmation was made to one of Cavallaro's living children.

Cavallaro was from Bellflower. She was reported missing by her husband in 2001. He himself passed away in 2017. She also has an adult son, as well as another child. None of her relatives are suspects in her homicide, which police continue to investigate.

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#### **Case ID 1671: Chahorski, Stacy Lyn: Rising Fawn Jane Doe**

See also: Wise, Henry Frederick

The remains of 18-year-old Stacy Lyn Chahorski were found on December 16, 1988, in a rural area along the Interstate-59 highway in Dade County, Georgia. She was found by two transportation workers. It was determined that the cause of death was strangulation. A clay bust and forensic sketches were made of her, but she could not be identified. She was buried in the Lake Hills Memorial Garden. She became known for the next 33 years as the Rising Fawn Jane Doe.

In the mid-2000s the case was reopened. A DNA profile was obtained, and new forensic sketches were made. However, these did not produce any new leads. The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram and the FBI ‘s Investigative Genealogy Unit. The final confirmation was made through a fingerprint match.

Chahorski, who was from Norton Shore, Michigan, was reported missing by her family on September 15, 1988. She had phoned her mother and told her that she was in North Carolina and that she would be travelling back to Michigan. She never arrived.

Chahorski’s body will be returned to her family.

On September 6, 2022, police announced that Henry Frederick Wise had been identified through forensic genetic genealogy as the lead suspect in Chahorski’s murder. Wise, who was about 34 years old at the time of Chahorsky’s murder was a truck and race driver. Wise was killed in a car accident at the Myrtle Beach Speedway in South Carolina in 1999.

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#### **Case ID 1656: Chambers, Ronald David: Stanwood Bryant John Doe**

The skeletal remains of 28-year-old Ronald David Chambers were found along Stanwood Bryant Road on August 3, 1980, in a rural field in Snohomish County, Washington. A landowner discovered a human skull while walking on his property and notified the authorities. Investigators were able to unearth several bones from a shallow grave on the property. The skull established the cause of death as being by a gunshot wound to the head. No clothing or personal items were found, and Chambers could not be identified.

Investigators made a clay reconstruction of the victim's appearance, and searched dental records, but no identification could be made. The case was entered into NamUs in 2008. The remains were exhumed in 2011 for further DNA testing. Repeated attempts at

extraction did not produce a usable profile until 2021. The laboratory work and FGG investigation were conducted by Othram. Funding was provided in 2020 by the FBI. The final confirmation was made to Chambers' sister.

Chambers was last seen by his wife and infant son on December 17, 1978, when he drove off in a rental car with his friend, Robert Helberg, from their motel in SeaTac. The car was driven back to the motel later that day by Helberg, who was a suspect in Chambers' disappearance. He told Chambers' wife that Chambers had probably been murdered by a contract killer. He could not be charged with Chambers' homicide because no body had been found. Helberg died in prison on an unrelated charge in 1993, and the case has now been cleared by exception. Police state that Helberg was connected with drug dealing and is a suspect in other homicides near the same time.

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### **Case ID 1741: Chaparro, James (“Mark”): Tucson Parking Lot John Doe 2019**

The body of 64-year-old James (“Mark”) Chaparro was found on July 28, 2019 in Tucson, Arizona. He was found unresponsive in the parking lot of a shopping centre. He had the keys to a Mazda in his pocket, but no identification. The vehicle was not found in the parking lot.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project in partnership with the Pima County Medical Examiner’s Office, including forensic anthropologist Bruce Anderson. The case was a complicated one - including misattributed parentage, adoption, and Hispanic ancestry. The case was solved in about two months, after volunteers drew out a family tree going back to his great-great-great-grandparents. The investigation was funded by an unnamed private donor.

Chaparro lived less than half a mile from the shopping centre where he was found. It appears that he walked to the store, and never made it home. Records indicate that he was later evicted from his apartment for non-payment of rent. He was never reported missing. His family states that they thought he was living in China.

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### **Case ID 1157: Cho, Myoung Hwa**

See also: Robert Adam Whitt.

The body of Myong Hwa Cho was found on May 13, 1998 in Spartanburg County, South Carolina. She is the mother of Robert ‘Bobby’ Adam Whitt, whose body was found some distance away buried under a Billboard in Mebane, North Carolina. Both bodies were found hidden a short distance off the Interstate-85.

Cho was naked and her wrists were bound. She had been suffocated. Neither she nor her son were reported missing because her husband, John Whitt, had told her family that she and Bobby had returned to live in Korea.

The FGG investigation of Myong Hwa Cho and her son, Robert Whitt, was conducted by Barbara Rae-Venter. Ancestry results showed that the child had half Asian ancestry. This led investigators for the first time to connect the two bodies together, and when DNA testing was performed, they were found to be mother and son.

John Whitt was charged in the deaths of his wife and son. He was already serving time in a federal prison in Kentucky for robbery. He pled guilty to homicide and concealing a death.

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### Case ID 1630: Christian, Shelly Rae: Matilda Ottawa Co Jane Doe 1994.

The skeletal remains of 30-year-old Shelly Rae Christian – also known as Shelly Rae Kephart – were found on November 6, 1994, in Coopersville, Michigan. Two rabbit hunters came across her remains, and police were phoned to search the area. It is thought that her remains had lain there since about May to September of 1994. Her death was ruled a homicide and may be connected to a series of murders of sex workers that took place near Grand Rapids around that time. However, police were not able to identify her, and the trail went cold. She became known for the next 27 years as "Matilda."

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. With a relative match of only 128cm, DNA Doe was able to identify an ancestral couple born in Iowa in the 1840s. This enabled DNA Doe to build up Christian's family tree. Eventually, they came across a missing person's report from Minneapolis. The final confirmation was made to living relatives in Minnesota.

In this case there was a disconnect between the forensic anthropological examination of the remains and the genealogical analysis. At the time that Christian's remains were examined, she was thought to be of Hispanic/Latino ancestry, and about 35 to 45 years old. The genealogical analysis shows her to have been of North Atlantic and French-Canadian ancestry.

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## Case ID 1235: Cleveland, Daniel: Big Bend John Doe

The partial remains of 35-year-old Daniel Cleveland were found on December 10, 2018 in Snohomish County, Washington. He was known only as the Big Bend John Doe. A fisherman had spotted a small piece of his cranium on a sandbar on December 10. It had washed ashore along the Skykomish River. In

about March of 2017, Cleveland had gone missing from a campground upstream from where the bone was found. He suffered from a mental illness and his death may have been a suicide.

The FGG investigation was conducted by genealogist Deb Stone.

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## Case ID 1628: Clouse, Harold

See also: Tina Clouse

The remains of 21-year-old Harold Dean Clouse were found on January 12, 1981, in Houston, Texas. A dog turned up his arm, and a search uncovered the remains of a male and a female in a wooded area in the south area of the city, near Wallifvale Rd. The male was bound and gagged. It was thought that the woman died from strangulation, while the male had been beaten to death. They had likely died about two months prior. They could not be identified.

The bodies were exhumed in 2011, and DNA samples were obtained. There were no

identifications. The FGG investigation was conducted by Identifinders International, and funded through media organization audiochuk. Misty Gillis led the identification, and identified Harold Clouse within 10 days.

Clouse and his wife, Tina Clouse, moved to Texas in 1980. They reportedly joined a cult there and were not heard from again. The couple had a one-year-old baby named Hollie Marie. Genealogists Allison Peacock and Misty Gillis, who worked on this case with Identifinders, were able to locate baby Holly.

Holly Miller, now 42, was reunited with her family in November of 2022. She had been left at a church in Arizona, and adopted. She now has five children of her own, and lives in Oklahoma.

Police continue to investigate what happened to Holly, and who murdered her parents.

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#### Case ID 1629: Clouse, Tina

See also: Harold Clouse

The remains of 17-year-old Tina Lynn Clouse were found on January 12, 1981, in Houston, Texas. A dog turned up the arm of an unknown male, and a search uncovered the remains of a male and a female in a wooded area in the south area of the city, near Wallifvale Rd. The male was bound and gagged. It was thought that the woman died from strangulation, while the male had been beaten to death. They had likely died about

two months prior. They could not be identified.

The bodies were exhumed in 2011, and DNA samples were obtained. There were no identifications. The FGG investigation was conducted by Identifinders International, and funded by Audiochuk. Misty Gillis led the identification, and identified Harold Clouse within 10 days.

Clouse, and his wife Tina Clouse, moved to Texas in 1980. They reportedly joined a cult there and were not heard from again. The couple had a one-year-old baby named Hollie Marie. Genealogists Allison Peacock and Misty Gillis, who worked on this case with Identifinders, were able to locate baby Holly.

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#### Case ID 1565-1566: Coblenz, Haley Mae

The body of 9-year-old Haley Mae Coblenz was found on December 10, 2020, at a rest stop in the H. B. Van Duzer Scenic Corridor in Lincoln County, Oregon. Her remains had been placed in a duffle bag and dumped near a riverbank. They were found by a man who was walking in the forest. Investigators

estimated that she had been dead about 30 to 60 days.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. Coblenz was identified on October 4, 2021. She had been living with her mother, 29-year-old Shawna Browning, and her mother's girlfriend, 34-year-old Lauren Harrison, in various places in the Pacific Northwest. Her parents did not report her missing. The family is thought to have been homeless, and Coblenz had never been registered in school.

Browning and Harrison were arrested in Detroit on a warrant for aggravated murder on November 30, 2021. They were held without bail and extradited to face the charges in Lincoln County Circuit Court. However, on March 12, 2022 – shortly after Browning arrived in Lincoln County – the prosecutor dismissed the charges against the two women, stating that the case required further investigation. There is no information as yet on why the charges were dismissed, or if they will be reinstated at a later time.

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#### Case ID 1744: Coffey, Kathryn

The partial skeletal remains of 36-year-old Kathryn Coffey were located on January 22, 1992 in Thermal, California. Bones were found in the desert, in the wash area at the base of a hill. It was thought that the bones belonged to a homicide victim, and that they had been there for a long period of time. Coffey could not be identified, and the case went cold.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram beginning in early 2022 in partnership with the Riverside District Attorney's Office Cold Case Team. The final confirmation was made to Coffey's living family members.

Coffey graduated from Scripps College in the mid-1970s, Phi Beta Kappa in English literature. She was last seen in the Indio area sometime around 1989 or 1990. Police continue their investigation into her murder.

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#### Case ID 1697: Coleman, Juanita Diane Roxy

The skeletal remains of 19-year-old Juanita Diane Roxy Coleman were found on March 13, 2018 in Bolton, Mississippi. Tree cutters came across her skull while working in a wooded area. A search then discovered several more bones. A cause of death could not be determined, but since her remains had been burned, her death was ruled to be suspicious.

The FGG investigation was performed by Othram, beginning in 2021. The sequencing was complicated as a result of her remains having been partially burned, but a usable profile was obtained. Carla Davis, who has worked on several cases involving unidentified remains in Mississippi, performed the genealogical analysis and provided funding for the investigation. The final confirmation was made to Coleman's mother.

Coleman was from Jackson Mississippi. She was last seen by her family on April 1, 2016. Police continue to investigate her murder.

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### **Case ID 1474: Colon, Evelyn: Beth Doe**

The dismembered remains of 15-year-old Evelyn Colon were found on December 20, 1976 in a series of three suitcases that had been dumped underneath an overpass along the Lehigh River in Carbon County, Pennsylvania. Colon had been raped, strangled, and shot. Her ears, nose, and breasts had been cut off. She was also carrying a near-term fetus at time of her death, which had been removed from her body.

Colon's remains were exhumed in 2007. A DNA profile taken from Colon's femur bone was developed in 2020. There is no information as to who performed the FGG investigation. It was reported that the Colon was identified due to a DNA match to a nephew who had uploaded his DNA to a public genealogy site, partly in an effort to locate his aunt.

Once Colon was identified, police detained her then live-in partner, Luis Sierra, now 63 years old, who was living in Queen's with his spouse and family. At the time of Colon's death, she resided with Sierra in Jersey City. He would have been 19 years-old at the time of her death. Colon's family reported that he had been jealous and abusive towards Colon. The family had received a letter, written in Spanish, in 1977 claiming that Evelyn and the

baby were doing well, although Evelyn could not write. Sierra is currently awaiting extradition to Carbon County, where he will be tried for the murder of Colon and her unborn baby.

On June 2022, Sierra was released on a \$250,000 bond, based on the 2021 decision in *Commonwealth v. Tally*, which requires proof that it is substantially more likely than not that Mr. Sierra committed the homicide. This case has increased the burden on prosecutors in Pennsylvania who wish to remand those accused of murder.

Colon's family is raising money for a proper burial that will reunite Colon and her baby.

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### **Case ID 1143: Confidential: Alfred Jake Fuller**

A male, somewhere between 40 and 46 years of age was found on May 2, 2014 deceased in his apartment in Oakland, Maine. His death is not thought to be suspicious. He was living under the assumed name of Alfred Jake Fuller, and his real identity was unknown.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. His remains have been returned to his family. His real name is being withheld for privacy.

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### **Case ID 1434: Confidential: Harper Jane Doe**

The body of a young woman, about 18 to 20 years old, was found on February 10, 1987 in

Detroit, Michigan near a recycling centre on Harper Avenue. She had been sexually assaulted and stabbed. Her throat had been cut and her body was tossed in the dumpster to be incinerated. An autopsy disclosed that she had recently given birth.

Her body was exhumed in 2014 and a DNA profile was generated. A bone sample was resubmitted for further testing in October of 2018. The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. The non-profit group Missing in Michigan raised the funds for the DNA testing.

Her killer has not been identified, and the case remains open. The police are not disclosing her identity at this time. She is known as Harper Jane Doe.

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### **Case ID 1760: Confidential: Harriman State Park Jane Doe**

The remains of Harriman State Park Jane Doe were found on May 13, 1984 in a wooded area of Harriman State Park in New York. She was a Caucasian woman in about her late 30s, and had grey hair that had been dyed. She had extensive dental work, and was wearing some gold jewelry. She had died from a gun shot wound, about one to two years prior to being located. She was entered into NamUs as UP9736, but she could not be identified.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the FBI and the New York State Police, beginning in March of 2021.

Investigators continue to investigate her murder, and they are releasing few details at this time.

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### **Case ID 1353: Confidential: Harry Doe**

The charred, skeletal remains of Harry Doe were found on July 18, 1979 on a farm in Charleston, Missouri. His death was due to accidental drowning in the Missouri River, although his body was never recovered. It is thought that his remains were washed onto the farm and burned unintentionally as a result of routine farm activities. Harry Doe was in his mid-30s when he died. His family was aware at the time that he had passed away.

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### **Case ID 1678: Confidential: Hood River County John Doe**

The skeletal remains of Hood River County John Doe were found on December 24, 2009, in the woods in Hood River County, Oregon. A group of children has come across the remains while playing there. Investigators found a suitcase and a backpack nearby that contained some clothing and toiletries, but no identification.

In 2011, a DNA profile was obtained from a bone sample by the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification in Fort Worth, Texas, and uploaded into CODIS and the NamUs database. Dental records were also available, but there were no leads. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs beginning in March of 2021. The final confirmation was made through a comparison of John Doe's dental records, as well as DNA testing of a sibling.

The FGG investigation was funded by a federal grant to enable medical examiners to use modern methods of DNA testing to identify decedents.

John Doe's relatives did not believe at first that the John Doe from Hood River County was their relative. They had reported him missing from the East coast in 2008. Unfortunately, kinship DNA testing confirmed his identity. His remains have now been returned to his family. The family has asked that his name be kept confidential for privacy reasons.

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## **Case ID 1700: Confidential: Kelly/El Dorado Jane Doe**

The remains of 23-year-old Kelly were found on July 10, 1991 in El Dorado, Arkansas. She was found dead by a gun shot wound in a room in the Whitehall Hotel.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the El Dorado Police Department with the assistance of Yolanda McClary, Jean Grier, and Michael Leclerc.

Kelly lived a life of abuse, and was introduced to drugs and crime by her mother early on. She ran away from home at a young age. She first went to rehab for drug use when she was 18. She used several false names, and moved around quite a bit from state to state. At the time of her death, she was using the name 'Cheryl Ann Wick' - an identity which she had stolen. She was working as a dancer in night clubs and sending money to help support her two children, although reports state that this cannot be confirmed.

Kelly was murdered by an ex-boyfriend named James McAlphin (also described as her former pimp) in July of 1991, after she had tried to leave him. McAlphin physically abused Kelly, who had to seek emergency treatment several times for injuries sustained by him. McAlphin pled guilty to her murder, and served a 15-year sentence, but the real identity of Kelly could not be determined. McAlphin offered to reveal her true identity to the Huffington post in 2016 in return for \$4000. He continues to claim she committed suicide. Her last name is being withheld at the request of the family for reasons of privacy.

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## **Case ID 1693: Confidential: Lincoln County John Doe (2006)**

The skeletal remains of Lincoln County John Doe were found on March 7, 2006, by a survey crew just off Highway KK in Troy, Missouri. His body was found in a wood pile in the Cuivre River State Park. He had a folding knife, a flashlight, a thermos and a cooler with him. A forensic reconstruction was performed, and a bust was made. However, he could not be identified.

The FGG investigation was performed by Othram, beginning in 2021. Othram partnered with the Lincoln County Sheriff's and Coroner's Offices, as well as the Southeast Missouri State University's Anthropology Program. The genealogical research was performed by Carla Davis. There is no information as to how the final confirmation was made.

His cause of death is unknown but is not thought to be suspicious. He has been returned to his family.

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#### Case ID 1455: Confidential: Live Oak Doe

The body of Live Oak Doe was found on July 10, 1986, on Wentworth Avenue near Live Oak Street in Houston, Texas. The individual was taken to the hospital and passed away shortly thereafter. The deceased was presenting as a female, wearing jewelry and false breasts. They were thought to be aged from about 23 to 40 years old.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project, having been referred to them by the Trans Doe Task Force.

They likely died of a heart attack. Their name is being kept confidential.

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#### Case ID 1089: Confidential: Lyle Stevik

A 25-year-old male was found deceased on September 17, 2001 in Amanda Park, Grays Harbor County, Washington. He had checked in to a hotel there under the false name 'Lyle Stevik,' which is the name of a character from the Joyce Carol Oates novel, *You Must Remember This*. He hung himself, and his body was found by a female employee when she came to clean his room. He had left the money for the room on the nightstand. He appeared to have recently lost a good deal of weight.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. He has been identified as a 25-year-old man from Alameda County, California, and his identity is being kept confidential at the request of his family. He was partly Native American and partly of

Spanish heritage with several relatives coming from northern New Mexico.

A large Reddit community had grown up devoted to solving his case, with many theories put forward. The Reddit community raised the money and approached DNA Doe to conduct the investigation. They also attempted to raise money for his funeral costs, which his family declined.

His family had not known he was deceased, and they do not want his identity released. Some members of the Reddit community were angry – some were even angry at the DNA Doe Project for having taken their money and not revealing the true identity of Stevik to them. Decedents are identified primarily for their own dignity, and secondarily so that their loved ones can learn what happened to them. The subreddit was eventually closed down and the moderators moved on to other unsolved cases. Others are still trying to track down his identity despite the wishes of the family.

His case touched many people who identified with the loneliness and the depression he suffered before his death.

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### Case ID 1234: Confidential: Philadelphia Jane Doe

Known only as Philadelphia Jane Doe, she was killed at about 2:30 am on December 10, 2017 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania when she was pushed out of a moving truck. She had tried to hang on to the car door, but she fell off and was struck and killed by another vehicle. She is thought to have been about 30 to 50 years old, and likely closer to the younger age range.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. She has been identified, and the investigation into her murder is ongoing.

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### Case ID 1283: Confidential: Pillar Point Doe/Julie Doe

The body of a trans person was found on November 26, 1983 on the beach at Lower Pilar Point, in Half Moon Bay, California. They had been beaten, stabbed, and strangled. Police suspect they may have been attacked when they killer or killers discovered that they were not a cis-gender woman. They are thought to have left the Tenderloin area of San Francisco with one or more men earlier that day. They have been known as both Pillar Point Doe and as Julie Doe.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project, led by Anthony Redgrave. Redgrave has also founded the Trans Doe Task Force which was formed to deal with the special issues involved in identifying trans individuals and giving them back the identity

they chose in the lifetime. Trans persons are victims of violent crimes at higher rates than average. In this case, forensic sketches of Pillar Point Doe depicted them as male. Police who mis-name or incorrectly depict trans persons can hamper investigations into their deaths.

In this case, The Redgraves were impeded in their investigation when GEDmatch opted-out about 80% of Pillar Point Doe's Matches. The Redgraves were still able to trace Pillar Point Doe's ancestors to a village in Wales.

The identity of Pillar Point Jane Doe is being kept confidential at this time. The investigation into their homicide is ongoing.

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#### **Case ID 1485: Confidential: Tilamook John Doe**

The partial skeletonized remains of an identified male washed ashore on October 10, 1984, at Cape Lookout in Tillamook County, Oregon. The identification of the remains was conducted by the Oregon State Medical Examiner’s Office.

In 2011, a DNA profile was developed from the skeletal remains and uploaded into CODIS, and this, too, generated no new leads. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs with the assistance of funding from the National Institute of Justice (NIJ). The FGG investigation began in March of 2020, when a new DNA sample was obtained from the remains. Final confirmation was made through a kinship comparison with a close living relative.

The name of the decedent has not been released for privacy reasons. The decedent was known to be missing and presumed dead when his single-engine plane was reported to have gone down along the Oregon coast, about 60 miles south of Cape Lookout, on May 19, 1984. The remains have now been returned to the family for burial.

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#### **Case ID 1652: Confidential: Trinity Bellwoods Park Jane Doe**

The remains of Trinity Bellwoods Park Jane Doe were found on June 10, 2020 in the Trinity Bellwoods Park in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. She was located at around 1:30 am, laying on a sleeping bag in a grassy area of the park. She had some food and personal items with her, suggesting she may have been sleeping rough. Her death is not thought to be suspicious, but police were unable to identify her. There were no fingerprints or dental records on file.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. A DNA profile was developed from tissues taken at her autopsy and uploaded to GEDmatch. C. Lauritsen, the team leader at DNA Doe, stated that several of her family members had submitted their DNA and built out some “beautiful family trees” which assisted greatly in the investigation. The genealogical portion of the investigation reportedly took less than a week. The final confirmation was made through dental records that were made available to the coroner.

Her relatives have been notified of her death, and her identity is being kept secret to protect her privacy.

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## Case ID 1190: Conrad, Tim

The remains of 58-year-old Tim Conrad were found on November 10, 2018 in Edmonds, Washington. He had been dead for several weeks when he was found by passersby at a makeshift campsite in Yost Park. He became known as the Yost Park John Doe.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Deb Stone in cooperation with the Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office and the County Sheriff's Office.

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## Case ID 1187: Cook, Audrey Lee: The 'Calder Road Murders' Jane Doe

The body of 30-year-old Audrey Lee Cook was found on February 2, 1986 in League City, Texas in an area known as the Texas Killing Fields. Known as the 'Calder Road Murders' Jane Doe, she was the second of four bodies to be discovered in the area. She was found by two boys riding bikes along Calder Road. She had been shot in the back, and had been dead about 6 weeks when she was found. Cook was last seen living and working in Houston. Her last contact with family members was in about December of 1985.

The Texas Killing Fields is an area of about 25-acres of bog land off the Interstate-45 where about thirty bodies have been located since the early 1970s, mainly of young women.

The FGG investigation in this case was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. Parabon had earlier assisted in reconstructions of the women's features, ancestry, and coloring. Other reports state that FTDNA was also contacted by officers for assistance.

Cook's killer, and the killer of the other three women found near Calder Road, is still unknown. Investigators are not sure if there is a connection between the murders or if it is the work of a single offender. Cook was identified along with Donna Prudhomme, as described below.

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#### **Case ID 1824: Cowan, Mary Anga: Newton Jane Doe**

The remains of -year-old Mary Anga ("Angie") Cowan were found on May 14, 1985 in Baker County, near Newton, Georgia. She had been found injured and unconscious on Highway 91, and was taken to a hospital in Albany, Georgia, where she passed away on June 1, 1985. Her cause of death was found to be blunt force trauma to the head.

Her body was exhumed in September of 2012. A bone fragment was sent for isotope analysis, and her data was entered into NamUs.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the FBI, beginning in March of 2022. A DNA profile was generated by Othram, and the genealogical investigation was conducted by the FBI. The final confirmation was made to one of Cowan's living relatives. The FGG investigation was funded by NamUs.

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## **Case ID 1496: Crawford, Stevie: Keene Creek Baby Doe/Boy in a Bundle**

The body of a toddler was found by a fisherman on July 11, 1963, in the Keene County Reservoir near Ashland, Oregon. The boy is described as wearing high-quality clothing, including cloth diapers with blue diaper pins, and a red shirt with grey corduroy pants and ‘Jumping Jacks’ shoes. He had been bound with wire, bundled up in a handmade quilt, along with two iron assayer’s moulds to weigh his body down. Since he could not be identified, he became known as the ‘Boy in a Bundle,’ and he was buried at the Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery in Medford, Oregon. He was about 2 years old. Investigators believe he was placed in the Reservoir sometime in October of 1962.

His body was exhumed in 2008, and a DNA profile was obtained from his femur bone. This profile was entered into CODIS, but no leads were obtained. A new DNA profile

suitable for forensic phenotyping and genetic genealogy was obtained in October of 2020. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. The final confirmation was made to living relatives.

One of Stevie’s relatives told investigators that he had a young half-brother who went missing in the 1960s with little explanation. The little boy had Down’s Syndrome, and his disappearance was never explained by the family. Relatives claim that Stevie’s mother returned from a trip and told the family that they wouldn’t have to worry about Stevie anymore. She has passed away, and police state that they are not planning to pursue criminal charges in this case.

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### **Case ID 1562: Dahlstrom, Patricia Marie: Mariposa County Jane Doe**

See also: Debra Jackson

The partial remains of Patricia ("Patty") Marie Dahlstrom were found on June 28, 1983, in Summit Meadow in Yosemite National Park, California. Further remains were found in 1988. She was thought to have been in her late teens or 20s, and was determined to have been the victim of a homicide. A forensic reconstruction was produced from her skull, with the lower jaw missing. She became known as the Mariposa County Jane Doe.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs.

Henry Lee Lucas confessed to the murder of Dahlstrom. He said that he picked her up hitchhiking near Yosemite on Highway 41, sometime around 1981 or 1982. Lucas and Toole falsely confessed to a large number of homicides that they later retracted. Many were found to be false confessions. It is thought that this confession was genuine, and Lucas is still considered to be responsible for this crime. Lucas took investigators to the crime scene and provided details that only the killer would know – although this occurred in some of Lucas' false confessions, as well. It was found that he had been fed details of the crimes from police files.

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### **Case ID 1647: D'Alton, David: Babes in the Woods**

See Also: Derek D'Alton

The remains of 6-year-old David D'Alton and his 7-year-old brother Derek D'Alton were found on January 15, 1953, in the woods of Stanley Park in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. A groundskeeper was clearing brush in the park near Beaver Lake and found the skeletal remains of the two young children under a woman's fur coat. They had been bludgeoned to death with a hatchet, which was located at the scene. Investigators believe the boys were killed in the park sometime in 1947 or 1948. Their remains could not be

identified, and they became known for the next 70 years as the ‘Babes in the Woods.’

DNA samples of Derek were extracted from his skull by Lakehead University’s Paleo-DNA Laboratory and sequenced by a laboratory in Alabama. The FGG investigation was performed by Redgrave Research Forensic Services. Redgrave located a couple that they determined were likely the grandparents of the boys and built out their family trees. Living family members and old school records helped to confirm the boys’ identities.

Police state that the boy’s maternal grandparents immigrated to Vancouver from Russia in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, and a family member lived near Stanley Park at the time of the murders. The boys were impoverished, and had different fathers. Relatives told police that the boys were taken from their mother into the care of the government, but the fate of the boys has not yet been determined. It is known that they attended the Hudson Elementary School in Kitsilano. Sometime in the 1950s, after their deaths, their mother changed her last name to Bousquet.

The boy’s niece, Ally Brady, told investigators that she uploaded her DNA, and her grandmother Diane’s DNA, to GEDmatch in an effort to locate the missing boys or their descendants. Diane was the boys’ half-sister. The boy’s mother, Eileen Bousquet, died in 1996 at the age of 78. Long the chief suspect in the case, family members do not believe she is responsible for her sons’ murders. They describe her as a “lovely old woman who loved animals and babysat kids all the time.”

Detective (Ret.) Brian Honeybourn of the Vancouver PD homicide unit, took the

children’s remains out of the Vancouver Police Museum sometime in the 1990s, as he did not think their display there was appropriate. He took them to Dr. David Sweet at the Bureau of Legal Dentistry at the University of British Columbia, and a tooth was extracted from each of the skulls.

The remains, minus the skulls, were then cremated and interred in the ocean with the assistance of the police chaplain. The Children’s festival was taking place nearby.

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See Also: David D'Alton

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## Case ID 1715-1716: Daniels, Samone J.: Baby Doe

The remains of Samone J. Daniels were located on August 15, 2019 in Columbia, Missouri. Employees working at the McKnight Tire store found a backpack hidden inside a tire. When they opened it, they found the decomposed remains of a baby girl. Daniels was about 4 to 5 months old at the time of her murder. Investigators have not yet released a cause of death. She is thought to have been killed sometime in 2017.

Daniels could not be identified, and her details were entered into NamUs. The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram, beginning in the fall of 2020, and was funded through a crowd campaign.

On June 14, 2022, an unnamed person brought a letter to the Columbia PD. They had found the letter at a Super 8 Motel, and it was addressed to the Columbia PD. Columbia PD reported that the individual was discouraged from coming forward. Police state that public attention to the case, and the importance of identifying the infant, helped the individual to come forward with the information.

The letter is reported to have been written by Daniels' mother. She states that she went to sleep after a work shift, and woke up to find the baby was bleeding and had a towel around her neck. She performed CPR on the child, and then fled while Fountain disposed of the child's remains.

Daniels' parents were arrested on June 28, 2022 and charged in connection with her death. Daniels' father, Staffone Fountain, age 30, is charged with first-degree murder and

abandonment of a corpse. Her mother, 28-year-old Lavosha Daniels, is charged with first-degree child endangerment and abandonment of a corpse. It is reported that other children in the care of the accused have been taken into custody.

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#### Case ID 1252: Deggs, Nathaniel Terrence (Terry): Mill Creek Shed Man

The body of Terrence "Terry" Deggs was found on January 11, 2015 in a shed in Mill Creek, Washington. He may have been deceased for up to a year. His death is not considered suspicious.

in October of 1985, the previous owner of the property had found Deggs in poor health and living in a collapsed barn. The owner nursed him back to health and then let him live in the shed, where he remained for the next 30 years. He stated that his name was Jerry Deggs and that he was from New York. He received a serious head injury in a bank robbery while he was working as a security guard. He then left to come out west. He had no identification, and authorities could not locate his next-of-kin.

A DNA profile was obtained from his femur bone by Bode Technologies in November of 2017. The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project.

A close match opted in to GEDmatch in February of 2019, but they were of unknown parentage. DNA Doe assisted that person to draw up their own family tree, and both does were thus identified. It was found that the two shared a common grandfather. This enabled DNA Doe to locate Deggs' half-sister.

Terry Deggs was born in Baltimore, and raised in New York by the Deggs, who were his foster family. He had worked as a security

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#### Case ID 1468: Denton, Jenifer Noreen: Charlene Doe Newton Co

The remains of 24-year-old Jenifer Noreen Denton were found on August 5, 1988 in a remote and heavily vegetated area near Beaver Creek in the Willow Slough State Fish and Wildlife Area in Morocco, Indiana. She had been shot and her body was burned. She became known for the next 33 years as the Charlene Doe of Newton County.

The DNA Doe Project was engaged by the Newton County Indiana Coroner’s Office to conduct the FGG investigation in late 2019. After whole genome sequencing, and uploading Denton’s DNA to both GEDmatch and FTDNA, there were no solid leads as all of the matches were to distant relatives only. A break in the case came after GEDmatch changed its terms of service on January 11, 2021, to set the default privacy settings for Human Remains Investigations to automatically opt all users in to law

enforcement matching. A close relative was then identified, and Denton’s identity was confirmed through this match.

The remains of a male named Selese “Tony” Sherrod were found with Denton. He had also been shot and burned, and his burned vehicle was found three miles away. The investigation into the murders of Denton and Sherrod is continuing.

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#### Case ID 1654: Dodd, Charles: Montgomery County John Doe

The skeletal remains of 74-year-old Charles (“Charlie”) Wane Dodd were found on January 18, 1988, in a field in Conroe, Texas. A hunter discovered some bones and took them in to a dentist for identification. Once it was realized that the remains were human, police surveyed the area, and found further remains as well as a pair of pants and a shoe. The remains were thought to have lain in the

field for about 3 to 4 years. He could not be identified, and Charlie Dodd became known for the next 34 years as the Montgomery County John Doe.

A DNA profile was first developed in 2009 and entered into CODIS, but no leads resulted. The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram, beginning in September of 2021. The final conformation was made to living relatives.

Dodd was originally from Dallas, Texas. He was last seen by his family in August of 1985. Investigators report that he may have been taken against his will, and they continue to investigate the suspicious circumstances surrounding his death.

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#### Case ID 1160: Dodd, Dana Lynn: Lavender Doe

The body of Dana Lynn Dodd was found on October 29, 2006 in Gregg County, Texas. Two men who were target shooting in a wooded area came across her. She had been sexually assaulted, and her body was set on fire. A gas can was found nearby, and the

embers were still warm. She was wearing a lavender sweater, and so she became known for the next 13 years as Lavender Doe.

A DNA profile was developed from semen found at the crime scene. The FGG investigation was conducted by Kevin Lord of the DNA Doe Project.

Joseph Burnette confessed to her murder in August of 2018, but he did not know her name. He had abducted her from the Walmart Supercenter in Longview, Texas where she was selling magazines. She approached Burnette to ask him to buy some magazines, and he convinced her to enter his vehicle. A registered sex offender, Burnette has also confessed to the murder of another young woman, Felicia Pearson. He has been sentenced to 50 years for the two murders.

Lavender Doe has been identified as Dana Lynn Dodd of Jacksonville, Florida, where she was known for her perfect smile. No one reported her missing.

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#### **Case ID 1708: Dodd, Peggy Anne:**

The remains of 29-year-old Peggy Anne Dodd were found on December 22, 1984 on a ranch in Fort Bend County. She had light brown hair and some clothing with her, but she could not be identified, nor could a cause of death be determined.

The FGG investigation was conducted in partnership with the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office and volunteer genealogists with Intermountain Forensics and Astrea Forensics. This investigation was significant as it used rootless hair to derive a DNA profile suitable for FGG. Astrea Forensics

specializes in obtaining forensic DNA profiles from rootless hair.

Dodd went missing sometime in December of 1984. Her family have now been notified. Police have not stated whether they are continuing to investigate.

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#### **Case ID 1476: Duffey, Pamela Dianne: Jane Doe 10**

See also: William Everette Lane

The bodies of 20-year-old Pamela Dianne Duffey and 19-year-old William Everette Lane were found on November 17, 1980, buried in a remote area of the Mojave Desert near Ludlow, California. They were found

buried in a shallow grave by an archaeologist. Their bodies were naked, and autopsies showed that they had died from a combination of blunt force trauma and gunshot wounds.

Investigators could not identify the bodies, but they suspected the couple had been murdered by a man named Howard Neal. Neal had lived in Ludlow at the time of the murders and had left with his wife and child shortly after. He moved to Mississippi, where he murdered his brother, and raped and murdered his 13-year-old sister and her 12-year-old friend. Their remains were found in February of 1981. He then left and moved to Stockton, California, where he was arrested for petty theft. He was then extradited to Mississippi for the triple murder. He was convicted in February of 1982 and sentenced to death. In about 1990, Neal's attorneys had the death sentence commuted as a result of Neal's IQ tests, which showed that he was on the borderline of being mentally challenged.

Investigators were not permitted to interview Neal until August of 2017. At that time, Neal told investigators that he had picked up the couple while they were hitchhiking and taken them back to his residence where he made sexual advances to the female. An argument then broke out between Neal and the male, during which Neal shot and killed him. He then sexually assaulted and killed the female. He buried their bodies in the Mojave Desert south of Highway 66. All he could tell investigators was that the female had left a daughter behind in Arkansas, that the male was a 'hippie', and they were hitchhiking across the country together.

Investigators still could not identify the victims. After several attempts, they were

able to obtain DNA profiles which were uploaded into CODIS, but this produced no matches. There is currently no information on who conducted the FGG investigation, or when it commenced. On December 11, 2020, investigators noticed that a close relative of Duffey had uploaded her DNA to GEDmatch and the results indicated that it was Duffey's daughter.

Duffey's daughter, 41-year-old Christine Marie Salley, had hired a private investigator in April of 2018 to help her find her birth parents. She would later upload her DNA to GEDmatch for this purpose. Investigators confirmed the mother-daughter match through DNA testing at the California Department of Justice laboratory.

Salley told investigators that her mother was Pamela Duffey, and that she was travelling with a man named 'Digger' Lane, who had recently been released from prison in Virginia. Through this information and the assistance of the Virginia State Police, investigators were able to identify the unknown male as William Everette Lane, from Jacksonville, Florida. His identity was confirmed through DNA testing with his mother.

Charges of homicide and sexual assault have been brought against Neal. The remains of Duffey and Lane have been returned to their families.

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## **Case ID 1756: Dymond, Joan Marie: Alden Mountain Jane Doe**

The skeletal remains of 14-year-old Joan Marie Dymond were found on November 17, 2012 in Newport Township, Pennsylvania. Her skull was located off of Alden Road.

Dymond went missing from her home in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania on June 25, 1969. Her remains lay undiscovered for 43 years,

and she could not be identified for a further 9 years.

Police continue to investigate her death, which is a suspected homicide, and there are few details as of the time of writing.

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## **Case ID 1464: Eaton, Carolyn**

The body of 17-year-old Carolyn Eaton was found on the side of Interstate-40 on February 14, 1982 in Coconino County, near Williams Arizona. She was found by an Arizona State Trooper who had stopped to assist a motorist. She was known for the next 40 years only as Valentine Sally.

Investigators have stated only that the FGG investigation was performed by a private company. The final confirmation was made to a living relative of Eaton. The investigation was funded by a grant from NCMEC.

Eaton was from Bellefontaine Neighbors, near St. Louis, Missouri. She had left home around the Christmas holiday of 1981 after an argument with family members.

The case was hampered by a false identification in 1984. Facial reconstruction was used to identify her as a missing Florida teen named Melody Cutlip, but Melody returned home in 1986. Leads in Valentine Sally's case then dried up.

Eaton's killer has not yet been identified, and the investigation into her homicide is ongoing. She was last seen at a truck stop on February 2, 1981, a mile from where her body was found. She was with a man in his 50s wearing a cowboy hat with a peacock feather. It is believed that she died shortly after.

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#### Case ID 1346: Elgo, Peggy Ann: Pinal County Jane Doe

The body of 19-year-old Peggy Ann Elgo was found on June 7, 1983 in a remote area of Pinal County, Arizona. She was last seen in San Carlos, Arizona on New Year's Day in 1983. She had a 1-year-old son and was living on the Apache Indian Reservation.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs.

Another woman from the same San Carlos Apache tribe was found murdered. She is known as the Ahwatukee Jane Doe. Elgo's family members thought she may have been Peggy, and so they came forward to have their DNA tested. They were found to not be relatives of the deceased. The Ahwatukee Jane Doe remains unidentified, but this spurred on the investigation into Elgo's disappearance.

Elgo has now been returned to her family. Her killer has not yet been identified, and the case remains open.

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## Case ID 1797: Ellis, Rogers Lee

The partial skeletal remains of 22-year-old Rogers ("Roger") Lee Ellis were found on June 20, 2004, about 15 miles south of Red Lodge, Montana. His skull was found near Highway 212 by a hiker. Deputies later recovered a pelvic bone and a femur.

A DNA profile was obtained that identified the bones as belonging to the same person, but there were no leads from CODIS or NamUs. The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Carbon County Sheriff's Office, and the Missoula County Sheriff's Office Cold Case Team, beginning in 2022.

Ellis left his home in Wisconsin Rapids in 1976 because he was afraid of going to jail for marijuana possession. Police believe that

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## Case ID 1672: Emily, Tymon Joseph

The body of 18-year-old Tymon Joseph Emily was found on March 7, 1992, in a vacant building in St. Louis, Missouri. His body had been hidden under a set of metal school lockers by workers disconnecting the gas service. Authorities determined that he had been stabbed to death. It was estimated that he had lain there for 1 to 2 years before being located. Authorities were unable to identify him, and he became known as the 'St. Louis John Doe 1992'.

A DNA profile was developed in 2004. A search of CODIS using that profile produced no new leads. The case was entered into the NCMEC database in 2012. The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project beginning in 2021.

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#### Case ID 1601: Evans, Edward

The remains of 89-year-old Edward Evans were found by metal detectorists on December 24, 1995, near the Roanoke River in Garysburg, North Carolina. They first came across Edward's skull – which they initially mistook for a smooth stone – and then notified the authorities who were able to find Edward's intact skeleton buried under a cover of soil and leaves. It is thought that he had

been deceased for at least two to three years. Authorities believe he died of natural causes.

A DNA profile was obtained in 2013, but Edwards could not be identified. The FGG investigation was performed by Othram, beginning in September of 2019. Funding was provided by the National Center for Missing and Endangered, Inc. of Jackson, North Carolina. Investigators located Orlando Harper in the database, who was performing family research, and suspected that Harper was the deceased's grandson. This was found to be the case, after the final confirmation was made to Evans' daughter, Gladys Evans Harper.

Evans was born in 1906 in Northampton County, North Carolina, and served in WWII. He had been estranged from his family for several years before his death, having last seen Victor Harper (Orlando's brother) at their home in 1982 in Salisbury, Maryland.

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## **Case ID 1722: Everett, James**

The partially skeletonized remains of 48-year-old James Everett were found on September 29, 2014 in Rosemount, Minnesota. His remains were found by a Union Pacific Railway worker in a decommissioned switching shed. Everett had likely been living in the shed. He had no wallet or identification, but he had some receipts and a newspaper dating back to the fall of 2013, which is when he may have died. His cause of death could not be determined.

His profile was entered into NAMUS and CODIS, and the FBI performed a facial reconstruction. His remains were buried in June 2017 after the case went cold - only the second time that unidentified human remains were buried in Hennepin County.

The FGG investigation was performed by Parabon Nanolabs beginning in 2019, and later the DNA Doe Project. The final confirmation was made to Everett's father.

In September of 2013 Everett left his home in Cohocton, New York, for a work trip but never arrived. His wife states that he left his keys in the mailbox and did not come back home. He was reported missing and located a few weeks later at a rest stop in Montana. He stated that he left home because he was having troubles at work, had quit, and was just driving. The missing persons file was closed. Everett is described as a computer geek who worked in the tech field and was a talented musician.

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## **Case ID 1827: Feigert, Jade David: Cowlitz County John Doe**

The skeletal remains of 22-year-old Jade David Feigert were found on February 22, 2020 in Longview, Washington. A longshoreman at the Weyerhaeuser dock phoned authorities who located his remains in thick blackberry bushes. His cause of death was not determined, but police do not believe his death was the result of a crime.

Forensic odontology was performed, along with an anthropological analysis and a forensic artist rendering of what he looked like, but he could not be identified. His

remains were entered into NamUs in March of 2021 as UP67764

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office, beginning in November of 2021. The final confirmation was made to Feigert's mother, Monica Feigert. The costs of the FGG investigation were crowdfunded through DNAsolves.

Feigert was last seen by his mother on February 8, 2017 when she dropped him off in Kelso, Washington. He has now been returned to his family.

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#### Case ID 1627: Feldman, Franklin: Bethlehem John Doe

The decomposed remains of 41-year-old Franklin Feldman were found on April 3, 1981, at the Double V Stables in Delmar, New York. A farmer fixing a fence came across his body in a wooded area.

The case was reopened in 2013. Feldman's mandible and maxilla were located in the office of dentist Colin Morton and was used to obtain a DNA profile. The previous dentist, Dr. Alan Rosell, was involved in forensic identifications. Investigators think that if not for the preservation of the jawbone, a DNA profile might not have been obtained.

The DNA was first compared with law enforcement databases, and no match was found. Investigators were denied permission to perform a familial DNA search in law enforcement databases. This policy was changed in April of 2021. Othram performed the laboratory work for the FGG investigation. The FGG investigation was performed by the FBI Melville Office Investigative Genealogy Unit. The final confirmation was made to living relatives.

Feldman was transient and was not reported missing. It is not known how he died.

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### **Case ID 1521: Fetterolf, Margaret: Woodlawn Jane Doe**

The body of 16-year-old Margaret Fetterolf was found on September 12, 1976, just off Dogwood Road near the Lorraine Park Cemetery in Woodlawn, Maryland. She had been bound, beaten, sexually assaulted, and strangled with a ligature. Her body contained the drug chlorpromazine, which may have been proved to her to facilitate the sexual assault. Witnesses at the time saw a white van in the area, and police think that her body was

dumped there sometime between 9:20 and 10:20 that morning.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Bode Technology, with the assistance of the National center for Missing & Exploited Children. The genealogical profile was produced by Othram.

Margaret's brother, Edward Fetterolf, stated that police told him that Ancestry.com was used in the FGG investigation, although this cannot be confirmed. Many genealogists use Ancestry.com's document database for FGG work, and this is not prohibited under their terms of service, whereas using the Ancestry database for relative matching would be.

Fetterhof was from Alexandria, Virginia. She is described as a habitual runaway, who was last seen by her family in the summer of 1975. Her identification may assist police in their investigation into her murder. Semen was recovered from her body, but there is no information about whether a DNA profile from this is available to assist in the homicide investigation.

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#### **Case ID 1317: Fiegener, William Arthur: Parker County John Doe**

The skeletal remains of 22-year-old William Arthur Fiegener were found along a roadside in a shallow grave near Weatherford, Texas in October of 1985. He was known for the next 34 years as the Parker County John Doe.

The FGG investigation was performed by Parabon Nanolabs. The confirmation was made to William's parents, who were living in Florida.

Fiegener had left his home in Brooklyn and come down to Texas, where he joined up with a con man named Forrest Ethington. Fiegener had been arrested for robbing a coin shop, and he was not seen again after being released. Ethington had told several people that he killed Fiegener before he could testify against him in court. Ethington later went to prison

for murdering the owner of a coin shop in Tarrant County. Ethington shot the man in the back of the head three times during a robbery. He went to prison again for the aggravated sexual assault of a child. He died in prison in October of 2019 at the age of 81. The murder of Fiegener has been cleared by exception.

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#### **Case ID 1726: Fillingim, Theresa Caroline**

The skeletal remains of 16-year-old Theresa Caroline Fillingim were located on April 3, 1981 in Spring Hill, Florida. Police began excavating a 6-acre junkyard on March 16, 1981 looking for human remains at the home of serial killer Billy Mansfield Jr.

Mansfield was convicted of the rape and murder of 30-year-old Rene Sailing in Santa Cruz, California that took place in December of 1980. His brother, Gary, was charged with

being an accessory to the murder. The charges were dropped in return for Gary's cooperation. After a highly publicized mistrial, Mansfield pled guilty to the murder of Saling. He would later plead guilty to the murders of the four women in Florida, as well as attempted sexual battery on a further victim.

After Mansfield was charged in California, police received a tip to look for a young woman named Sandra Graham on his Spring Hill property. On March 17, 1981, police located the remains of an unidentified woman (Jane Doe No. 1). The following week, police located the remains of 15-year-old Elaine Zeigler. Fillingim's remains were unearthed on April 3, 1981, and she became known as Jane Doe No. 2. On April 7, 1981, they finally located the remains of 21-year-old Sandra Graham.

A DNA profile was finally developed from Fillingim's remains in 2020. The FGG investigation was conducted by Paragon Nanolabs, who also performed forensic phenotyping to determine what the decedents may have looked like.

Fillingim vanished on her way to a job interview in Tampa. She was reported missing by her sister, Margaret Johns, on May 16, 1980. She would have turned 17 about a week after her murder.

Mansfield is currently serving four life sentences in Stockton, California.

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#### Case ID 1800: Fitzgerald, Nancy Carol

The skeletal remains of 16-year-old Nancy Carol Fitzgerald were found on December 10, 1988 in Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey. Local residents found her during a community clean-up along what is now the Henry Hudson Bike Trail. A forensic anthropological investigation showed the remains to be those of a teenaged woman who most likely died something around the mid-1970s.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Bode Technologies in partnership with the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and the Atlantic Highlands Police Department, beginning in 2020. The final confirmation was made to her sister, Kathleen Unterberger,

who was 15 years old when her sister disappeared.

Fitzgerald vanished on April 2, 1972, the day after having Easter dinner with her family in Bloomfield, NJ. Police continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding the murder of Fitzgerald. Her sister has told the police that Fitzgerald suffered from an addiction, and had given evidence about her drug supplier shortly before her disappearance.

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#### Case ID 1343: Floyd, Christy Lynn

The body of 16-year-old Christy Lynn Floyd was found on August 7, 1986 in Chesterfield, Virginia. She was discovered by maintenance workers while unloading trash at a landfill site. The Virginia Office of the County Medical Examiner determined that she had died by homicide.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. They analyzed her ancestry, coloring and appearance to reconstruct what she may have looked like. This generated publicity for her case, and some of Floyd's relatives came forward with DNA samples for testing. Her murderer has yet to be identified, and the case remains open.

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### **Case ID 1809: Floyd, Wanda Ashford: Morgan County Jane Doe 2020**

The remains of 61-year-old Wanda Ashford Floyd were found on July 31, 2020 in Decatur, Alabama. She was found floating in Flint Creek by a local fisherman.

The FGG investigation was undertaken by Moxxxy Forensic Investigations in partnership with the Decatur Police Department, as well as the Mobile and Lawrence County Sheriff's Offices. The funding was provided by philanthropist and genetic genealogist Carla Davis.

Floyd had been in Decatur General Hospital on the morning of July 15, 2020. She was released a few hours later, but was not seen and so a missing person report was filed. Her death is not thought to have been suspicious.

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### **Case ID 1454: Freund, James Paul: Sumpter Jock Doe**

See also: Buckley, Pamela Mae

The body of 30-year-old James Paul Freund was found on August 9, 1976 on Locklair Road, between Sumpter and Florence, South Carolina. He was found with 25-year-old Pamela Mae Buckley. The pair had been robbed and shot numerous times in the upper body. They may have been the victims of a carjacking, and they had no money or identification.

Their bodies were exhumed in 2007 for DNA testing. This showed that they were not brother and sister as originally thought, but there were still no leads as to their identities.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project, with bioinformatics work being done by Kevin Lord of Saber Investigations. They found several matches on GEDmatch and FTDNA and were able to produce a list of leads in about two days. This case was crowdfunded through donations to the DNA Doe Project.

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### Case ID 1325: Frisch, John H.: Peoria County John Doe

The skull of 56-year-old John Frisch was found on June 12, 2017 in Kingston, Illinois, along the river shore. On November 13, 2016, a torso was also found in the Illinois River in Schuyler County. DNA testing showed that the two sets of remains were connected. Frisch had been killed by blunt force trauma to the head, and his body dismembered. He became known as the Peoria County John Doe.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. The final confirmation was made using Frisch's dental records, which were on file in Hawaii. Frisch had served a year in prison for a manslaughter charge in 2002 after he had beaten a man during a bar fight.

Authorities suspect foul play in his death and the case remains open.

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### Case ID 1492: Funk, Kimberly Ann: Vancleave Jane Doe

The body of 21-year-old Kimberly Ann Funk was found on January 31, 1991 in a swampy region near Vancleave in rural Jackson County, Mississippi. Investigators determined her death to be a homicide. Her body may have lain in the bayou for up to three years. A clay model of her face was made but produced no leads. She became known for the next 30 years only as the Vancleave Jane Doe.

A DNA profile was extracted from her remains in 2012, and her information was uploaded to NAMUS. In 2019, private funding from genealogist Carla Davis and the Mississippi State Crime Lab paid for a new DNA sequence to be extracted by Othram. The FGG investigation was also performed by Othram. The final confirmation was made to a living brother.

Funk went missing sometime in April to June of 1990. The Jackson County Sheriff's Office continues to investigate her murder.

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### Case ID 1773: Gabbard, Steven

The skeletal remains of 38-year-old Steven Gabbard were found by local hunters in May of 2004 in a wooded area near Lake Lemon,

in Monroe County, Indiana. He was determined to be the victim of a homicide, and investigators believed that he had lain in the area for up to a year before being located.

A facial reconstruction was performed, and a clay model was produced. His information was entered into CODIS and NamUs. The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, beginning in 2022. The final confirmation was made to a living nephew. Funding was provided by the Monroe County Council.

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### **Case ID 1664: Gallegos, Sharon Lee: Little Miss Nobody**

The decomposed remains of 4-year-old Sharon Lee Gallegos were found on July 31, 1960, in Congress, Arizona. She was found by a schoolteacher from Las Vegas who was looking in the desert for rocks to decorate his garden. She had been buried in a shallow grave. Police thought that she might have been a little girl who had recently been abducted in New Mexico, but the clothing and a footprint comparison did not match. The remains were also thought to have been of an older, 7-year-old, child and so police explored other leads.

The girl's body was exhumed in 2015, but a DNA profile could not be obtained at that time. A 3-dimensional facial reconstruction was performed in 2016 but generated no new leads. The FGG investigation was performed by Othram. The final confirmation was made to living relatives.

Investigators have now learned that Gallegos was abducted from her grandmother's home in Alamogordo, New Mexico, on July 21, 1960 – she was indeed the missing girl police had initially investigated. She had been dragged into a “dirty old green car” by an unknown couple, who had earlier stalked the little girl. It is not known why the footprint comparison did not match, but this form of forensic identification is no longer considered sufficiently individualizing for use in investigations.

This is thought to be the oldest case, at the date it was cleared, that has been solved with the assistance of NCMEC – the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Police continue to investigate Gallegos' murder.

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## **Case ID 1473: Garber, Shawna Beth: Grace Doe**

The remains of 22-year-old Shawna Beth Garber were found on December 2, 1990 by a couple walking along a rural road in McDonald County, Missouri. Garber had been sexually assaulted and strangled. She had been hog tied with a variety of bindings – including nylon and lead ropes, coaxial and telephone cables, clothesline, as well as military grade rope – and dumped behind a rural farmhouse.

A DNA profile was obtained and uploaded in CODIS and NAMUS in 2009, and a forensic facial reconstruction was performed. Detective Lori Howard stated that she would be identified “only by the Grace of God,” and this became the nickname that she was known by for the next two decades.

The FGG investigation was performed by Othram/DNA Solves, in cooperation with Dr. Jennifer Bengtson and her anthropology students at the Southeast Missouri State University (SMSU). Funding for the investigation was provided through the DNA Solves crowdfunding platform, as well as a grant from the SMSU University Foundation.

The final confirmation was made with a half-sister of Garber, Danielle Pixler, who had been looking for her sister ever since she left foster care in Garnett, Kansas. Police in McDonald County continue to investigate Garber’s murder. Shawna and an older brother had been taken into care at a young age due to domestic abuse at the hands of their mother. Shawna’s older brother has reported that when she was about 6 years old, Shawna’s mother doused her with lighter fluid and set her on fire.

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## **Case ID 1810: Gattaino, Louis Anthony**

The skeletal remains of 34-year-old Louis Anthony Gattaino were found on March 13, 1981 in Beaver Creek Township, Minnesota. A state transportation worker came across his remains while cleaning out a culvert near Rock City Road 23 and the Interstate-90 Highway. It was determined that he may have died sometime in late 1980. The culvert was cleaned on October 21, 1980, at which time no human remains were noticed.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project in partnership with the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office, as well as the Rock County Sheriff's Office and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. The investigation was funded through donations in the amount of \$2900 to the DNA Doe Project. The final confirmation was made to living relatives.

Gattaino was missing since October of 1971 from his home in Omaha, Nebraska, when he would have been 25 years old. Police continue to investigate his murder.

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## **Case ID 1211: Geauga's Child**

The remains of a baby boy were found March 25, 1993 in Thompson Township, Ohio. Cheryl Jenkins, a 21-year-old newspaper delivery driver, found the baby lying dead in the road. He had been mauled by animals. He was named Geauga's Child by the local community, who buried him and put up a headstone in the Maple Grove Cemetery.

There is no information on who conducted the FGG investigation. On June 6, 2019, police arrested Gail Eastwood-Ritchie, and charged her with murder and aggravated murder. She was about 23 years old when Geauga's Child was born. She later married the father of the baby and they had three more children, all now grown.

Eastwood-Ritchie has confessed to abandoning the baby by placing him in a trash bag and leaving him in a wooded area. She is out on bond while the trial is pending in Geauga County. Her trial has been postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but is scheduled for March 29, 2021.

Eastwood-Ritchie has also confessed to killing another child two years earlier in Cuyahoga County. There are few details on this case, which is still under investigation as the body has not yet been found.

Kalovec interviewed several of the family members whose DNA uploads were used to identify Geauga's Child. Investigators found a third cousin of Geauga's Child, and a relative named Dave Gilger, who assisted investigators with building out the family tree. In this case, relatives knew they were looking to identify their little cousin and solve his murder, and they reported to Kalovec that they were happy and willing to do this.

On April 4, 2022, a jury convicted Eastwood-Ritchie of homicide after 5 hours of deliberation. They acquitted her of the more serious aggravated murder charge. An autopsy report introduced at trial showed that the infant had likely been born alive and had drawn breath.

On May 24, 2022, Eastwood-Ritchie was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole in 15 years.

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### **Case ID 1762: Gildawie, Patricia Agnes (“Choubie”)**

The remains of 17-year-old Patricia Agnes (“Choubi”) Gildawie were found on September 27, 2001 in Mclean, Virginia. Her remains were located in a drainage ditch by a local construction crew. It was determined that she died from a gunshot wound to the head, perhaps a few months to two years before she was located. It was thought at the time that she might be of African American ancestry.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Fairfax County Police Department, beginning in 2022. The final confirmation was made by kinship testing with her half-sister, Veronique Duperly.

Gildawie was born in France in 1958 and immigrated to the US when she was 8 months old. She disappeared when she was 17 years old. At the time, her family states that she had been dating an older man. Her sister noticed visible bruises on her body on several occasions. She was last seen on February 8, 1975.

Her sister states that she tried to put up posters after her sister disappeared, but she never received any information. She also states that she was unable to hire a private investigator and that police were not helpful at the time.

Police continue to investigate her murder. They are looking for information about a man

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## **Case ID 1709: Gipson, Gerron**

The remains of 29-year-old Gerron Gipson were found on March 4, 1999 in a rural area of Yolo County, near Clarksburg, California. His remains, found near the banks of a slough, were badly decomposed. The cause of his death was determined to be homicide, but he could not be identified.

There is no information on who conducted the FGG investigation or how the final confirmation was made.

Gipson is reported to have ties to the Sacramento area. The police continue to investigate his murder.

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## **Case ID 1750: Glatzel, John Howard**

The partially skeletonized remains of 18-year-old John Howard Glatzel, were found on July 6, 1982 in Houston, Texas. His remains were located in a field near the 4200 block and Schurmier Road. An autopsy determined that he had died by manual strangulation. He was wearing grey corduroys, a plaid shirt and cowboy boots. He had no identification, and his description did not match that of any known missing person.

A partial STR profile was developed at some point in the investigation, but led to no new leads. The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram, in partnership with the Houston Police Department, the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, and the Texas Rangers Unsolved Crimes Investigation Program, beginning in August of 2021. The genealogical work was conducted by Carla Davis. The final confirmation was made to a living family member.

Glatzel was born on December 30, 1964. A missing persons report was not filed in his case. Police continue to investigate his murder.

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### Case ID 1535: Gomez, Timothy Daniel: Gardendale John Doe

The skull of Timothy Daniel Gomez was found on September 10, 2019, by a cattle rancher in Ector County, Texas. A search of the area turned up further remains, including the jaw and teeth, a pelvic bone, and several fragments of femur bone, as well as some of the deceased's clothing. The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office determined that the male had been deceased for about 2 to 5 years. Investigators could not identify the young man, and a DNA profile uploaded to CODIS produced no new leads. He became known as the Gardendale John Doe. He is estimated to be about 22-35 years old.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram.

The police continue to investigate Gomez's death. A case of death, or whether it is considered suspicious, has not been disclosed.

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### Case ID 1813: Gonzales, Daniel Garza: Saginaw County John Doe 1973

The remains of 28-year-old Daniel Garza Gonzales were found on March 13, 1973, near Zilwaukee Township, Michigan. He was found floating in the Saginaw River by a local fisherman. He had been shot about 7 times, and also suffered blunt force trauma to the back of his head. He was estimated to have been deceased for about 6 weeks.

The case was reopened in 2020, and the FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project, in partnership with the Michigan State Police. Samples were prepared from hair and bone by Astrea Forensics. The investigation was complicated by the fact that Garza Gonzales is of Hispanic ancestry, a population which is underrepresented in genealogy databases. The DNA Doe Project made a special appeal for possible relatives of Garza Gonzales to upload their DNA. The

final confirmation was made to relatives living in Beeville, Texas.

Garza Gonzales had recently been injured in Vietnam. Before his disappearance, he had left his home in Fort Worth Texas to look for work in Flint, Michigan, and was not heard from again. Police continue to investigate his murder.

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#### Case ID 1645: Gooch, Steven Edward: Marion Flathead Co John Doe 2003

The partially skeletonized remains of 30-year-old Steven Edward Gooch were found on October 26, 2003, in Marlon, Montana. Some clothing and personal effects were found with

his remains. He is thought to have died about 8 years prior.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. The FGG investigation took almost three years, due to the distance of the relative matches. About 20 volunteers worked on the case over the years. The final confirmation was made to Gooch's father.

Gooch's family had reported him missing in 1996 after they had not heard from him since sometime in 1995. At that time, he was on his way from San Diego to Las Vegas.

His cause and manner of death has not been disclosed, but police are continuing to investigate.

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### Case ID 1306: Gray, Perrean

The body of 20-year-old Perrean Gray was found on June 29, 2001 in Sacramento, California. Police had been called to a dumpster fire. The fire was so hot that the metal dumpster had been partially melted. When firefighters finally extinguished the fire, they found the body of a young woman. Her hair, clothing, and skin had all been burned away, making identification difficult. Soot was in her lungs, and so medical examiners concluded that she had died in the fire.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. Facial reconstruction was performed at the time of her death, but she was erroneously identified as being a light-skinned woman of European ancestry. Investigators first turned to Parabon in 2017 for forensic phenotyping. Parabon’s analysis showed that she had brown or dark brown skin and was primarily of West African ancestry.

Analyzing her DNA enabled a much more accurate picture of Gray to be developed – one that correctly portrayed her as an African American woman. This is an example of how forensic phenotyping and ancestry analysis might make a difference to an investigation. Facial reconstruction in addition to forensic phenotyping of ancestry and colouring can

enable a much more accurate picture of the victim.

Gray was from San Francisco, where her family had reported her missing. The investigation into her death is ongoing, and police hope that identifying her will help with solving her murder.

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## **Case ID 1389: Griffin, Donna Kay**

The body of 37-year-old Donna Griffin was found on October 23, 1987, along Route 33 in Bushkill Township, Pennsylvania. Her cause of death is undetermined. No one had ever reported her missing.

The FGG investigation was undertaken by Bode Technologies. The final confirmation was made to a living child of Griffin's. The investigation into her death is continuing.

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## **Case ID 1778: Grow, Fred James**

The remains of 33-year-old Fred James ("Jamie") Grow were found on June 13, 1981 in Garfield, Arkansas. He had been shot, and his body had been left in a wooded area outside of town. He was buried in an unmarked grave in Bentonville Cemetery.

His information was entered into NamUS in June of 2009. The case was reopened in 2019,

when the Benton County Sheriff's Office was able to obtain an order to exhume Grow's remains for DNA testing. A partial profile was developed by the Arkansas Crime Lab.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram, in partnership with the Benton County Sheriff's Office, beginning in April of 2021. Othram were able to develop a full DNA profile suitable for FGG. The final confirmation was made to a close relative of Grow.

Grow had left his home in Fayetteville, Arkansas on June 3, 1981 to visit family in Kansas City, Wichita, and Colorado. He was last seen in the Kansas City area giving a ride to two women. Police have questioned these women as they continue their investigation into Grow's murder.

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### **Case ID 1660: Guarro, Richard Wayne: Tortoise Reserve Doe**

The remains of 39-year-old Richard Wayne Guarro were found on July 7, 2001, in a remote area in the desert northeast of Las Vegas. Several bones were located about 5 miles from the Interstate-15 highway. His death was ruled a homicide by the Clark County Coroner's Office.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram, beginning in October of 2021 when a DNA profile was developed from Guarro's skeletal remains. The final confirmation was made to Guarro's sister. The investigation was funded by Audiochuck.

Guarro's family last heard from him the week before he was due to return home to Florida on November 18, 1996, from what was to have been a short visit to Las Vegas. Police continue to investigate his homicide.

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### **Case ID 1767: Gunnerson, Cynthia**

The remains of Cynthia Gunnerson were found on September 9, 2014 in Twin Falls County, Idaho. She was floating in the Snake River near the Perrine Bridge by a kayaker. A facial reconstruction was performed, and her fingerprints were taken, but she could not be identified. Her cause of death was determined to be suicide. She was buried by the community in October of that year in the Sunset Memorial Park.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office, and the Idaho Cold Case Advanced DNA Methods Working Group (ICCADM), beginning in April of 2022. The investigation was funded by a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

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### **Case ID 1418: Hamm, James: Lee County John Doe**

The remains of 35-year-old James Hamm were found on November 17, 1984 in Giddings, Texas. Locals hunting in a rural area came across skeletal remains. Investigators were able to find only four bones, one of which was his cranium. Facial reconstructions and radioisotope analysis were performed. It is estimated that he died about 6 months to a year before he was found. He became known as the Lee County John Doe.

The FGG analysis was conducted by Kevin Lord of the DNA Doe Project. The confirmation was made to his brother, Eugene

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### **Case ID 1602: Hammonds, Meresa: Yonkers Jane Doe**

The body of 31-year-old Meresa Hammonds was found on June 27, 1992, in a dumpster behind a pizza parlour in Yonkers, New York. She had been dismembered, and her body placed in black trash bags.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the FBI. The final confirmation was made to Hammonds' sister and two brothers, as well as an adult son.

Hammonds is known to have been a victim of serial killer Robert Schulman, who was convicted of killing and dismembering 5

women in the 1990s. He preyed on sex workers. He would take them back to his apartment in Patchogue, New York, bludgeon them to death, dismember them, and then dispose of their bodies in dumpsters in and around Long Island. He died in prison in 2006.

Schulman's brother, Barry Schulman, was convicted and sentenced to two years for helping dispose of the bodies. As reported by Miller, he stated, "My brother begged me to do it. What could I do?" said Barry Shulman in his confession. "Anyone would do it for their brother."

Hammonds' son, Jason Di Trapani, was only a toddler when his mother disappeared in 1992. He did not know his mother, or her family, and was under the impression that his mother left him. He told Murphy that, "It was hard growing up, thinking she was out there and not looking for me," Jason Di Trapani told WPIX. He has now learned the truth and has connected with his relatives.

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#### Case ID 1738: Harrison, Dorothy: Upham Girl

The skeletal remains of 16-year-old Dorothy Harrison were found on March 10, 1985 near Upham, Doña Ana County, New Mexico. Local hunters had found the remains of a young woman in a shallow grave in the desert, just off the Interstate-25 highway. She is thought to have lain there for about 3 to 6 months before being discovered. She is likely the victim of a homicide, but she could not be identified and the case went cold.

The case was reopened in March of 2021. A DNA profile suitable for FGG was developed from her femur bone by Astrea Forensics. The FGG investigation was conducted by Innovative Forensic Investigations.

Harrison left her home in Wichita, Kansas on July 25, 1984, with some young female friends. Her family reported her missing. She would often leave home for periods of time, and is described as being vulnerable and sometimes unhappy at home. She travelled to Los Angeles in about August of 1984, and last phoned her family in about September of that year to tell them she was in El Paso, Texas, and that she was coming home. Police continue to investigate her murder.

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## Case ID 1711: Has Tricks, Blaine: Marysville Landfill Doe

The remains of 38-year-old Blaine Has Tricks were found on September 7, 1977, when they were unearthed by a bulldozer in the Marysville Landfill in Snohomish County, Washington. It was estimated that he had been deceased for about 2 weeks.

The trash in which his remains were found had come from a business dumpster in downtown Seattle, which is where police believe he was murdered. Because of post-mortem trauma inflicted on the body, the

cause of death could not be determined, and the remains could not be identified. It took several years for his cranium and skeleton to be reassembled.

Has Tricks's remains were exhumed in June of 2011 to obtain DNA samples to try once again to identify him. He was entered into NamUs. In September of 2018, a DNA profile was obtained from his femur bone and entered into CODIS. In January of 2021, Othram extracted a DNA profile from his femur bone suitable for FGG. The funding was provided by Audiochuk.

A great-niece of Has Tricks was located on GEDMatch. Native American genealogist Martha Coleman performed the genealogical analysis as Has Tricks is a member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of South Dakota. The final confirmation was made to his living relatives.

Has Tricks disappeared in 1977 after travelling to Seattle with his brother, Clayton Ross Has Tricks. Police continue to investigate his homicide. Has Tricks has been returned to his tribe in North Dakota.

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### **Case ID 1440: Heinrich, Alisha Ann: Delta Dawn Doe**

See also: Simpson, Gary (Moss Point John Doe)

The body of a toddler, about 18 to 24 months old, was found on December 3, 1982 in Jackson County, Mississippi. A truck driver had seen the remains of an adult woman in the Escatawpa River off the Interstate-10 bridge and had phoned police. Earlier that evening, a woman in distress was seen walking down the I-10 with a toddler. The woman has never been found, but the remains of the little girl were located partially submerged and face up in the weeds. She died from drowning, but the autopsy revealed that there may have been an attempt to smother her first. She was nicknamed Delta Dawn.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram. They identified the child as the infant daughter of 23-year-old Gwendolyn Clemons, who is still missing. Mother and daughter were last seen on Thanksgiving in 1982, when they left Joplin, Missouri with an unidentified man. He later returned to Missouri and stated that he left Clemons and Heinrich in Florida. Police say that he is now deceased, but he is a suspect in their deaths. At the same time that Delta Dawn was found,

the body of an African American male was discovered and pulled from the river.

This case was funded by a good Samaritan. Catherine Serbousek had saved up some money for her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday but decided to spend it funding the identification of Delta Dawn. Serbousek had grown up in nearby Arkansas and had heard about Delta Dawn's murder as a child. They were similar in age, Serbousek identified with her. She then began to raise money to fund the identification of the male found with her. This investigation was also successful, and he is now known to be Gary Simpson.

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### **Case ID 1471: Heiser, Marie Petry**

The naked body of 50-year-old Marie Petry Heiser was found on June 27, 1977, in a ditch off a county road in Townsend, Delaware by a local teenager riding his bicycle. The Delaware medical examiner found that she had been the victim of a homicide. She had likely been in the ditch for several weeks before being located. She may have died from blunt-force trauma to the head; she may have fought back against an attacker, as evidenced by a fractured finger.

In 2008, a DNA profile was obtained and entered into CODIS and NAMUS. In 2017, Parabon Nanolabs performed forensic phenotyping and produced a composite sketch of the victim. The FGG investigation was also performed by Parabon, with the assistance of Montgomery County PD Officer Steven ‘Smugs’ Smugersky. The final confirmation was made to living family members of Heiser.

Heiser was a mother of two from Philadelphia. Heiser’s husband, a former police officer, had told their two children that she had packed her bags and left the family home. None of her children ever knew what had become of her.

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### **Case ID 1452: Hemmy, Jolaine: Pecos Jane Doe**

The body of 17-year-old Jolaine Hemmy was found on July 5, 1966, having drowned in a swimming pool at the Ropers Motel in Pecos, Texas. She had checked into the hotel with a man using the aliases of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Battoun. She died only a few hours later. The unknown male, who was sleeping in the motel room, fled and has not been located. Police believe that her death was an accident. She became known as the Pecos Jane Doe.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram and Innovative Forensic. It was partly funded by the Pecos Police Department, and partly through crowdfunding raised through Othram’s DNA Solves. The confirmation of Hemmy’s identity was made through her sister who provided her DNA.

Hemmy has 13 brothers and sisters, nine of whom are still living and who never stopped looking for her. She has been returned to her

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### Case ID 1845: Hendricks, Ronald V.

The skull of 39-year-old Ronald V. Hendricks were found on September 20, 2020 at Marlette Lake in Carson City, Nevada. Bikers on the Flume Trail came across his skull, and then the Carson City Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Unit and Professor Mary Cablk and K-9 Inca - who is specially trained to

locate human remains - located further skeletal remains on the mountain on the west side of the lake. Hendricks' cause of death could not be determined, and he could not be identified.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Intermountain Forensics in partnership with the Carson City Sheriff's Office. The final confirmation was made to Hendrick's living siblings, who uploaded their DNA to FTDNA to confirm the relationship.

Hendricks was reported missing from San Francisco in 1992. He was last seen near the area where he was found in December of 1992, in the Spooner Lake parking lot likely preparing to snowshoe to Spooner Lake. He is reported to have been suicidal at the time. A search for his remains in July of 1993 did not turn up any leads.

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### **Case ID 1386-1387: Herbst, Gary Albert: Barron County John Doe**

The remains of 63-year-old Gary Herbst were found on December 3, 2017 in Barron, Wisconsin. The search for his remains began when a dog was found chewing on a piece of human skull. He may have been deceased for several years before he was found, and he was determined to have been killed by a gunshot to the head. He became known as the Barron County John Doe.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. The investigation in this case took about two days. The confirmation of Herbst's identity was made to a living relative.

Police arrested Herbst's wife and son, Austin and Connie Herbst, for his murder on November 19, 2020. They told police that Herbst had left home in July of 2013, and they had not seen him since. Shortly after this, however, neighbours saw them selling some of Herbst's personal items. They were also seen loading a rolled-up carpet into a large truck. Cadaver dogs found traces of human decomposition and blood in the basement of the home.

Austin Herbst has indicated to police that his father had been abusive to his mother. Austin and Connie Herbst have both entered guilty pleas in Scott County. Austin was sentenced

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### **Case ID 1422: Herr, Wanda Ann**

The body of 19-year-old Wanda Ann Herr was found on August 2, 1986 in Mount Hood, Oregon. Two forest service workers found a partial skull and some bone fragments in a rural area near Government Camp. The remains had likely been in the area for several years.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. The investigation was funded by a grant from the National Institute of Justice to use FGG to identify human remains.

The final confirmation was made with Herr’s living sisters, who stated that she had not been seen since June of 1976, at which time she may have been living in a group home. Her killer has not yet been identified, and the homicide case remains open.

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## **Case ID 1733: Hickman, Leslie Page**

The skeletal remains of Leslie Page Hickman were located on October 19, 2004 in Tillamook County, Oregon. He was found in the Tillamook State Forest near Highway 26. His cause of death is not clear. Originally, it was thought that he had been deceased for about 2-3 years, but he likely died sometime around 1967.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs beginning in July of 2021. Forensic genetic genealogist CeCe Moore states that she was able to identify him about 10 hours, despite the fact that his top three matches were adopted.

Hickman was born in Washington County, Oregon in 1942. He was last seen in near Umatilla, where he may have been working in landscaping, in about 1967 or 1968. He was about 25 when he disappeared. The police continue to investigate his death.

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## **Case ID 1497: Hine, Nathan Eugene**

The body of 32-year-old Nathan Eugene Hine was found on May 9, 2016 on the eastern shores of Lake Laberge in the Yukon, Canada. A passerby found his body when it washed ashore. Despite extensive searches of the surrounding area, there were no clues as to the decedent's identity, or his cause of death. He was dressed in multiple layers, with work boots and gloves.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram. The final confirmation was made with living relatives in Saskatchewan.

Hine was originally from Alberta and had been living in the Yukon since about May of 2015. The RCMP continue to actively investigate the circumstances surrounding Hine's death, but his death is not considered to be suspicious.

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### **Case ID 1153: Hobson, Tracey Coreen: Anaheim Jane Doe**

The partially skeletonized remains of 20-year-old Tracey Coreen Hobson were found on August 30, 1987 in Anaheim, California. Her remains were scattered off the Santa Ana Canyon Road, where they had likely lain for about two months. She was nude and likely died from stab wounds. Her hands had been cut off. She became known as Anaheim Jane Doe.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. The confirmation was made with a living family member. Her killer has not yet been identified, and the case remains open.

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### **Case ID 1609: Hodgkinson, Merrybeth**

The skeletal remains of 31-year-old Merrybeth Hodgkinson were found on September 18, 1995, in Bensalem, Pennsylvania by a group of children who came across her skull while playing in the woods. Her naked body had been wrapped in a plastic tarp and dumped behind a diner. Investigators estimated that she had lain there for about two to three years. It is thought that she died of strangulation, but this could not be determined conclusively. She was buried in Telford under the name 'Jane Doe.'

Her body was exhumed for DNA testing in 2004 (alternatively reported as 2007). The FGG investigation was conducted by Jennifer Moore of Innovative Forensic Investigations. The final confirmation was made to Hodgkinson's living siblings.

Hodgkinson was from Warminster, Pennsylvania. She worked as an exotic dancer in Bucks County. She was last seen by her family in September of 1992. Police continue to search for her killer.

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### **Case ID 1217: Honeychurch, Marlyse Elizabeth**

See also:

Confidential (Dawn Beaudin/Lisa Jensen)  
McWaters, Sarah  
Rasmussen, Jane Doe  
Rasmussen, Terry Peder  
Vaughn, Marie

This case is part of a series of murders known as the Bear Brook Murders, or the Allenstown Murders. One of the most remarkable cold cases in U.S. history, the successful resolution of the Bear Brook murders by Barbara Rae-Venter led detectives to pursue similar

techniques in the search for the Golden State Killer.

The body of Marlyse Elizabeth Honeychurch was found on November 11, 1985, when a 55-gallon steel drum containing human remains was found in Bear Brook State Park near Allenstown, New Hampshire. The remains were of an adult woman and a young girl about 8-10. Honeychurch is thought to have been about 26 or 27 years old when she died. They had been killed by blunt force trauma to the head.

On May 9, 2000, a second steel drum was found only about 100 yards from the first. It contained the remains of two more young girls. The younger girl was 1-3 years old and the older was about 2-4 years old. It is thought that the four Bear Brook victims were killed sometime between 1978 and 1981.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Barbara Rae-Venter, a Search Angel, who volunteered at the non-profit organization DNAAdoption.com where she assisted adopted individuals to identify their birth families. Rae-Venter has a PhD in biochemistry, and she worked for many years as a patent attorney in the biotech industry. She is a leader in using genetic genealogy to identify living does.

At first, Rae-Venter was not looking to identify the Bear Brook victims. She was attempting to identify Lisa Jensen, a grown woman who had been abducted and abandoned by an unknown male when she was about 5 years old. Lisa thought she was the biological daughter of a man named Gordon Jensen. Jensen was a pseudonym for a man whose real identity was discovered by Rae-Venter to be Terry Peder Rasmussen – a

man who died in prison in California where he had been sentenced for the murder of his common-law wife. DNA testing showed that Rasmussen was not the father of Lisa Jensen, but he was the father of the toddler whose body was found in second barrel at Bear Brook. Rasmussen was then identified as the lead suspect in the murder of the four Bear Brook victims, and the case was cleared by exception.

In 1978, around the time of the Bear Brook murders, Rasmussen worked in Allenstown as an electrician and handyman near the property where the barrels were found. In about 1981, another young mother named Denise Beaudin and her 6-month-old daughter disappeared from New Hampshire in very similar circumstances. Beaudin's boyfriend at the time was Terry Rasmussen. The little girl was Lisa Jensen. They all moved to California together, but when Rasmussen was next seen in California he was in the company of only Lisa. Denise was never seen again after leaving New Hampshire with Rasmussen, and her body has not been located.

Rasmussen and Lisa lived in a trailer park in Scotts Valley, California in 1986. He then abandoned Lisa, who was then about 5 years old, with another family he met there. 'Gordon Jensen' was not seen again. Lisa Jensen was now a living Jane Doe, with no idea of when or where she was born, her parentage, or her name.

Lisa Jensen was a grown woman of 32 years old and a mother herself when the detectives working on her case approached Rae-Venter to identify her birth family. The lead detective working on Lisa's abduction was Detective Peter Headley of the San Bernardino County

Sheriff's Office. Rae-Venter and a team of volunteers used genetic genealogy to identify Lisa's birth family and try to find out where she came from and what had happened to her mother.

In 2016, Rae-Venter identified Lisa as Dawn Beaudin of New Hampshire. Lisa and her mother, Denise Beaudin, disappeared around Thanksgiving of 1981 with her boyfriend, Terry Rasmussen. Family members identified her boyfriend at the time as 'Bob Evans', which was the name that Rasmussen was using when he was living in New Hampshire.

Rae-Venter wanted to test the remains of the Bear Brook victims because she suspected that the woman in the barrel was Denise Beaudin, Lisa's mother. Up until that time, it had not been possible to obtain a DNA profile from the Bear Brook victims. In 2016, Rae-Venter contacted Dr. Ed Green, a researcher in paleo-genomics of the University of California at Santa-Cruz, as he had developed a new technique to extract autosomal DNA from rootless hair.

This new technique was successful in obtaining DNA profiles of the Bear Brook victims, and the investigation was finally able to progress. They discovered that the woman was not Denise Beaudin, but the middle girl was Rasmussen's biological daughter. She was not related to the other two little girls, who were found to be the daughters of the adult woman.

Rae-Venter then used FGG to identify the woman found at Bear Brook as Marlyse Elizabeth Honeychurch (b. 1954). The other body found in the barrel with her is her eldest daughter, Marie Vaughan (b. 1971). The infant girl found in the second barrel is

Honeychurch's youngest daughter, Sarah McWaters (b. 1977).

Marlyse Honeychurch was last seen on Thanksgiving Day in 1978, when she got into an argument with her family, and left with Terry Rasmussen, who was her boyfriend at the time. She was not seen alive again. Honeychurch and the three girls were likely killed sometime between 1978 and 1981, before Denise Beaudin and her daughter Lisa Jensen went missing in similar circumstances.

Jane Doe Rasmussen, the toddler found in the second barrel, is the biological daughter of Terry Rasmussen. The FGG investigation into her identity continues, as her mother is currently unknown. She has a mixed ancestry, with some African American, Native American, and possibly Asian heritage. Rae-Venter is constructing her family tree and believes the girl's mother may be from near Pearl River County, Mississippi, and possibly descended from Thomas 'Deadhorse' Mitchell (b. 1836) or William Livings (b. 1826).

Rasmussen died of lung cancer and emphysema at the High Desert Prison in Susanville, California in 2010. He had been convicted under yet another false name, 'Larry Vanner', for the 2002 murder of his common-law spouse, chemist Eunsoon Jun. He has been nicknamed the 'Chameleon Killer' for the way in which he is able to move, change his identity, and begin a new life with a new family. When DNA testing showed that he was not the biological father of Lisa Jensen, he denied knowing or remembering the little girl at all.

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### **Case ID 1696: Hoppes, Susan: Windy Point Jane Doe**

The partial skeletal remains of 45-year-old Susan Hoppes were found on July 7, 1994 near the Smokehouse Campground, Colorado. Hikers found her skull on the Uncompahgre Plateau at a place called Windy Point. Further remains, a belt, and some hair were later

found as well. An autopsy could not determine her cause of death, but police are investigating it as a homicide. They believe she was killed elsewhere and then moved to Windy Point.

She was found to have had TMJ (tempromandibular joint) syndrome and scoliosis. Forensic odontology and anthropology were performed. A clay reconstruction of what she looked like was made, but she could not be identified.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. It has not been reported if a third party company assisted in the FGG investigation. Hoppes' case is one of 100 cases that have been identified by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation as being suitable for FGG.

Hoppes was reported missing on August 9, 1993 from Pierce County, Washington. Police continue to investigate her homicide, and have travelled to Pierce County to investigate further.

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#### **Case ID 1460: Hunt, Erica Nicole: Evangeline Parish Jane Doe**

The skeletal remains of Erica Nicole Hunt were found on December 30, 2018, partially buried in a field near Ville Platte, Louisiana. She was last seen near her home in Boudin-Opelousas on July 3, 2016, and her family filed a missing person report on July 6, 2016. She is thought to have died sometime in 2017, and her death is being treated as a homicide.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. The police are continuing with their investigation into Hunt’s murder.

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#### **Case ID 1323: Huskey, Sue Ann: Corona Girl**

The body of 17-year-old Sue Ann Huskey was found on September 25, 1989 in Williamson County, Texas, just off the Interstate-35. She was wearing a fringed ‘Cinco de Corona’ T-shirt, and this is what gave her the nickname ‘Corona Girl’ by which she was known for the next 31 years. Huskey was found by two highway workers who had stopped there to eat lunch. One of them saw the body when he went to relieve himself near a fence. She had died from multiple gunshot wounds and had been deceased for about 1 to 2 weeks.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project under the direction of Kevin Lord. Bone and tooth samples proved difficult to extract from Huskey’s remains, and they were sent to the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP) in The Hague to construct a DNA profile that was compatible with GEDmatch.

Huskey has been returned to her family. She was the youngest of seven siblings, and the local community have raised the funds to dedicate a memorial to her. She had gone missing from her home in Sulphur Springs earlier that summer. Her killer has not been

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### Case ID 1165: Isaacs, Carl Jr.: John Clinton Doe/Rock County John Doe

Known for almost 25 years as the John Clinton Doe or the Rock County John Doe, his body was found on November 26, 1995 in Clinton, Wisconsin, on the banks of Turtle Creek. He was lying face down, and he was wearing camo pants, a plaid jacket, and a band shirt. His death is not considered to be suspicious.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. Bode Technologies extracted a DNA profile from his femur bone.

John Clinton Doe was about 16 years old when he died. His identity is being kept confidential, and police state that they are still in the process of confirming his identity. It is estimated that he died in about the fall or winter of 1994. He may have passed away from hypothermia, perhaps assisted by intoxication.

In June of 2022, the identity of John Clinton Doe was announced as Carl Isaacs Jr. His father was exhumed, and his DNA was compared with that of his father by the University of North Texas School of Biological Sciences Forensic Unit. Without the exhumation, there would have been no way to confirm the identity of Isaacs.

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### **Case ID 1233: Jackson, Debra Louise: Orange Socks**

The body of 23-year-old Debra Louise Jackson was found on October 31, 1979 in Georgetown, Texas. A passerby discovered her body in a concrete drainage ditch just off the Interstate-35. She had been sexually assaulted and strangled. She was naked except for a pair of bright orange socks.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. Confirmation was made to a living sister after she had seen DNA Doe's publicity about the ongoing investigation.

Serial killer Henry Lee Lucas confessed to the murder of Orange Socks. He was convicted and sentenced to death in 1984. At that time, Lucas was confessing to a very large and growing number of murders. He recanted this confession shortly after his conviction, along with most of his other confessions.

A 1986 Report by Jim Mattix, then Attorney General for Texas, found that many of Lucas' confessions – including that for the murder of Orange Socks – were unsafe because police had used unsound interrogations techniques that were likely to elicit false confessions. Lucas took police to the place where he had dumped Jackson's body off the I-35, but these details may have been given to Lucas from the case file. The Attorney General's investigation also found numerous witnesses who testified that Lucas had been living and working in Florida at the time of Jackson's murder.

Lucas' death sentence was commuted by then-Texas Governor George Bush. Lucas is the only offender on Death Row in Texas whose death sentence was commuted by Bush. Although the murder conviction has not been vacated, it is considered unsound and the police continue to investigate Jackson's murder. Therefore, this case has been entered here as a wrongful conviction. Lucas passed away in prison in 2001 at the age of 64.

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#### **Case ID 1825: Jackson, Douglas Wayne**

The remains of Douglas Wayne Jackson were found on December 7, 2018 just outside of Fort Lupton, Colorado. A survey crew found skeletal remains in a rural area of Weld County. Some clothing, a backpack, and other personal items were also recovered, but the remains could not be identified.

Investigators determined that Jackson had been the victim of a homicide, and that his remains had likely lain in the area for a considerable period of time.

A forensic reconstruction of his face was completed in July of 2020 and released to the

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Police continue to investigate Jackson’s murder.

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#### **Case ID 1689: Jager, Ronald Wayne: Allegan County John Doe 2014**

Ronald Wayne Jager’s upper jaw bone was found on July 31, 2014 on the beach of Lake Michigan in Ganges Township, Saugatuck,

Michigan. The bone had washed up on the beach, and was found by a jogger. The bones and teeth showed significant weathering, leading investigators to believe that it had been exposed to the elements for a significant period of time. Further remains were found later that year in Oceana County, Michigan, and these remains were matched to the jaw bone.

A DNA profile was extracted from the jaw bone by the University of North Texas and uploaded into CODIS, but this produced no leads. The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. The final confirmation was made to living relatives.

Jager was a fisherman from Fruitland Township who disappeared in August of 2000 after launching his boat at the municipal boat launch in Whitehall. His boat was located on August 4, 2000, but no trace of Jager could be found. Jager was 59 years old when he disappeared. Investigators believe his death was due to drowning. His remains will now be returned to his family.

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#### Case ID 1547: Jarvis, Sherri Ann

The body of 14-year-old Sherri Ann Jarvis was found by a truck driver on November 1, 1980, along Interstate-45 in Walker County, Texas. She had been beaten, raped, and died by strangulation. She was found naked, lying face down in a grassy area. A necklace and a pair of red leather sandals were found nearby. She had likely been strangled with a pair of her own pantyhose. She could not be identified, and so for the next 41 years she was known only as Walker County Jane Doe.

The FGG investigation was performed by Othram. Her body was exhumed in 1999 for modern DNA testing, but this produced no leads at the time. Bone samples taken at the time proved unsuited for autosomal DNA SNP testing. Samples of brain tissue preserved from Jarvis' autopsy in 1980 were eventually located, and a suitable profile was obtained after several rounds of testing – despite the fact that these were formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded samples. The final confirmation was made by kinship testing with living relatives.

Jarvis had been removed from her family home in Stillwater, Minnesota for habitual truancy. After her apprehension by child welfare authorities, she ran away. She had

written to her family shortly after she left, in which she told them that she planned to return home. Her family reported her missing, and hired a private investigator, but were unable to locate her.

The police are continuing their investigation into Jarvis' murder.

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#### Case ID 1692: Jeffrey, Dean: D'Iberville John Doe

The remains of Dean Jeffrey were found in April of 2020 in D'Iberville, Mississippi. His body was found in the water, about 20 feet from the shore. He was wearing a sweatshirt with a cartoon of an alien and the phrase "Nobody Freakin Cares." His cause of death

could not be determined, nor could he be identified. He became known as D'Iberville John Doe.

The FGG investigation was performed by Othram beginning in 2021. The funding for the investigation was provided by Carla Davis, who has assisted in the identification of two other decedents in Mississippi to date. Davis performed the genealogical research in this case as well.

There is no word on how the final confirmation was made. Police continue to investigate Jeffrey's death.

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#### Case ID 1735: Jensen, Mary: Ramsey Co Jane Doe 1977

The remains of Mary Jensen were found in the Mississippi River on July 20, 1977 in St. Paul, Minnesota. It is thought that she had died sometimes earlier in 1977. Her cause of death has not been disclosed.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. The investigation was complex, and took about 850 hours. There were limited matches, many of which were distant, and came from Finland and Italy. The funds for the investigation were raised by DNA Doe.

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#### Case ID 1763: Johnson, James Orin Sr.

The remains of 32-year-old James Orin Johnson Sr. were found on January 13, 2002 in Ridgefield, Washington.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Bode Technologies in partnership with the Clark County Medical Examiner's Office. The family tree was traced back to a pair of sisters who lived in the mid-1800s in Oregon.

The final confirmation was made when James Johnson Jr. uploaded his DNA to GEDmatch and was found to be the biological son of the decedent.

Johnson leaves behind an ex-spouse and three adult children. Johnson was working for carnivals, and moving around a good deal at the time of his disappearance. His family often looked for him, and even hired a private investigator, but could not obtain any news of his whereabouts. The family states that they have now been brought closer together.

News reports state that Johnson may have died by suicide.

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### **Case ID 1817: Johnson, Michael E.**

The remains of 53-year-old Michael E. Johnson were found on October 26, 1998 floating in the Columbia River in Vancouver, Washington. He died from a gunshot wound to his head.

The FGG investigation was conducted by a laboratory in Virginia in partnership with the Clark County Medical Examiner's Office. Reports did not confirm that the laboratory was Parabon Nanolabs, but stated that forensic phenotypic was used in conjunction with the FGG investigation. The final confirmation was made to Johnson's living family members.

Johnson's brothers reported that he had not been heard from since leaving California in 1998. Police continue to investigate his death, and have not confirmed whether it is a homicide.

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### **Case ID 1289: Johnson, Peggy Lynn: Racine County Jane Doe**

The body of 23-year-old Peggy Johnson was found on July 21, 1999, in Racine County, Wisconsin. She was found by a man walking his dog and his 16-year-old daughter. Johnson had died of pneumonia and infection, and she had been deceased about 12 hours when she was found. The post-mortem examination found that she was a victim of extreme and long-term abuse. Johnson was malnourished, had been severely beaten and sexually assaulted. Before she died, she had suffered burns, as well as blunt force trauma to most of her body, as well as cuts, a battered left ear, and a fractured nose. The teenage girl who found her body, Megan Rios, would go on to college to study criminal justice as a result of her experience.

Johnson's body was exhumed in October of 2013 for DNA testing and modern forensic anthropological analysis and isotope testing. The FGG investigation was conducted by Barbara Rae-Venter of Gene By Gene, the parent company of FTDNA.

After identifying Johnson, police arrested 64-year-old Linda LaRoche and charged her with first degree murder and hiding a corpse.

Johnson had lived with her mother, Diane Schroeder, in Harvard, Illinois until her mother's death in November of 1994. Her father was long deceased. Johnson was now alone, and she had significant cognitive disabilities. She went for help at a local medical clinic in McHenry, Illinois, and there she met a nurse named Linda LaRoche. La Roche took the disabled girl of 18-years into her home.

A friend of Johnson's visited her at the LaRoche home shortly after she moved in and said that Peggy seemed happy to be taking care of the children and to have found such a good home, as she had grown up very poor. The friend tried to contact her again, but LaRoche had told her that Peggy had run away.

LaRoche initially claimed that Johnson had a drug overdose and ran away. Johnson had been working for LaRoche for 5 years at that time and had never received any pay beyond room and board. LaRoche's ex-husband and children have confirmed that she abused Johnson. Johnson was given inadequate food, made to sleep under a crawl space like an animal, and had once been hit in the head with a pitchfork.

LaRoche has stated that she dropped Johnson off that day in a rural area in Wisconsin and never saw her again. The case against her is pending in Racine County Circuit Court.

On March 16, 2022, a jury in Racine County found LaRoche guilty of first-degree intentional homicide and concealing a body. On May 23, 2022, LaRoche was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

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### **Case ID 1402: Johnson, Rodney Peter: Lake Stickney John Doe**

The body of 25-year-old Rodney Peter Johnson was found on June 11, 2020 in Snohomish County, Washington. He was discovered floating in the lake by a fisherman. He had been shot in the head and had likely remained underwater for several years due to the extent of adipocere – a fatty substance produced during putrefaction when bodies are disposed in anaerobic environments, also known as ‘corpse wax.’ Johnson became known as the Lake Stickney John Doe.

Johnson was last seen by his family in the late 1987 when he left home for a camping trip. Authorities think he was killed in late 1987. His family looked for him for several years, and made a missing person report sometime in about 1996.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram and Jane Jorgensen of the Snohomish County Medical Examiner’s Office. The DNA was badly degraded and contaminated, and obtaining a profile was difficult. Investigators also used mtDNA and Johnson’s unique maternal lineage to assist in his identification – his is one of the few cases to be identified using this method.

It was also difficult for forensic anthropologists to perform an accurate facial reconstruction in his case, due to his mixed race. He was thought to be partly African American, and perhaps partly Asian. Forensic sketches depicted him as a younger and an older African American man, and as a stout Asian man. Genealogical testing showed that Johnson has some Native American ancestry, descended from members of the Lummi tribe

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Johnson is thought to be a victim of homicide, and the investigation into his murder is ongoing.

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#### Case ID 1515: Jones, Kimberly Rena: White Hills Jane Doe

The body of 18-year-old Kimberly Rena Jones was found on September 28, 2016, in a ravine just off Highway 93 north of Dolan Springs, Arizona. She was found by a local couple hiking in the area. Her body was too decomposed to determine a cause of death, but investigators are treating it as a homicide. Because she was found in the White Hills area, she became known as the White Hills Jane Doe.

In February of 2020, the case was transferred to the Mohave County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit (SIU), who exhumed Jones' body in October of 2020 to extract a new DNA profile through whole genome sequencing. There is currently no information on who performed the laboratory work or the FGG investigation.

Jones was reported missing out of San Bernardino, California, in 2017. Investigators in Arizona were not aware of the missing person report. The homicide investigation into Jones' death is ongoing.

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### **Case ID 1518: Jordan, Laura Jean: Laura N Layla Phoenix Doe**

The body of Laura Jean Jordan was found on July 9, 2017 in downtown Phoenix, Arizona, behind a residence near 22<sup>nd</sup> Place and Garfield Street. She was determined to have died from heat exposure. She was wearing a white shirt with green dots, and black pants that were too large for her. She had no teeth. She had a tattoo that said 'Laura N Layla', and so she became known as Laura N Layla Phoenix Doe.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. Although close relatives were found on FTDNA as well as GEDmatch, DNA Doe Project stated that the research was complicated due to endogamy and the dearth of public records. The final confirmation was made using fingerprints.

The DNA Doe Project was assisted in this case by interns earning their graduate certificate in Forensic Genetic Genealogy at the University of New Haven.

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### **Case ID 1622: Judson, Stephanie Renee: Ada Bones Jane Doe 1997**

The decomposed remains of Stephanie Renee Judson were found on July 31, 1997, in a wooded area in Ada, Michigan. Her body was found by a maintenance worker picking up trash. Her autopsy found that she was an African American female, between the age of 20 and 30, but she could not be identified. She is thought to have been killed sometime in the spring or summer of 1996. She became known for the next 25 years as Ada Bones Jane Doe 1997.

A clay reconstruction of her face was produced by a forensic artist in 2009. A DNA profile suitable for FGG analysis was

obtained in April of 2021. The FGG investigation was performed by the DNA Doe Project. They were able to locate a second cousin, and build up several family trees going back to Mississippi. The final confirmation was made with a living family member of Judson.

Judson was born in Benton Harbour in 1966 and had lived in Grand Rapids since 1980. She was about 30 years old when she was killed. Police continue to investigate her homicide.

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#### Case ID 1184: Julie Valentine

See also: Baby Boy Doe

The body of newborn Julie Valentine was found on February 13, 1990 in Greenville, South Carolina. The baby was placed in a Sears Kenmore vacuum cleaner box and disposed of in a rubbish heap in a field. She was found by a man picking flowers for his wife for Valentine's Day, and this is the source of her nickname. An autopsy determined that she had been born alive.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. Investigators identified Brook Graham as the possible mother. Police approached Graham and asked her to provide a sample for DNA testing, but she refused, and a warrant was obtained. This conformed she was the mother of Julie Valentine.

Police then arrested Graham and charged her with the homicide in the death of Julie Valentine. The charges were upgraded to murder from homicide by child abuse, since this offence did not exist at the time of Julie Valentine's death.

Graham would have been about 24 years-old at the time of Julie Valentine's birth. She is also charged with homicide by child abuse in connection with the death of Julie Valentine's older brother, Baby Boy Doe, discussed above. The father of Julie Valentine alleges that Graham also tried to kill her first-born child by putting it in the toilet, but he found the baby and obtained medical care. He is not being charged in connection with the two deaths. Graham has two living children who are now grown.

Graham has a lengthy criminal record for fraud. She was been released on bond while awaiting trial in Pitt County Superior Court.

On May 12, 2022, she entered an Alford plea to two charges of unlawful neglect of a child and one charge of desecration of human remains in connection with Julie Valentine. The offence of desecration had not yet been passed at the time of Baby Boy Doe's birth. The medical examiner stated that it was not possible for an autopsy to confirm that the two infants were born alive and died thereafter, due to the decomposition of the remains. Graham is awaiting a pre-sentence report for sentencing.

Julie Valentine became a symbol for abused children and child-abuse prevention.

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### **Case ID 1519: Kampf, Theodore Frederick**

The remains of 46-year-old Theodore Frederick Kampf were found on May 21, 1983 in Dawson City in the Yukon, Canada. His remains were initially found by a person collecting firewood in a wooded area near the North Fort Dam. His lower torso was later found buried near the road. It is thought that he was the victim of a homicide, and that his

remains were buried and later dug up by animals.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram on behalf of the RCMP’s Yukon Historic Case Unit. The University of North Texas Health Science Center assisted in the investigation. The New Jersey State Police and the Oaklyn Police Department matched the remains to Kampf, although it is not stated if this match was to a living relative or a sample from Kampf himself.

Kampf had travelled to Canada on vacation in July of 1981 from his home in Camden County, New Jersey. His family had reported him missing in October of 1981.

The RCMP believe that Kampf was murdered by an unknown person in July of 1981. Their investigation into the homicide is continuing.

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#### **Case ID 1224: Kelso, Roger Hearne**

The body of 19-year-old Roger Hearne Kelso was found on April 23, 1985 in Glen Burnie, Maryland. A trash can was dug up during the construction of the Marley Station Mall and Kelso’s body was discovered inside. Investigators did not know how long he had been dead, but the coins in his pockets were dated 1963. Kelso had died from upper body trauma.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs.

Kelso had left home sometime in 1962 or 1963, when he was about 20 years old. He told his family that he had a new job, and he would contact them soon. He never returned home, and his family never knew what became of him. The homicide investigation remains open.

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#### **Case ID 1320: King, Kraig Patrick: Barron County John Doe**

The body of 21-year-old Craig King was found on September 21, 1982 in Barron County, Wisconsin. His skeletal remains were found along Highway 25 by loggers, who at first thought it was a pile of clothing. King had been stabbed at least three times in his upper abdomen – wounds that were so deep that they penetrated his spine. He is thought to have been killed in April or May of 1982. He was known for almost four decades only as the Barron County John Doe.

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### **Case ID 1016: King, Marcia Lenore: Buckskin Girl**

The body of Marcia Lenore Sossomon King was found on April 24, 1981 in Miami County, Ohio. She had been dead for about two days. She had been beaten and strangled and her body was left in a ditch. She had pigtails and was wearing a homemade fringed buckskin leather poncho. Because of this, she became known as the Buckskin Girl.

Investigators tried a number of methods over the years to identify the Buckskin Girl, including isotope testing and pollen analysis. The DNA profile in this case was obtained from a blood sample that had been stored

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## **Case ID 1384: Kirkum, Wanda Dean: Valentine Jane Doe**

See also: Robert Bradley

The body of 18-year-old Wanda Dean Kirkum was found on February 15, 1991 in the Florida Keys. She had been raped and strangled with her bathing suit top. Because she is thought to have been killed on Valentine's Day, she became known as 'Valentine Jane Doe.'

The FGG investigation was performed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE).

The lead suspect in Kirkum's homicide, Robert Bradley, was also identified by the FDLE, making this one of a small number of cases in which both the victim and the perpetrator of a homicide were identified using FGG. Bradley himself was murdered in Tarrant County, Texas in April 1992 when he was 31 years old. A DNA sample taken at Bradley's autopsy was used to confirm that his profile was consistent with the sample recovered from Kirkum's homicide.

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## **Case ID 1514: Kirov, Michael**

The body of 30-year-old Michael Kirov was found on July 28, 1995, at a railway crossing in Regina, Saskatchewan. He had been hit by an oncoming CP Rail train, and had no identification on his person, or in his backpack, although he did have a distinctive silver broach shaped like a rose. The train's engineer, Bruce Henderson, stated that it appeared that Kirov did not heed the train's horn and whistle and deliberately stepped in front of the eastbound train.

A DNA profile was produced by BCIT in 2007, but generated no hits in law enforcement databases. The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram Inc. A new DNA sample was obtained from Kirov's remains in 2019, and Othram produced a DNA profile suitable for genealogical analysis in December of 2020. Othram identified three first cousins of Kirov.

Kirov had gone missing from Winnipeg, Manitoba sometime in 1991 after the death of his beloved mother. He changed his name from Michael Lewis to Michael Kirov at that time, and he lost touch with his family. Investigators have ruled his death a suicide.

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#### Case ID 1587: Klug, Roland: Winnebago County John Doe

The remains of 65-year-old Ronald D. Klug were found on April 29, 2015, near a set of railroad tracks in the town of Vinland, Illinois. The remains included bone fragments, including some from Klug’s skull and teeth. The coroner estimated that his remains may have lain there for up to two years. Authorities have not disclosed a case of death, but they do not believe that it involved foul play.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram, who obtained a DNA profile from fragments of Klug’s skull. The final confirmation was made to living relatives.

Klug was originally from Oshkosh, and was a Vietnam War veteran. He has been returned to his family.

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### **Case ID 1803: Knippers, Karen Kay: Pulaski County Jane Doe**

The remains of 32-year-old Karen Kay Knippers were found on May 25, 1981 near Dixon, Missouri. Her body was found in a low river crossing near Highway MM north of Dixon. She had suffered trauma to her face, and likely died from being strangled with a pair of pantyhose. She was found clothed, but with no shoes. She is thought to have been dead about one day before being found. She could not be identified, and was buried at the Waynesville Cemetery.

Knippers was exhumed in 2015 for further investigation, which was performed with the assistance of the University of North Texas, as well as the University of South Florida.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project in partnership with the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office, beginning in April of 2019. DNA was uploaded to both GEDmatch and FTDNA. The latter turned up a second cousin, and Knippers was identified as a candidate within a few hours. Funding for the investigation was raised by the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office and Detective Renno. The final confirmation was made to Knippers' brother in Alexandria, Virginia.

Knippers' family lost contact with her sometime in the early 1980s. Police continue to investigate her murder.

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### **Case ID 1506: Knox, Steven Lee: Snohomish Jetty Doe**

The body of 24-year-old Steven Lee Knox was found by boaters on June 1980 floating in the Snohomish River. An autopsy determined that he had died by drowning. Authorities could not determine if his death was suspicious. The individual had no wallet, and could not be identified.

Knox's body was exhumed in 2008 for DNA testing. A profile was obtained, and was submitted to NamUs (National Missing and Unidentified Persons System), as well as the FBI's NCIC (National Crime Information Center) database. No leads were obtained.

A new DNA profile was produced in 2019 by the University of North Texas Health Science Center from a section of Knox's thigh bone. A new portrait was also created at this time.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram. Funding for this project was provided through a private donation from Audiochuk. The final confirmation was made through dental records on file with the U.S. Air Force.

Knox was last seen in May of 1980 in Everett, Washington after his tour of service in the U.S. Air Force. He was reported missing by his family, who state that Knox was concerned for his safety shortly before he disappeared, and they suspect he may have been murdered.

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#### Case ID 1766: Konstantinidis, Kleanthis: St. Tammany Parish John Doe

The remains of 65-year-old Kleanthis Konstantinidis were found on July 29, 2016, near White Kitchen, in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana. His remains were located along the side of the Interstate-90 and Louisiana 433 Highways in a remote area near Lake Pontchartrain. He was badly decomposed, and had been dismembered - his arms and one of his legs had been removed at the knee. An autopsy concluded that he had died from blunt force trauma to the head. There was no evidence of his identity. He had an open-heart bypass surgery.

In April of 2019, police in Biloxi, Mississippi were conducting a search in the home of a man named Phillip Pointer who was recently deceased from natural causes. There, they found a severed foot in a bucket. DNA analysis led to the conclusion that the foot belonged to Kleanthis Konstantinidis.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. The case was challenging, as there were few close matches, and many of the documents were located in countries where genealogical records are scarce, including Greece, Turkey, and the Balkans. Parabon Nanolabs also performed forensic phenotyping in the case in 2016 and determined that he was a white male with fair skin, brown hair, and brown or hazel eyes. The final confirmation was made to a living family member of Konstantinidis.

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### Case ID 1536: Kraicinsky, John: Marion County Ohio John Doe 1989

The decomposed remains of 34-year-old John Kraicinsky were found on July 19, 1989 by children playing at Flat Rock Run Creek near Caledonia, Ohio. The children first spied a black running Adidas shoe and, upon further investigation, Kraicinsky's body was found floating in the water along the bank of the creek. The coroner ruled his death a homicide, likely by strangulation as well as a puncture wound made by a gun or arrow.

The FGG investigation was performed by the DNA Doe Project using a DNA sample extracted from Kraicinsky's skull. The DNA extraction was performed by DNA Solutions with additional extraction by the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICCMP) in The Hague. The process was facilitated by finding relatives with an Eastern European admixture similar to that of Kraicinsky. The final confirmation of his identity was made with John's siblings.

Kraicinsky was last seen by his family when he moved out of their home in Galion, Ohio in the summer of 1989 – about a month before his death. His family states that he had a mental illness, and would often leave home for periods of time. The police continue to investigate his homicide.

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## Case ID 1799: Lane, Sharon Kay Abbott

The skeletal remains of 34-year-old Sharon Kay Abbott Lane were found on December 6, 1993 in Centreville, Virginia. She was found by landscapers at the base of a cedar tree. Police found some items scattered near the scene that may have belonged to the victim, including jewelry, a comb, a banana clip, and some deteriorated clothing. Her cause of death was determined to be by stab wounds to her upper body. She could not be identified.

Her remains were exhumed for an anthropological examination by the Smithsonian in 2011, and her data was entered into NamUs. The FGG investigation

was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Fairfax County Police Department, beginning in 2022. The FGG investigation was crowdfunded by Othram. The final confirmation was made to her brother and children.

Lane was last seen by her family in about 1987. Her father is reported to have received an anonymous phone call about 3-4 years later claiming that Lane was dead. Police continue to investigate her murder.

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## **Case ID 1477: Lane, William Everette: John Doe 29**

See also: Pamela Dianne Duffey

The bodies of 20-year-old Pamela Dianne Duffey and 19-year-old William Everette Lane were found on November 17, 1980 buried in a remote area of the Mojave Desert near Ludlow, California. They were found buried in a shallow grave by an archaeologist. Their bodies were naked, and autopsies showed that they had died from a combination of blunt force trauma and gunshot wounds.

Investigators could not identify the bodies, but they suspected the couple had been murdered by a man named Howard Neal. Neal had lived in Ludlow at the time of the murders and had left with his wife and child shortly after. He moved to Mississippi, where he murdered his brother, and raped and murdered his 13-year-old sister and her 12-year-old friend. Their remains were found in February of 1981. He then left and moved to Stockton, California, where he was arrested for petty theft. He was then extradited to Mississippi for the triple murder. He was convicted in February of 1982 and sentenced to death. In about 1990, Neal's attorneys had the death sentence commuted as a result of Neal's IQ tests, which showed that he was on the borderline of being mentally challenged.

Investigators were not permitted to interview Neal until August of 2017. At that time, Neal told investigators that he had picked up the couple while they were hitchhiking and taken them back to his residence where he made sexual advances to the female. An argument then broke out between Neal and the male, during which Neal shot and killed him. He

then sexually assaulted and killed the female. He buried their bodies in the Mojave Desert south of Highway 66. All he could tell investigators was that the female had left a daughter behind in Arkansas, that the male was a 'hippie', and they were hitchhiking across the country together.

Investigators still could not identify the victims. After several attempts, they were able to obtain DNA profiles which were uploaded into CODIS, but this produced no matches. There is currently no information on who conducted the FGG investigation, or when it commenced. On December 11, 2020, investigators noticed that a close relative of Duffey had uploaded her DNA to GEDmatch and the results indicated that it was Duffey's daughter.

Duffey's daughter, 41-year-old Christine Marie Salley, had hired a private investigator in April of 2018 to help her find her birth parents. She would later upload her DNA to GEDmatch for this purpose. Investigators confirmed the mother-daughter match through DNA testing at the California Department of Justice laboratory.

Salley told investigators that her mother was Pamela Duffey, and that she was travelling with a man named 'Digger' Lane, who had recently been released from prison in Virginia. Through this information and the assistance of the Virginia State Police, investigators were able to identify the unknown male as William Everette Lane, from Jacksonville, Florida. His identity was confirmed through DNA testing with his mother.

Charges of homicide and sexual assault have been brought against Neal. The remains of

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### Case ID 1751: Langley, Cadence: Artesia Doe

The remains of 14-year-old Cadence Langley were located on October 26, 2020 in Safford, Arizona. She had been shot in the back of the head. She had been placed in a box and then disposed of in a livestock trough in the desert, where she was found by quail hunters. There were some toys near her body. Since she was found near Artesia Road, she became known as Artesia Doe.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Innovative Forensic Investigations, in partnership with the Graham County Sheriff's Office and the FBI. Astrea Forensics in California produced a DNA profile from a tooth and a hair. The FBI also produced a profile from bone. It was determined that Cadence was the daughter of Amber Langley and John Wesley Langley Jr.

Amber Langley was arrested on August 24, 2022, and charged with theft and fraud as she continued to receive government disability benefits for the two years since her daughter died. She has now been charged with first-degree murder in the death of her daughter.

An FBI agent interviewed Amber on June 7, 2022, at which time Amber reportedly stated that her daughter was alive and living with her in Springfield, Oregon. She is currently being held on a \$2 million bond in Graham County. She had been telling relatives that she sent her daughter away to live with other family members. She is a military veteran, and has two other children in her care.

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### **Case ID 1776: Leech, William P.: Jackson County John Doe 1996**

The partial skeletal remains of 47-year-old William P. Leech were found on June 16, 1996 in a wooded area of Moss Point, Mississippi. Some clothing was found near the bones, but no identification. A facial reconstruction was performed, and a clay bust was produced, but he could not be identified.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Moss Point Police Department and the Mississippi Office of the State Medical Examiner, beginning in 2021. Carla Davis provided funding and conducted the genealogical portion of the investigation.

Leech was from Panama City, Florida. Police continue to investigate his death.

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The body of 16-year-old Anne Marie Lehman was found on August 18, 1971 in Josephine County, Oregon. Her skeletal remains had been scattered in the woods and were found by a father and son who had camped there the night before. For nearly five decades, she was known only as Annie Doe – a name that investigators felt was fitting for her.

Her face was reconstructed in 2004, and isotope analysis was performed in 2016, but turned up few leads. The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. The

confirmation was made to Annie's living sister.

Annie had disappeared from her home in Aberdeen, Washington, a few months earlier. It is not known how she went missing. Her homicide is still under investigation.

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#### Case ID 1835: Leslie, Rickey Allen: Harden County John Doe 2006

The remains of 63-year-old Rickey Allen Leslie were found on December 30, 2006 in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. He was found by local hunters along the side of the I-65 highway. The man was thought to have been between about 50 to 70 years of age, and was dressed in a red plaid flannel shirt, a grey polo top, and jeans. He had no identification, and was thought to have lain there for several weeks before being found. His cause of death could not be determined, but he is thought to have died of natural causes.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project in partnership with the Hardin County Coroner's Office, beginning in 2021. It took about seven months of laboratory work to obtain a DNA profile. The genealogical investigation was complicated through pedigree collapse, but a large X-match on the paternal side assisted with the identification. The final confirmation was made to a living family member.

Leslie was living in a hotel in Elizabethtown at the time of his death. His sister had left him there temporarily in December of 2006, and was coming back to take him to live with her since he was suffering from mental health issues. When she returned a few days later, he was gone and she could not locate him.

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### **Case ID 1567: Lewis, William Joseph: Jasper County John Doe**

See also: Brandenburg, John Ingram Jr.: Brad Doe of Newton County

The remains of 19-year-old William Joseph ("Bill") Lewis were found on October 14, 1983, in a field near Rensselaer, Ohio. A man setting fox traps came across scattered human bone fragments on his rural property. Several bones were discovered, including a skull, as well as some clothing and a Zippo lighter engraved with the name 'Arlene.' The coroner could not identify the remains, and he became known for the next 38 years as the Jasper County John Doe.

The FGG investigation was led by Bryan Worters of Redgrave Research Forensic Services, along with the Trans Doe Task Force, that assists in the identification of trans and LGBTQ+ individuals. Within about 6 days, they located Lewis' seven siblings, and the final confirmation was made to his living relatives.

Convicted serial killer Larry Eyler confessed in 1994 to killing Lewis, along with 21 other young men shortly before his execution. He told his attorney, Kathleen Zellner, that he picked Lewis up on November 20, 1982, near Vincennes and they drove together towards Jasper County. Eyler gave Lewis a beer and a sleeping pill named 'Placidyl'.

Eyler died of complications relating to HIV/AIDS in prison on March 6, 1994.

Lewis, originally from Peru, Indiana, has been returned to his family. He will be buried next to his father.

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## Case ID 1604: Little, Frank: Twinsburg John Doe 1982

The partial remains of 39-year-old Frank (“Frankie”) Little Jr. were found on February 18, 1982, by the workers at a business on Cannon Road in Twinsburg, Ohio. They located the skull behind the establishment, and police then located a garbage bag containing further remains nearby. Little had been subjected to stabbing and blunt force trauma, his remains had been set on fire after his death, and then dismembered and placed in the garbage bag. Investigators believed him to be an African American male, about 5’6”, and somewhere between 20 and 35 years old. He had a noticeable forward curvature of the spine. Investigators were not able to identify him. He became known for nearly 40 years only as the Twinsburg John Doe.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. Even after uploading Little’s DNA profile to both GEDmatch and FTDNA, few close relatives could be located, although it appeared that Little had a close connection to Laurens County, South Carolina. Volunteers constructed over 70 family trees to sort through over 4,000 distant relative matches. Several of the top matches had an unknown paternity. The final confirmation was made to brother who is living in Georgia.

Little was a guitarist and songwriter for the popular 1960s R&B band, The O’Jays – which was inducted into the Rock and Roll

Hall of Fame in 2005. He was born in Cleveland in 1943 and served for the U.S. forces in Vietnam. His former bandmates stated that he left the band to come back to Cleveland because he was in love. He has a daughter who has passed away, and a son whom investigators are looking for, although the last years of his life remain a mystery.

Police continue to search for his killer.

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## **Case ID 1491: Lombard, Gerald (“Jerry”): Hog Trail John Doe #1**

The body of 31-year-old Gerald (“Jerry”) Lombard was found on February 1, 1994 in a wooded area of Port Charlotte, Florida, near Wyandotte Avenue and Tulip Street. The body was found by a local construction worker. The victim’s body had been mutilated, and the circumstances led authorities to believe him to have been a victim of a series of killings known as the “Hog Trail Murders.” He was known only as John Doe #1.

Between 1994 and 1997, the bodies of four more men were discovered in similar circumstances. Many of the bodies were found nude, with mutilations to their genitals. Many of the victims were young white males, who may have been homeless and transient and in need of money. It is thought that the killer would offer such men money to go into the woods to take nude photographs. The men were then sexually assaulted, mutilated, and killed.

The tooth of John Doe #1 was sent for DNA extraction in 2013, but a profile could not be obtained until 2020. A DNA profile suitable for genealogical searching was obtained by Fulgent Labs in December of 2020. The FGG investigation was conducted by Mark James of the FBI’s Forensic Genetic Genealogy Unit in Baltimore.

The final confirmation was made to Lombard’s living relatives, including a sister, a brother, and his son. Lombard was from Massachusetts and had not been seen by his family since 1991 or 1992. He came from a large family of 17 siblings.

Daniel Conahan was convicted in 1997 of sexually assaulting and strangling to death Richard Montgomery. He is thought to be responsible for the murders of all five men, including Jerry Lombard. He is currently on Death Row at the Union Correctional Institution in Railford, Florida.

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## **Case ID 1319: Loveless, Joseph Henry: Walter Cairns/Buffalo Cave Torso**

The remains of Joseph Henry Loveless were first found August of 1979 in the Civil Defense Caves in Dubois, Idaho. A family on an excursion hunting for arrowheads in the caves found the mummified torso of a male. He was wrapped in burlap and wearing a dark red sweater. Investigators searched the cave and found more remains, but not the decedent's skull. Further pieces of Loveless were found over the years. He had been deliberately dismembered below the elbows, above the knees, and above the shoulders and hidden in the caves.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram and the DNA Doe Project. Margaret Press, Anthony Redgrave, and several other team members worked on this case. Y-STR DNA analysis was performed to assist with developing the male lineage.

A criminal investigation was opened when the remains were first located, since the age of the remains were unknown and it was clear that the decedent had been deliberately dismembered with a sharp tool. There had been indications that this could be a historical case, but it was only after Press and Redgrave began looking at his relatives that it became clear that he was over 100 years old. He was identified through a DNA match to an 87-year-old grandchild.

They identified him as Joseph Henry Loveless, who was born in Utah territory in 1870, making this one of the oldest cases to be brought to a successful resolution. Known as Walter Cairns, among other aliases, he was a bootlegger who had escaped jail many times with a small saw he hid in his shoe. He fled

his home in May of 1916 after killing his wife, Agnes Caldwell, with an axe. It is not known what befell him in the Civil Defence Caves, or who killed him.

In an interview with ISHI (the International Symposium for Human Identification) in October of 2020, Margaret Press reminds us that the moral character of the decedent is irrelevant when striving to return someone's identity to them. She states, "To quote Harry Bosch: 'Everybody matters or nobody matters.' We're neither judge nor jury when we strive to return someone's name."

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#### **Case ID 1210: Lowry, Dana Nicole**

The body of 23-year-old Dana Nicole Lowry was found on March 10, 2007 in a wooded area near Marion, Ohio by a man collecting tin cans. She had been strangled, wrapped in a blanket, and her body had been set on fire.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project.

Shawn Grate confessed to killing Lowry in 2016. Lowry had sold some magazines to his mother, who never received them. On the pretext of purchasing some more magazines from her, he coaxed her into his car, and then into the basement of his home where he strangled her. Lowry had two small children. She was Shawn Grate's first victim. He is currently on death row for murdering 5 women.

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#### **Case ID 1482: Lucas, Janet Lee: Christy Crystal Creek**

The skeletal remains of 23-year-old Janet Lee Lucas were found by a bear hunter on September 19, 1985, near Crystal Creek, south of Missoula, Montana. She had been killed by a gunshot to the head, and shell fragments from a .32 caliber firearm were found nearby. She became known as 'Jane Doe 3UFBY', or 'Christy Crystal Creek,' after the location where she was found.

She is thought to have been the victim of Wayne Nance, a suspected serial killer known as the Missoula Mauler. Nance was himself killed in 1986 during a violent home invasion in which he was shot by his victim, Doug Wells, who managed to break free from his restraints. It is not known if Lucas was the victim of a sexual assault, but Nance had been known to rape and kill his victims.

A DNA profile was extracted from Lucas' molar. The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram, who produced a DNA profile from Lucas's bones that was suitable for FGG. The investigation was funded by the Montana Department of Justice's Sexual Assault Kit Initiative. The final confirmation of identity was made with a living relative.

Original forensic anthropological analyses of her teeth concluded that she may have been of Asian ancestry, because of the nature of her dental work. The use of screw-in posts were thought to have been more common in someone who lived in Korea or Japan. This influenced forensic reconstructions of the victim and led the investigation into her identity astray.

The case has yet to be cleared, although Nance is the leading suspect. Lucas, who was from Seattle, was last seen in Sandpoint, Idaho in the summer of 1983. She was killed sometime between then and September of 1985. The Missoula County Sheriff's Office continues to investigate her murder.

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#### Case ID 1662: Lund, Susan Hope: Ina Jane Doe

Susan Hope Lund's skull was found on January 27, 1993, in the Wayne Fitzgerell State Recreation Area near Ina, Illinois. Lund's head was found hanging from the bushes by two young girls, ages 10 and 12. It

is thought to have been thrown there from the roadway. No further remains have ever been found. Investigators believe she had only been dead for a few days.

Investigators could not identify her but determined that she had an unusual condition known as torticollis, or wryneck, which might have given her a tilt to her head. She also had a healed lesion on her skull, which might have been from head trauma. Clay reconstructions made at the time may have greatly exaggerated the tilt to her head and her facial asymmetry and this may have made identification more difficult.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Redgrave Research. The laboratory work was performed by Astrea Forensics, and artist Carl Koppelman completed a new forensic sketch. The final confirmation was made to Lund's sister.

Susan Lund, then 25 years old, was reported missing on December 24, 1992, after she had left home to go shopping at a local Winn-Dixie and did not return home. A few weeks later, Lund was apparently sighted in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and the police discontinued the investigation. It is unknown if she was with her kidnappers, or whether this was a legitimate sighting. Her husband, Paul Lund, claimed that she had been seen looking pale and distressed, and wearing the same clothes she was in when she went to the Winn-Dixie. She was pregnant at the time of her disappearance.

Lund had three children, aged 6, 4, and 2, who thought that their mother may have abandoned them. Her husband, Paul Lund, was rumoured to have been responsible for her death, although his children state that he

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### Case ID 1368: Mack, Valerie: Manorville Jane Doe

The body of 24-year-old Valerie Mack was found on November 19, 2000 in Manorville, New York. Her nude, dismembered torso was discovered by local hunters when it was

unearthed by their dogs. Her head, hands and feet were discovered many years later, on April 4, 2011 near Gilgo Beach. Known as the Manorville Jane Doe, her death may be part of the Gilgo Beach series of murders.

A total of 11 victims have been found in the area of Gilgo Beach, including a toddler and her mother. At least some of the women are suspected to be the victims of a serial killer who preys upon sex workers. At present, four of the Gilgo Beach victims remain unidentified.

Valerie Mack disappeared while working as an escort in Philadelphia. She was last seen on her way to meet a client on Oak Beach, Long Island.

Reports indicate that the FGG investigation in this case was conducted by the FBI's Investigative Genealogy Unit. This is the first case in New York state to report using FGG as part of an investigation. The homicide investigation into Mack's death is ongoing.

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#### Case ID 1651: Mangum, Timothy Alan

Timothy Alan Mangum's skull was found on September 28, 1990, by a property owner near Joshua Road in Stafford County, Virginia. Investigators determined that the skull belonged to a male in his late teens, who had likely died about 1 to 3 years earlier. No other skeletal remains were located. Since there was no trauma to the skull, a cause of death could not be determined.

A search of CODIS and forensic facial recognition did not turn up any leads as to the identity of the John Doe. The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram

beginning in November of 2021. The final confirmation was made to Mangum's living father and brother. The investigation was funded through a private donation from Justin Woo.

Mangum was from near Norfolk, Virginia. His family states that they had no contact with him for several years before 1990. Police believe he disappeared sometime around 1983-1984. They are continuing to investigate his death.

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#### Case ID 1524: Martin, Kyle: Palisades John Doe

The partial skull of 24-year-old Kyle Martin was found on September 16, 2002 by a man walking his dog along the Palisades Reservoir in Bonneville County, Idaho. Further bone fragments, including a tailbone, a pelvic bone and human vertebrae, were located scattered along the shoreline. He became known as the Palisades John Doe, or 'Palisades Pete'.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram. The final conformation was made to Martin's mother. Dave Hodges of the Teton County Sheriff's Office had learned that the Bonneville County Sheriff's Office and Othram were conducting an FGG search of an unidentified decedent in their county, and he contacted them to see if the remains were those of Kyle Martin.

Martin had disappeared on May 30, 1995 while kayaking with a friend along the Hoback River, which leads into the Palisades Reservoir. His body became pinned under some fallen trees, and he drowned. Dave Hodges, then a Teton County Search and Rescue Team member, stated that he saw Kyle's body for a few seconds when his kayak was freed by a helicopter and his body floated to the surface. Kyle's body was about a boat length away from Hodges when it sank back under the water, and was not found again.

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### **Case ID 1747: Mason, Angela**

The remains of 25-year-old Angela Mason were found on August 31, 2008 in Norman, Oklahoma. Fishermen found her partially decomposed remains in a shallow grave near Lake Thunderbird. It is thought that she had lain there for about 3 to 15 months before being found.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs in partnership with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, beginning in August of 2021.

Mason was married with four children. She was last seen by her family in the spring of 2008. She was a member of the Cherokee

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### **Case ID 1540: Maxey, Winston Arthur III**

The body of 15-year-old Winston Arthur Maxey III was found on July 29, 1971, in the Snedden Creek in Coos Bay, Oregon. Both the identity of the decedent, as well as the cause of his death, could not be determined, in part because of decomposition of the body

and the length of time it had been in the water.

Maxey's remains were exhumed in 2017 for further investigation. A DNA sample was obtained and uploaded into NAMUS. This produced no new leads. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs, who performed a new DNA analysis suitable for FGG as well as a forensic phenotype. The final confirmation was made to Maxey's living sister.

Maxey had left his home in Boise, Idaho a short time before his death in search of work, in the spring of 1971. His family did not hear from him again. Unknown to Maxey, he had fathered a daughter before leaving Idaho, who was placed for adoption. When she turned 18 years old, she began a life-long search for her biological father, whom she learned from her mother was Winston Maxey. She filed the first missing person report for her father, in 2016.

Maxey's remains will be returned to his family in Idaho.

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#### Case ID 1821: McClure, Linda Jean

The remains of 26-year-old Linda Jean McClure were found on October 22, 1987, in Stonycreek Township, Pennsylvania. McClure, along with the other occupant of a tractor trailer, were killed on the Pennsylvania Turnpike when the trailer crashed into the fuel tank of another semi-trailer and burst into flames. The driver of the vehicle was identified as 57-year-old Edward Pratt, who was on duty and so not permitted to have passengers riding with him in his truck. Investigators believe that he may have picked up McClure at a truck stop.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Pennsylvania State Police, beginning in August of 2022. The investigation was funded by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.

McClure, who was from Indiana, Pennsylvania, had not been reported missing. Her family reported that had had no contact with her since the 1980s.

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## Case ID 1472: McConn, Dennis Regan: Jackson County John Doe 1978

The remains of 29-year-old Dennis Regan McConn were found by members of a logging crew in a remote area east of Fish Creek, near the village of Warrens, in Knapp Township, Wisconsin, on 15 August 1978.

After a search of the area, investigators recovered McConn's skull, mandible, and spinal vertebrae. A digital facial reconstruction was performed. He had a pierced ear, and a small stud was found. Anthropological analysis of his remains shows that John Doe was likely dismembered

and is the victim of a homicide. His remains had been in the area for about 1 to 4 years.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project.

McConn was from Kenosha, Wisconsin. He disappeared in 1977, about a year before his remains were discovered. His homicide remains under investigation.

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### **Case ID 1554: McGraw, Aaron: Moss Point John Doe**

The skeletal remains of 54-year-old Aaron McGraw were found on October 25, 2016 in a wooded area in Moss Point, Mississippi, near the Escatawpa River. The man had no identification, and there were few clues as to his identity. The final confirmation was made to a living sibling.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram. The FGG investigation was funded by a private donor.

McGraw was last seen in May of 2015 in the Gulfport area. He was reported missing by his sister, who states that he was schizophrenic and in need of his medication. He had been known to have slept in the woods. His death is not considered to be due to homicide.

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### **Case ID 1732: McNeil, Napoleon**

The partial skeletal remains of 45-year-old Napoleon McNeill were found in October, 2010 in uptown Charlotte, North Carolina. His skull was located in a concrete drainage ditch. It was determined that the skull likely belonged to an African American man. He could not be identified, and his cause of death could not be determined.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the North Carolina Unidentified Project in partnership with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department. The North Carolina Unidentified Project has identified 7 decedents to date. It was founded in February of 2000 by Leslie Kaufman (a forensic genealogist) and Ann Ross (a forensic anthropologist). The funding was provided by the University of North Carolina.

In this case, Kaufman needed to go back six generations to locate a third-cousin match. The final confirmation was made to McNeil's brother.

McNeil's family lost contact with him in November of 2009, after he became homeless somewhere near Raleigh. Police continue to investigate his death.

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## Case ID 1215: McWaters, Sarah

See also:

Confidential (Dawn Beaudin/Lisa Jensen)  
Honeychurch, Marlyse Elizabeth  
Rasmussen, Jane Doe  
Rasmussen, Terry Peder  
Vaughn, Marie

This case is part of a series of murders known as the Bear Brook Murders, or the Allenstown Murders. One of the most remarkable cold cases in U.S. history, the successful resolution of the Bear Brook murders by Barbara Rae-Venter led detectives to pursue similar techniques in the search for the Golden State Killer.

The body of Sarah McWaters was found on May 9, 2000 in a 55-gallon steel drum in Bear Brook State Park in Allenstown, New Hampshire. McWaters was then about 1-3 years old, and she was found in the barrel with an older girl who was about 2-4 years old. The case began 15 years earlier, on

November 11, 1985, when another 55-gallon steel drum containing human remains was found in Bear Brook State Park. The remains were of an adult woman and a young girl about 8-10. They had been killed by blunt force trauma to the head. It is thought that the four Bear Brook victims were killed sometime between 1978 and 1981.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Barbara Rae-Venter, a Search Angel, who volunteered at the non-profit organization DNAAdoption.com where she assisted adopted individuals to identify their birth families. Rae-Venter has a PhD in biochemistry, and she worked for many years as a patent attorney in the biotech industry. She is a leader in using genetic genealogy to identify living does.

At first, Rae-Venter was not looking to identify the Bear Brook victims. She was attempting to identify Lisa Jensen, a grown woman who had been abducted and abandoned by an unknown male when she was about 5 years old. Lisa thought she was the biological daughter of a man named Gordon Jensen. Jensen was a pseudonym for a man whose real identity was discovered by Rae-Venter to be Terry Peder Rasmussen – a man who died in prison in California where he had been sentenced for the murder of his common-law wife. DNA testing showed that Rasmussen was not the father of Lisa Jensen, but he was the father of the toddler whose body was found in second barrel at Bear Brook with McWaters. Rasmussen was then identified as the lead suspect in the murder of the four Bear Brook victims, and the case was cleared by exception.

In 1978, at the time of the Bear Brook murders, Rasmussen worked in Allenstown as

an electrician and handyman near the property where the barrels were found. In around 1981, another young mother named Denise Beaudin and her 6-month-old daughter disappeared from New Hampshire in very similar circumstances. Beaudin's boyfriend at the time was Terry Rasmussen. The little girl was Lisa Jensen. They all moved to California together, but when Rasmussen was next seen in California he was in the company of only Lisa. Denise was never seen again after leaving New Hampshire with Rasmussen, and her body has not been located.

Rasmussen and Lisa lived in a trailer park in Scotts Valley, California in 1986. He then abandoned Lisa, who was then about 5 years old, with another family he met there. 'Gordon Jensen' was not seen again. Lisa Jensen was a living Jane Doe, with no idea of when or where she was born, her parentage, or her name.

Lisa Jensen was now a grown woman of 32 years old and a mother herself when the detectives working on her case approached Rae-Venter to identify her birth family. The lead detective working on Lisa's abduction was Detective Peter Headley of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office. Rae-Venter and a team of volunteers used genetic genealogy to identify Lisa's birth family and try to find out where she came from and what had happened to her mother.

In 2016, Rae-Venter identified Lisa as Dawn Beaudin of New Hampshire. Lisa and her mother, Denise Beaudin, disappeared around Thanksgiving of 1981 with her boyfriend, Terry Rasmussen. Family members identified her boyfriend at the time as 'Bob Evans',

which was the name that Rasmussen was using when he was living in New Hampshire.

Rae-Venter wanted to test the remains of the Bear Brook victims because she suspected that the woman in the barrel was Denise Beaudin, Lisa's mother. Up until that time, it had not been possible to obtain a DNA profile from the Bear Brook victims. In 2016, Rae-Venter contacted Dr. Ed Green, a researcher in paleo-genomics, of the University of California at Santa-Cruz as he had developed a new technique to extract autosomal DNA from rootless hair.

This new technique was successful in obtaining DNA profiles of the Bear Brook victims, and the investigation was finally able to progress. They discovered that the woman was not Denise Beaudin, but the middle girl was Rasmussen's biological daughter. She was not related to the other two little girls, who were found to be the daughters of the adult woman.

Rae-Venter then used FGG to identify the woman found at Bear Brook as Marlyse Elizabeth Honeychurch (b. 1954). The other body found in the barrel with her is her eldest daughter, Marie Vaughan (b. 1971). The infant girl found in the second barrel is Honeychurch's youngest daughter, Sarah McWaters (b. 1977).

Marlyse Honeychurch was last seen on Thanksgiving Day in 1978, when she got into an argument with her family, and left with Terry Rasmussen, who was her boyfriend at the time. She was never seen alive again. Honeychurch and the three girls were likely killed sometime between 1978 and 1981, before Denise Beaudin and her daughter Lisa Jensen went missing in similar circumstances.

Jane Doe Rasmussen, the toddler found in the second barrel, is the biological daughter of Terry Rasmussen. The FGG investigation into her identity continues, as her mother is currently unknown. She has a mixed ancestry, with some African American, Native American, and possibly Asian heritage. Rae-Venter is constructing her family tree and believes the girl's mother may be from near Pearl River County, Mississippi, and possibly descended from Thomas 'Deadhorse' Mitchell (b. 1836) or William Livings (b. 1826).

Rasmussen died of lung cancer and emphysema at the High Desert Prison in Susanville, California in 2010. He had been convicted under yet another false name, 'Larry Vanner', for the 2002 murder of his common-law spouse, chemist Eunsoon Jun. He has been nicknamed the 'Chameleon Killer' for the way in which he is able to move, change his identity, and begin a new life with a new family. When DNA testing showed that he was not the biological father of Lisa Jensen, he denied knowing or remembering the little girl at all.

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### **Case ID 1517: Milek, David Jon: Granite County John Doe**

The skeletal remains of 32-year-old David Jon Milek were found on August 11, 2014 in the Bidwell Gulch area of the Welcome Creek Wilderness Area of the Lolo National Forest, about 25 miles southeast of Missoula, Montana. He had a sleeping bag, a cap, boots, and a hunting knife with him when he was found by hikers. The cause of death could not be determined, but police do not think that his death was a homicide.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram. The finding for the investigation was raised through crowdfunding by DNAsolves and Audiochuk. The final confirmation was made to Milek’s living parents.

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### **Case ID 1286: Morden, Sandra Renee: Fly Creek Jane Doe:**

The body of 15-year-old Sandra Renee Morden was found on February 24, 1980 in Amboy, Washington. Her partially skeletonized remains were found in a remote area near Fly Creek by two men panning for gold. She was known for the next four decades only as the Fly Creek Jane Doe.

The FGG investigation was performed by Parabon Nanolabs. Investigators at the time thought she was of Native American or Hispanic descent, and sketches of her at the time reflect that. Forensic phenotyping showed that Morden was of European biogeographical ancestry.

Morden lived in a trailer with her father, and he was often away working on tugboats. In May of 1977, he came home to find the dog had destroyed the trailer, possibly trying to get out, and his daughter was gone. She was never seen again. The investigation into her murder remains open.

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### **Case ID 1588: Moudy, Carolyn Dunn**

The body of 21-year-old Carolyn Dunn Moudy was found on December 23, 1975, in a canal in Davie, Florida. She could not be identified and was buried in the Forest Lawn Cemetery. The medical examiner found that she had died from drowning, and that her death was likely a homicide.

Her body was exhumed in 2019 by Broward County for DNA testing in an attempt to finally identify her. The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. The final confirmation was made to her daughter, Edna Moudy.

Moudy, who was from Indianola, Mississippi, was last seen in July of 1974. Edna Moudy was only a year old when Moudy disappeared, and she has been searching for her mother all her life. Police continue to investigate her homicide.

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#### **Case ID 1804: Mullins, Robert A.**

The partial skeletal remains of 21-year-old Robert A. Mullins were found on November 1, 1991, in a rural area of Pickaway County, Ohio. Hunters found his remains in a shallow grave dug along the roadside near State Routes 56 and 159.

Investigators were initially uncertain how old the remains were, as historical Indigenous remains had been located in the area. However, the remains were found to have been only three years old. The remains were

initially believed to be those of a woman about 25 years in age, and between 5'1 and 5'4 in height. The skull was reportedly never recovered, and the remains could not be identified.

In 2012, DNA was extracted by the University of North Texas, who determined that the individual was male and likely had recent ancestry from the Indian Subcontinent. The FGG investigation was conducted by Advance DNA in partnership with the Pickaway County Sheriff’s Office and the Pickaway County Coroner’s Office, beginning in January of 2022. Early results showed that the individual likely had a father with roots in Virginia, and a mother who was of English and Indian ancestry and who immigrated to the US recently. The final confirmation was made to living relatives.

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### **Case ID 1537-1538: Nags Head Baby Doe**

The decomposed remains of a newborn infant were found on April 4, 1991, in the town of Nags Head, North Carolina. The infant was found in a trash can rack near the 8600 block of East Tides Drive. Investigators were unable to determine the sex of the baby. An autopsy found that the child died of asphyxiation and blunt force trauma to the face.

A DNA profile was obtained from the infant's rib. The FGG investigation was performed by Othram.

Police arrested a married couple from Taylorsville, North Carolina – 54-year-old Scott Gordon Poole and 51-year-old Robin Lynn Byrum – on October 21, 2021, for concealing the death of a child after police determined that they were the biological parents of the infant. Police continue to investigate, and have not yet determined if homicide charges will also be laid against them.

Poole has a previous arrest for an assault on a female in 2018. The two are currently being held on a \$250,000 bond at the Dare County Detention Center. Their case is pending in the Dare County Court, Criminal Division.

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## **Case ID 1779: Nelton, Donna Sue: Bone Woman**

The remains of 28-year-old Donna Sue Nelton were found on May 7, 1990, in a remote area of Maysville, in Benton County, Arkansas. Investigators sought to complete a facial reconstruction in January of 1995, but her remains were too damaged. In December of 2008, the University of North Texas obtained a mitochondrial DNA profile, and the data was entered into NamUS.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram, in partnership with the Benton County Sheriff's Office, beginning in April of 2021. The final confirmation was made to a living family member.

Nelton was last seen in the fall of 1989 in the company of her boyfriend, George Alvin Brunton. Brunton had been paroled in 1988 for bank robbery, burglary, and a hostage-taking in Utah in which he shot and wounded two police officers. He was placed on the FBI's most-wanted list for these offences in 1979.

While under surveillance by the FBI in 1989, Brunton was seen disposing of black trash bags in a dumpster in North Kansas City. The FBI discovered that these bags contained Nelton's personal effects. Her vehicle was later found in a storage unit belonging to Brunton. In 1990, Brunton confessed to an associate that he had killed a woman named Donna and buried her on land he owned in Ozark County, Missouri. The FBI searched the land for four days, but they could find nothing. The murder investigation then went cold.

Bruton was then sentenced to life in prison for drug trafficking offences. He was a

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## **Case ID 1094: Nichols, Robert Ivan**

The body of 75-year-old Robert Ivan Nichols was found on July 31, 2002 in his apartment in Eastlake, Ohio. He had committed suicide on July 24, 2002. He had been planning his death for some time, having purchased a gun

and marked the days off on a calendar. He had \$82,000 in a bank account, and investigators went looking for his next-of-kin.

They discovered that he had been living under the false name of Joseph Newton Chandler III for the last 24 years of his life. Chandler was the name he took from an 8-year-old boy who had been killed in an automobile accident in Texas in 1945.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. Since his body had been cremated, the DNA sample was taken from a tissue sample that had been stored after he had surgery for colon cancer. Investigators first contact Colleen Fitzpatrick in 2016, and she performed a Y-STR analysis at that time. This search turned up the surname Nichols or Nicholas. DNA Doe was founded the following year, and Elliot's case was one of the first they took on.

It is not known why Nichols was living under an assumed name. A number of conspiracy theories grew up around him. He appears to have lived a blameless life, and he may have been suffering from a mental illness. He is also reported to have suffered from PTSD symptoms after his service in World War II. He left his family in 1965 and had not heard from him in many years.

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#### Case ID 1172: Norcross, Darlene Wilson: Butler County Jane Doe

The body of 61-year-old Darlene Norcross was found on March 7, 2015 in West Chester, Ohio. Teenagers playing in a wooded area behind a home on Gregory Creek Lane found skeletal remains scattered around the area. She became known as the Butler County Jane Doe.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. She has been returned to her family, who assisted in the investigation. Investigators do not know how Norcross died, and the case remains open.

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## Case ID 1724: Olanick, Dawn: Princess Doe

The remains of 17-year-old Dawn Olanick were found on July 15, 1982 in Blaristown Township, Warren County, New Jersey. She had been found by a worker at the Cedar Ridge Cemetery. She had been killed by blunt force trauma to her face and head. While she was wearing a skirt and short-sleeved t-shirt, she had no underwear, socks, shoes, or stockings. She had no identification, and could not be identified due to the extent of her facial injuries. She was nicknamed 'Princess Doe' and buried in the cemetery by the local community. She is reported to have been the

first unidentified crime victim entered by the FBI into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) in 1983.

A DNA profile was first obtained in 2007 by the North Texas Center for Human Identification. A DNA profile suitable for FGG was developed by Astrea Forensics in 2020 or 2021. The FGG investigation was conducted by Innovative Forensic Investigations. The final confirmation was made to her brother and sister.

Arthur Kinlaw, 68, has now been charged with one count of first degree murder in the death of Olanick. He first confessed to killing Olanick in a written letter which he sent on May 5, 2005 from the Sullivan Correctional Facility where he is serving a life sentence for two counts of second-degree murder. Charges could not be laid until now, because the decedent could not be identified.

Olanick had been asked to leave her mother's home in Bohemia, Long Island the she was about 16 to 17 years old. Police believe that Kinlaw tried to lure her into prostitution, and killed her when she refused.

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#### **Case ID 1759: Papalardo-Blake, Anne: Dutchess County Jane Doe**

The remains of 44-year-old Anne Papalardo-Blake were found on March 20, 1980 in Fishkill, New York. Her body was found in a trunk that had been left beside a dumpster at the Hudson View apartments. She had been decapitated and her hands had been removed. She could not be identified, and she became known as "Duchess County Jane Doe."

She was entered into NAMUS in 2011. The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the FBI and the New York State Police, beginning in 2022.

Police identified her on May 26, 2022, although the announcement was not made until September of 2022.

Papalardo-Blake was last seen on March 18, 1980, leaving a Vidal Sassoon on Fifth Avenue, New York, where she was employed as a receptionist. She had been reported missing. Police continue to investigate her murder.

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#### **Case ID 1539: Pelkey, Robin: Horseshoe Harriet**

The skeletal remains of 19-year-old Robin Pelkey were found on April 25, 1984, near

Horseshoe Lake, just north of Anchorage, Alaska. Since she could not be identified, she became known only as Horseshoe Harriet. Serial killer Richard Hansen confessed to the murder of Pelkey in 1984. He told police that she was a sex worker whom he picked up sometime in the winter of 1983. He took her in his plane to the lake, where he murdered her and disposed of her body. He did not know her name.

Pelkey was exhumed in 2014 for further investigation. A DNA profile was entered into NAMUS in 2015. A DNA profile was created through whole genome sequencing after the case was reopened in September of 2020. The FGG investigation was performed by Parabon Nanolabs. The final confirmation was made to a close relative. Pelkey had relatives in Alaska, as well as Arkansas.

Pelkey was born in Colorado in 1963. Police state that Pelkey was homeless and working in the sex trade on the streets of Anchorage when she was killed. She had not been reported missing. The Alaska Department of Public Safety has purchased a new marker for Pelkey's grave in the Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery.

Richard Hansen killed women, many sex workers, in and around Anchorage in the 1980s. He preferred to target sex workers who would – especially in the boom times when the pipeline was being built – travel from place to place and not be missed. He pled guilty in February of 1984 to the deaths of four women, but confessed to killing a total of 17. He showed police their grave sites in a helicopter as part of his plea bargain. Twelve bodies were later found; all but one has been identified.

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### **Case ID 1754: Peterson, Jeffery Lee: Summit County John Doe 2016**

The skeletal remains of 57-year-old Jeffery Lee Peterson were found on July 10, 2016 in the White River National Forest near Breckenridge, Colorado. A hiker found his skull on the western face of Copper Mountain. On August 3, 2016, the rest of his remains were located, along with his belongings, at the base of the 'Y' section of the Sky Chutes. It was determined that he had died of a self-inflicted gun shot wound sometime in 2012. A Glock .45 calibre handgun was located (with the serial number destroyed) - along with some high-end hiking gear - but no identification.

A forensic anthropological analysis of his remains was conducted by the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification, and a DNA profile was entered into NamUS. A three-dimensional facial reconstruction was completed in 2017.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project in partnership with the Summit County Coroner's Office and the Park County Sheriff's Office. His father had Scandinavian ancestry from Norway and Sweden, and his mother had Slavic ancestry from Poland. A Y-STR analysis helped genealogists to build his family tree on his

father's side. The final confirmation was made to Peterson's living brother.

Peterson was an engineer who lost much of his wealth in the financial crisis of 2008. Although he was from Virginia, he is reported to have loved hiking in the Colorado mountains. His family had not heard from him since 2012, when he told them that he was leaving to begin a new life in Belize.

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### **Case ID 1230: Peterson Flesher, Louise Virginia: Belle in the Well**

The body of 65-year-old Louise Virginia Peterson Flesher was found on April 22, 1981 in Windsor Township, Ohio. She had been weighted down with a cinderblock tied to a rope wrapped around her neck her body hidden in a water cistern. She became known as the Belle in the Well.

The FGG investigation was performed by the DNA Doe Project, led by Lee and Anthony Redgrave. The identification was challenging because of high amounts of endogamy. A Canadian with German ancestry uploaded their DNA to GEDmatch, and this provided an important break in the case. The final confirmation was made with one of Flesher's living daughters.

Several years earlier, an officer had attempted to trace Flesher's maternal ancestry using mitochondrial DNA matches on public databases, but the matches were too distant. This was in 2014, before Ancestry purchased these databases and took them offline.

One of DNA Doe's first cases, its resolution took about 30 volunteers more than 10,000 hours.

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### **Case ID 1394: Piteau, Anita Louise**

See also: Johnny Chrisco

The body of 26-year-old Anita Louise Piteau was found on March 14, 1968 in Huntington Beach, California by three young boys playing in a field. She had been raped and beaten, and her throat was cut. She could not be identified, becoming Orange County's oldest Jane Doe, and the case went cold.

A male DNA profile was developed in 2001 from the sexual assault kit taken at Piteau's autopsy. No workable leads were generated from law enforcement databases to identify either Piteau or her killer. Permission was obtained for familial searching to be performed in the California state DNA database, but this also produced no leads.

The FGG was undertaken by Colleen Fitzpatrick of Identifinders, who identified both Piteau and the suspect in her murder.

Piteau had left Maine in February of 1968 to work as a waitress in California. She was supposed to come home, but her family never heard from her again. She still has two living sisters and a brother, and her family never stopped searching for her these 52 years. Her remains were taken from an unmarked grave and delivered to them back in Maine.

Chrisco had served in the Army, but he was discharged due to failing a psychological exam that showed he had aggression, anger, and impulsivity. He was charged with a number of violent offences over the years, including domestic violence, as well as statutory rape and child molestation, making him a serial sexual offender. He killed one of his young sons in a drunk driving accident. Another infant son died in suspicious circumstances. He passed away in 2015 in Washington state.

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## Case ID 1816: Pizzoferrato, Earl

The remains of 28-year-old Earl Pizzoferrato were found on March 10, 2019, in Dandridge, Tennessee. A local resident found his remains in a golf bag that was left along the shore of Douglas Lake. He was wearing a Walking Dead t-shirt, and had a leather belt stamped with the name "Gerald", but he could not be identified. Investigators could not determine his cause of death, or how long he had been deceased.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project, in partnership with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, beginning

in 2020. The case was particularly challenging, since Pizzoferrato had been adopted. His biological parents were identified, and relatives provided information that the children had been adopted.

Pizzoferrato was from Knoxville, Tennessee. Police believe he has the victim of a homicide, and they continue to investigate his murder.

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#### Case ID 1626: Ponders, Jean Turner: Lincoln Jane Doe

The body of 67-year-old Jean Turner Ponders was found on May 4, 2012, in an abandoned house in Lincoln, Alabama. Her body was found by a deputy near the Talladega Superspeedway during a weekend where it was hosting a race event. The deputy saw the door of the house was open and entered to investigate. Ponders' remains were found behind the home. An autopsy showed that she died of lung cancer.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram. The funds for the investigation were provided by Othram's crowdfunding, the Lincoln Police Department, and a donation from philanthropist and genetic genealogist Carla Davis.

Ponders was from Roswell, Georgia. Her sister had reported her missing in 2015.

A friend of Ponders, Tameka Dionne Jackson, took about \$100,000 from Ponder's account using her ATM card in the years following her disappearance. Police suspect that an unknown individual was with Ponders when she died, and placed her body where it would not be immediately discovered.

Shortly before Ponders was identified, in May of 2021, Jackson pled guilty to the theft. She was ordered to complete 8 months of probation and 500 hours of community service after which she will have her record expunged. She was not ordered to pay back any of the money she stole. Police continue to investigate her role in the desecration and improper disposal of Ponders' remains.

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## Case ID 1740: Pool, Tommy Gayle Jr.: Valencia Road John Doe 2019

The remains of 61-year-old Tommy Gayle Pool Jr. were found on February 26, 2019 in a homeless encampment in Tucson, Arizona. He had no ID among his few belongings, and could not be identified.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project in partnership with the Pima County Medical Examiner's Office, including forensic anthropologist Bruce Anderson.

A blood sample taken at his autopsy was used to produce a DNA profile that was then uploaded to GEDmatch. Two second cousins were found to be relative matches, and Pool was identified in 18 hours. The funding for the investigation was raised through public donations.

The method of final confirmation is not known, but was not made through living family members. Pool's family has not been located, and his remains remain unclaimed.

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### **Case ID 1707: Poole, Susan**

The skeletal remains of 15-year-old Susan Gail Poole were found in June, 1974 in Palm Beach County, Florida. She had been tied up to a tree with wire in a remote location in the mangrove swamps on northern Singer Island. She was thought to have lain there for about a year and a half.

Poole's body was exhumed in 2014 for further investigation. A DNA profile was developed and submitted to CODIS in 2015, but this did not turn up any new leads. The FGG investigation was performed by Othram beginning in December of 2021. The final confirmation was made to Poole's mother. She also has living siblings, who were glad to finally learn what happened to her.

Investigator's believe that Poole may be the victim of Gerard Schaefer, a serial killer who preyed on young women in the area. Schaefer - a former police officer in Wilton Manors, Fort Lauderdale and a Martin County Sheriff's Deputy at the time of Poole's murder - was murdered by a fellow prison inmate in 1995 while incarcerated in the Florida State Prison. He was serving a life sentence for the similar murders of 16-year-old Georgia Jessup and 17-year-old Susan

Place. He unofficially claimed to have murdered as many as 30 young girls. A local mangrove tree where Schaefer is thought to have tortured and murdered his victims is known as the "Devil's Tree." Police have stated that they will continue to search for a link between Poole and Schaefer, and their investigation will remain open.

Poole was last seen by her family around Christmas of 1972. She had left school, and was living part-time at her family's mobile home near Fort Lauderdale and with a nearby friend. Many of her personal belongings, including her wallet, were left at her friend's apartment.

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#### **Case ID 1410: Porter, Larry Joe**

The body of 44-year-old Larry Joe Porter was found on May 18, 1997 in Butler County, Ohio. He had been found floating in the Miami River. He became known as the Butler County John Doe. He is thought to have been struck by a motor vehicle and killed in about April or May of 1997.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. He has been returned to his family, and the investigation into his death continues.

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#### **Case ID 1484: Potter, Laurie Diane**

The severed legs of 54-year-old Laurie Diane Potter were found on October 5, 2003, in a dumpster outside an apartment complex in Rancho San Diego. Police were not able to identify the person to whom they belonged.

A DNA profile was obtained by the Medical Examiner's Office and the local crime lab. News reports indicate that San Diego PD Detectives performed the genealogical analysis themselves. They performed targeted kinship testing on about 20 family members who agreed to take part in the identification. Police located Potter's adult son in December of 2020. This confirmed her identity.

Once Potter was identified, police were able to continue their murder investigation. On

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#### Case ID 1285: Prescott, Horace Jack (Dany) Jr.: Lynnwood John Doe

The body of 49-year-old Horace Prescott was found on January 4, 1978 in Lynnwood, Washington when his skull was unearthed by a dog. Further remains and clothing were found nearby.

When his remains were exhumed, investigators had found the name 'Prescott Horace' marked on his shirt, but they did not know who he was. His skull and mandible were not reburied with the rest of his remains, and they were kept in a bucket at the Snohomish County Coroner's Office. They were found again in 2009, and the case was reopened.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Deb Stone of Kin Forensics.

Prescott was a disabled Marine Veteran who had served in WWII where he received a serious head injury. He worked as a letter carrier. He had been diagnosed with a cognitive disability, and he would sometimes wander off. He had last been seen leaving a Seattle area hotel in 1976. He has now been reburied, in full, and with military honors.

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### **Case ID 1188: Prudhomme, Donna: The ‘Calder Road Murders’ Janet Doe**

The body of 34-year-old Donna Prudhomme was found on September 8, 1991 by a horseback rider off of Calder Road in an area of Texas known as the Texas Killing Fields. She had been beaten to death about four months prior. She showed many healed injuries and fractures to her spine from past episodes of abuse.

The Texas Killing Fields is a 25-acres area of bog land off the I-45 where about thirty bodies have been located since the early 1970s, mainly of young women.

The FGG investigation in this case was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. Other reports state that FTDNA was also contacted by officers for assistance.

Mark Roland Stallings has confessed to the murder of Prudhomme, stating that she was a prostitute and drug addict whom he picked up at a low budget motel and later strangled with a seat belt. He has since recanted, and the case remains open, although his conviction has not been overturned. Prudhomme had been trying to escape an abusive relationship when she went missing.

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### **Case ID 1213: Rasmussen, Jane Doe**

See also:

Confidential (Dawn Beaudin/Lisa Jensen)  
Honeychurch, Marlyse Elizabeth  
McWaters, Sarah  
Rasmussen, Terry Peder  
Vaughn, Marie

This case is part of a series of murders known as the Bear Brook Murders, or the Allenstown Murders. One of the most remarkable cold

cases in U.S. history, the successful resolution of the Bear Brook murders by Barbara Rae-Venter led detectives to pursue similar techniques in the search for the Golden State Killer.

The body of Jane Doe Rasmussen was found on May 9, 2000 in a 55-gallon steel drum in Bear Brook State Park in Allenstown, New Hampshire. Rasmussen was then about 2-4 years old, and she was found in the barrel with a younger girl who was about 1-3 years old.

The case began 15 years earlier, on November 11, 1985, when another 55-gallon steel drum containing human remains was found in Bear Brook State Park. The remains were of an adult woman and a young girl about 8-10. They had been killed by blunt force trauma to the head. It is thought that the four Bear Brook victims were killed sometime between 1978 and 1981.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Barbara Rae-Venter, a Search Angel, who volunteered at the non-profit organization DNA Adoption.com where she assisted adopted individuals to identify their birth families. Rae-Venter has a PhD in biochemistry, and she worked for many years as a patent attorney in the biotech industry. She is a leader in using genetic genealogy to identify living does.

At first, Rae-Venter was not looking to identify the Bear Brook victims. She was attempting to identify Lisa Jensen, a grown woman who had been abducted and abandoned by an unknown male when she was about 5 years old. Lisa thought she was the biological daughter of a man named Gordon Jensen. Jensen was a pseudonym for

a man whose real identity was discovered by Rae-Venter to be Terry Peder Rasmussen – a man who died in prison in California where he had been sentenced for the murder of his common-law wife. DNA testing showed that Rasmussen was not the father of Lisa Jensen, but he was the father of Jane Doe, the toddler whose body was found in second barrel at Bear Brook. Terry Rasmussen was then identified as the lead suspect in the murder of the four Bear Brook victims, and the case was cleared by exception.

In 1978, at the time of the Bear Brook murders, Rasmussen worked in Allenstown as an electrician and handyman near the property where the barrels were found. In around 1981, another young mother named Denise Beaudin and her 6-month-old daughter disappeared from New Hampshire in very similar circumstances. Beaudin's boyfriend at the time was Terry Rasmussen. The little girl was Lisa Jensen. They all moved to California together, but when Rasmussen was next seen in California he was in the company of only Lisa. Denise was never seen again after leaving New Hampshire with Rasmussen, and her body has not been located.

Rasmussen and Lisa lived in a trailer park in Scotts Valley, California in 1986. He then abandoned Lisa, who was then about 5 years old, with another family he met there.

'Gordon Jensen' was not seen again. Lisa Jensen was a living Jane Doe, with no idea of when or where she was born, her parentage, or her name.

Lisa Jensen was now a grown woman of 32 years old and a mother herself when the detectives working on her case approached Rae-Venter to identify her birth family. The

lead detective working on Lisa's abduction was Detective Peter Headley of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office. Rae-Venter and a team of volunteers used genetic genealogy to identify Lisa's birth family and try to find out where she came from and what had happened to her mother.

In 2016, Rae-Venter identified Lisa as Dawn Beaudin of New Hampshire. Lisa and her mother, Denise Beaudin, disappeared around Thanksgiving of 1981 with her boyfriend, Terry Rasmussen. Family members identified her boyfriend at the time as 'Bob Evans', which was the name that Rasmussen was using when he was living in New Hampshire.

Rae-Venter wanted to test the remains of the Bear Brook victims because she suspected that the woman in the barrel was Denise Beaudin, Lisa's mother. Up until that time, it had not been possible to obtain a DNA profile from the Bear Brook victims. In 2016, Rae-Venter contacted Dr. Ed Green, a researcher in paleo-genomics, of the University of California at Santa-Cruz as he had developed a new technique to extract autosomal DNA from rootless hair.

This new technique was successful in obtaining DNA profiles of the Bear Brook victims, and the investigation was finally able to progress. They discovered that the woman was not Denise Beaudin, but the middle girl was Rasmussen's biological daughter. She was not related to the other two little girls, who were found to be the daughters of the adult woman.

Rae-Venter then used FGG to identify the woman found at Bear Brook as Marlyse Elizabeth Honeychurch (b. 1954). The other body found in the barrel with her is her eldest

daughter, Marie Vaughan (b. 1971). The infant girl found in the second barrel is Honeychurch's youngest daughter, Sarah McWaters (b. 1977).

Marlyse Honeychurch was last seen on Thanksgiving Day in 1978, when she got into an argument with her family, and left with Terry Rasmussen, who was her boyfriend at the time. She was never seen alive again. Honeychurch and the three girls were likely killed sometime between 1978 and 1981, before Denise Beaudin and her daughter Lisa Jensen went missing in similar circumstances.

Jane Doe Rasmussen is the biological daughter of Terry Rasmussen. The FGG investigation into her identity continues, as her mother is currently unknown. She has a mixed ancestry, with some African American, Native American, and possibly Asian heritage. Rae-Venter is constructing her family tree and believes the girl's mother may be from near Pearl River County, Mississippi, and possibly descended from Thomas 'Deadhorse' Mitchell (b. 1836) or William Livings (b. 1826).

Rasmussen died of lung cancer and emphysema at the High Desert Prison in Susanville, California in 2010. He had been convicted under yet another false name, 'Larry Vanner', for the 2002 murder of his common-law spouse, chemist Eunsoon Jun. He has been nicknamed the 'Chameleon Killer' for the way in which he is able to move, change his identity, and begin a new life with a new family. When DNA testing showed that he was not the biological father of Lisa Jensen, he denied knowing or remembering the little girl at all.

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### Case ID 1403: Redeker, Rebecca Ann: Rainbow Falls Jane Doe

The body of 20-year-old Rebecca Redeker was found on June 5, 1993 in Rainbow Creek Falls, Colorado. She was found in the Pike San Isabel National Forest at a makeshift

campsites. Investigators determined that she had probably died by homicide within the last 72 hours. She may have been homeless at the time she was killed. She became known as the Rainbow Falls Jane Doe.

The FGG investigation was conducted by United Data Connect. The investigation into Redeker's homicide is ongoing.

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#### Case ID 1688: Reed, David E.: Meridian John Doe

The skeletal remains of David E. Reed were found in May of 2018, scattered in the woods just off Highway 145 outside of Meridian, Mississippi. He could not be identified, and he became known only as Meridian John Doe.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram, beginning in 2021. Othram extracted a DNA profile suitable for FGG from Reed's skeletal remains. There is no information on how the final confirmation was made.

Funding for the investigation was provided by Carla Davis, who has raised money for the identification of other decedents in Mississippi.

Reed is a Navy veteran who was born in 1951. Police continue to investigate Reed's death.

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#### Case ID 1395: Rein, Richard Jayson Terrance: Baby Joe Doe

The body of newborn Richard Jayson Terrance Rein was found on May 15, 1988 in Castro Valley, California. Two children found him in a paper bag on the bank of a creek in a wooded area. He was known at first as Baby Joe Doe, but the priests at St. Leander's Church in San Leandro buried him and named him after the vicars and priests at the church. An autopsy determined that the baby had been born alive and was deliberately killed.

The FGG investigation was conducted with the assistance of the FBI and Gene By Gene.

Police arrested Lesa Lopez and charged with homicide and desecration of human remains. She would have been about 20 years old at the time of Rein's birth. Lopez admitted killing the baby and hiding its remains. Her case is pending in the Alameda County Superior Court.

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#### Case ID 1643: Rexrode, Gordon: Gwinnett County John Doe 2003

The skeletal remains of 70-year-old Gordon Rexrode were found on June 20, 2003, in Lawrenceville, Georgia. He was located when workers opened up a manhole to clean out a storm drain. Some items of clothing, along with a pipe used for smoking crack cocaine, were found near the body, but he could not be identified. A cause of death could not be determined.

The FGG investigation was begun by the DNA Doe Project in May of 2021, who

performed the work at a reduced rate. DNA Doe quickly narrowed his family down to a number of common ancestors in West Virginia. The final confirmation was made to Rexrode's son.

Rexrode was known to be homeless, and his family had reported him missing in 1998.

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#### Case ID 1820: Rice, Colleen Audrey: Mohave Jane Doe

The remains of 40-year-old Colleen Audrey Rice were found on January 23, 1971 in a remote desert area of Mohave County,

Arizona. She was located about 30 miles south of Kingman, Arizona, just off a small dirt road named Hackberry Road. She was found in a white cotton canvas sack that had been tied up with white cotton rope. On the sack was printed “Deer-Pak Ames Harris Neville Co.” in green lettering. She had been strangled to death. She is thought to have been killed sometime in December of 1970.

A sketch was made from her remains by an artist at the Museum of Northern Arizona. She had high quality dental work which was reported in several dental magazines in hopes that dentists would check their files and recognize her, but no leads were obtained. Her case was entered into NamUS in November of 2021.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Mohave County Sheriff’s Office Special Investigation Unit, beginning in 2022. The Mohave County Sheriff’s Office contributed \$1,000 in funding. Crowdfunding by DNASolves raised the remaining \$6500 needed to perform the laboratory work and conduct the investigation. The final confirmation was made to living family members.

Rice was from Portsmouth, Ohio. She was married in 1946 in Ohio to William Davis, but she was estranged from her family so little is known at this time of her life or why she was in Arizona. Police continue to investigate her murder.

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#### **Case ID 1815: Ricker, Dorothy Lynn Thyne: Lake Michigan Jane Doe 1997**

The remains of 26-year-old Dorothy Lynn Thyne Ricker were found on October 24, 1997 in Manistee, Michigan. She was found on the shore of Lake Michigan, along the break wall near Fox Farm Road. An autopsy determined that she had died from asphyxia due to accidental drowning. She could not be identified.

The case was reopened in 2020 when Ricker’s remains were exhumed. The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project, in partnership with the Michigan State Police and Astrea Forensics. The remains were badly degraded, but a DNA sample suitable for confirmation of her identification was obtained by Intermountain Forensics. The final confirmation was made to her brother, in Maine, and her daughter, in Chicago.

Ricker was reported missing from her home in Chicago. She was last seen on October 2, 1997 on a beach in Wisconsin, when she spoke briefly to officers from the St. Francis PD. She told them at the time that she was fine, and was enjoying the waterfront. Her vehicle was found abandoned the next day. By that time she had been reported as missing and endangered by the Chicago Police Department.

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#### Case ID 1625: Rindhal, Donald:

The skeletal remains of 22-year-old Donald Rindhal were found on August 17, 2003, alongside the highway in Bradford Township, Minnesota, while the landowner was completing an excavation project. It is thought that he had been buried there for

several years to several decades. His DNA profile and dental records were obtained, and a facial reconstruction was performed.

It was difficult to obtain a DNA sample suitable for FGG due to the age and condition of the remains. The laboratory work and FGG investigation was performed by Othram and Barbara Rae-Venter respectively. Rae-Venter was able to locate two siblings of Rindahl, who confirmed that their brother was missing. The final confirmation was made to his living siblings.

Rindahl disappeared in the summer of 1970. His family stated that the FBI may have been looking for him due to his involvement in drugs. His death is thought to have been a homicide. Police are continuing to investigate his murder.

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### **Case ID 1385: Roberts, Elizabeth Ann: Precious Jane Doe**

The body of 18-year-old Elizabeth Roberts was found on August 14, 1977 in Everett, Washington by local residents picking blackberries. She had been strangled with a bungee cord and shot several times in the head. She had likely been dead for several days. She became known as Precious Jane Doe.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Barbara Rae Venter. After unsuccessful attempts to get a full profile from Precious Jane Doe, Barbara Rae-Venter reached out to Dr. Richard Green, who works in paleogenomics at the UC Santa Cruz. Dr. Green was able to use new techniques to get a full profile using rootless hair. This was a breakthrough in DNA analysis, and it is one striking example of how the science of ancient DNA/paleo-genomics is generating advances in forensic analysis as well.

David Roth had confessed to her murder in 1979, but he did not know her name. He was convicted at trial of first-degree murder in November 1979. He was released in 2005.

Roberts was hitchhiking when Roth picked her up on the highway. They sat and drank

some beer together near the lake. Roth had some peacock feathers that he had tried to give her as a gift. She declined to have sex with him, and he then assaulted, strangled, and then shot her when she fought back. Upon his release, he assisted investigators with reconstructing the crime and identifying the victim.

Roberts had run away from home in about July of 1977 after a disagreement with her family. She later phoned them and told them she was fine, but they did not hear from her again nor did she pick up some money they had sent her.

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## **Case ID 1534: Robinson, Janet: Fort Sumter Jane Doe**

The partial remains of 57-year-old Janet Robinson were located in October of 2020 in Fort Sumter, South Carolina. A single human foot washed up on the shore, wearing a black and green ‘On Cloud’ sneaker. Five months later, the other foot washed up on a different beach in the area, without a shoe.

The FGG investigation was performed by Othram. Othram was able to locate a biological sibling of Robinson to make the final confirmation of her identity.

Robinson was last seen on August 3, 2020 in Charleston. She was originally from Mississippi. Her cause of death cannot be determined, and police continue to investigate her death.

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## **Case ID 1846: Rodgers Annis, Joyce A.**

The remains of 72-year-old Joyce A. Rodgers were found on March 17, 2015 in Carson City, Nevada. She had been buried in a shallow grave on Lone Mountain, near the Lone Mountain Cemetery. A passerby had seen a tennis shoe sticking up from the ground. The Washoe County Medical Examiner’s Office was not able to determine a cause of death for her.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project in partnership with the Carson City Sheriff’s Office, beginning in May of 2019. The genealogical work, which began in May of 2020, had to go back to 18th-century England due to the distance of the matches.

After identifying Rodgers, police located her husband, Edward Barton. Barton, who is reported to be transient, told officers that Rogers died of an illness, and he buried her up on the mountain. It is unknown at the time of writing whether any charges will be brought against Barton.

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### **Case ID 1702: Rodriguez, Edwin**

The burned remains of Edwin Rodriguez were found near Interstate-80 on November 6, 1980 in Wolf Creek Township, Pennsylvania. The autopsy found that the remains belonged to a young man, likely between the ages of 16 and 19, about 5' 8" and who weighed only 115 pounds. He had third degree burns on 70% of his body, and he could not be identified.

A DNA sample was developed in January of 2019 from tissues taken at his autopsy. The FGG investigation was performed by Parabon Nanolabs, who also performed forensic phenotyping. The investigation was funded

by the Mercer County District Attorney’s Office.

Police identified Nestor Quintanal as the lead suspect in Rodriguez’s homicide. Quintanal passed away in Florida in 2002 at the age of 71. Rodriguez and Quintanal were friends, and had left Chicago to go to Florida together shortly before Rodriguez’s death.

Rodriguez’s remains have now been returned to his family in Chicago.

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### **Case ID 1450: Rodriguez, Vance John: Mostly Harmless**

The body of 42-year-old Vance John Rodriguez was found on July 23, 2018 at a campsite in the Big Cypress National Preserve

in Ochopee, Florida by two hikers. Vance had been hiking along the Appalachian Trail for over a year, where he was known by the trail name of ‘Mostly Harmless.’ He used only cash, and he had no identification or contact information. It was determined that he died of natural causes.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram, who obtained a DNA profile from a bone sample. Othram and the Collier County Sheriff’s Office publicized the case, and several family members of Vance came forward and provided their DNA for comparison.

Rodriguez’s case generated a good deal of publicity and online speculation about his origins. He had been well-liked along the hiking trails. It was discovered that he was from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and he worked in IT. A former girlfriend has alleged that he was emotionally abusive towards her. He reportedly suffered from bouts of severe depression, and in 2017 he left his life as a computer programmer in New York to live and hike along the Appalachian Trails.

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#### Case ID 1777: Rollins, John Douglas Jr.: Benton County John Doe (1996) (“Lake Man”)

The remains of 31-year-old John Douglas Rollins Jr. were found on about October 25, 1996, in Beaver Lake, Benton County, Arkansas. His body was in a sleeping bag, floating in the lake. The bag had once been weighted down, and investigators estimate that he had been in the water for about three to twelve months.

A facial reconstruction was performed in April of 1998. He was entered into NamUS in December of 2008 when the University of North Texas managed to develop a mitochondria DNA profile. The case was reopened again in 2016, and dental records were searched, but he could not be identified.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Benton County Sheriff’s Office, beginning in April of 2021. The funding for the investigation was provided by the Benton County Prosecutor’s Office. The final confirmation was made to his father, living in nearby Springdale, Arkansas.

Rollins was last seen by his family in 1995, but no missing person report was filed. Police continue to investigate Rollins' death.

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#### Case ID 1769: Rozek, Donald

The remains of Donald M. Rozek were found on November 9, 1974, in the village of Channahon, Illinois. He was located by local hunters in a rural area near a creek bed. He was thought to have lain there for about 2 years before being discovered. His cause of death could not be determined. His remains were exhumed for further investigation in 1993, and a facial reconstruction was performed, but he could not be identified.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Will County Coroner's Office, beginning in June of 2021. The final confirmation was made to a living nephew. The investigation was crowdfunded through DNAolves.

Rozek was an Army veteran from Chicago, and had not been seen since the early 1970s. He was about 26 to 30 years old when he vanished. Police continue their investigation into the circumstances surrounding his death.

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#### Case ID 1658: Sanchez Bernal, Isabel: Mammoth Lakes Jane Doe

The skeletal remains of 30-year-old Isabel Sanchez Bernal were found in a shallow grave on May 25, 2003, in a campground in the Mammoth Lakes National Forest, in Mono County, California. Her remains were

found scattered by a hiker walking in the area. Someone had tried to wrap her body in plastic bags. Puncture marks on her bones were consistent with her having received knife wounds, and her death was ruled a homicide. Investigators believe her remains lay in the area for about 6 to 9 months before being discovered.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram, beginning in 2020. A sample of Bernal's bone to develop a DNA profile suitable for genealogical analysis. The final confirmation was made to a living relative. Relatives had seen a composite of Bernal in the media, and had come forward for DNA testing. Her case was solved in early August of 2021, but the fact that FGG was used was not officially announced until after her killer pled guilty.

Diego Santiago Hernandez-Antonia, 47, was arrested for her murder on August 13, 2021. Hernandez-Antonia was Bernal's partner. She had come to Mammoth Lakes from Puebla, Mexico in 2002 to work as a housekeeper. Hernandez-Antonia followed soon after. That fall, both partners went for a walk in the Shady Rest Park, but Bernal did not return. Hernandez-Antonia forged a note purporting to be from Bernal telling her family not to look for her.

Under police questioning, Hernandez-Antonia gave several different stories, beginning with denying ever having known Bernal. Eventually, he told police that she fell off a swing and hit her head and he buried her body in a panic. This did not explain the deep knife wounds found on her skeleton.

Hernandez-Antonia pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter, and was sentenced on April 5,

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## **Case ID 1498: Sanderson, Gordon: Septic Tank Sam**

The body of 26-year-old Gordon ('Gordie') Edwin Sanderson was found on April 13, 1977 on Mavis and Charlie McLeod's farm outside of Tofield, Alberta. The McLeods found a leg wearing a brown shoe in the tank while searching for a pump. Police then drained the septic tank with buckets to recover Sanderson's badly decomposed body. Sanderson had been sexually assaulted and mutilated, as well as beaten, tortured, and burned. His body was encased in limestone, possibly in an attempt to hasten decomposition. Sanderson was an Indigenous man from Manitoba who was living in Edmonton at the time of his murder. He had been a survivor of the Sixties Scoop when he was removed from his family as a child.

In 2018, the RCMP submitted Sanderson's DNA profile to Canada's new national database for missing persons. Relatives of missing persons can voluntarily submit their DNA to the database to identify possible matches with unidentified remains. This produced no new leads. The RCMP also spent about \$1,000,000 CAD sending Sanderson's dental records to dentists across Canada, which also produced no leads.

The FGG investigation was performed by Othram, who extracted a new DNA profile from Sanderson's bones. The final confirmation was made to a living sister of Sanderson.

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## **Case ID 1556: Scott, John Lindbergh: Delafield John Doe**

Twenty-seven-year-old John Lindberg Scott was killed in a car accident on September 14, 1977, just outside of Delafield, Wisconsin. He was fleeing from a Waukesha County Sheriff's Department Deputy when he lost control and was ejected from the vehicle. He had no identification, and the vehicle he was driving was stolen.

The FGG investigation was performed by the DNA Doe Project, beginning in October of 2019. It proved to be a difficult case, but eventually investigators confirmed his identity through his living sister, Jean Dunn.

He had been reported missing from Bristol, Tennessee.

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#### Case ID 1545: Seitz, George

The remains of 81-year-old George Seitz were found on March 12, 2019, buried in plastic bags in the backyard of a home near 115<sup>th</sup> Street and Jamaica Avenue in Queens, New York. A woman had phoned in a tip that a body was buried at that location. She told officers that when she was just 10 years old, she had seen her mother's boyfriend cut up a man and bury him in the backyard.

The body had been dismembered at the neck, shoulder, and hips. Police also found Seitz's dismembered pelvis and torso under concrete that had been poured along a wood fence.

The FGG investigation was performed by Othram and NYC FBI special agents, Adrienne Corson and Laurie Giordano. The FBI stepped in to assist with the investigation, since state law at the time prohibited using FGG to identify a homicide victim. Othram was able to obtain a DNA profile from Seitz's skeletal remains.

Seitz was a veteran of WWII who went missing on about December 10, 1976. He is reported to have been reclusive, and to have been suffering from PTSD. He was last seen leaving his home in Jamaica, NY, to get a haircut.

After discovering Setiz's identity, they were able to indict Martin Motta for his homicide. At the time of the homicide, Motta owned not only the house where Seitz was found, but also the barbershop he visited, Haircutters. Seitz would only carry cash with him, as he had PTSD. Police think that Motta killed him for his money.

Motta pled guilty on October 18, 2022 to charges of manslaughter and dismemberment in Queens, New York. On November 7, 2022, he was sentenced to 20 years in prison. Motta is currently 75 years old. He is currently being held at Rikers Island.

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### **Case ID 1644: Seyfert, Roberta: Lilydale Jane Doe 1976**

The body of 22-year-old Roberta Seyfert was found floating in the Mississippi River on June 11, 1976, near the town of Lilydale, Minnesota. She was dressed in blue shorts and was still wearing her shoes and socks.

She was thought to have been in the river for several weeks before being found, resulting in significant decomposition of her remains. Her cause of death has not been disclosed. She could not be identified and became known for the next 45 years only as the Lilydale Jane Doe.

For unknown reasons, a facial reconstruction was not performed. It has been speculated that sufficient remains of her skull were not available. Seyfert's body was exhumed in 2017 as part of efforts to use modern methods of DNA analysis to identify decedents in Minnesota. Seyfert did not match any relatives in the missing persons databases. The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project. The sample source is unspecified, and it was reported to have been taken from her remains sometime prior. The FGG investigation was difficult, due to the distance of the relative matches to Seyfert. DNA Doe volunteer researchers traced her ancestral line back to Luxembourg in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, locating an ancestor who immigrated to America in the mid-1840s.

The FGG investigation was paid for through the DNA Doe Project's fundraising efforts, which raised \$2700 USD for the laboratory work.

Seyfert was born in Tucson, Arizona in 1954. Police have not stated if they believe her death was due to homicide, or if they are continuing to investigate.

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### **Case ID 1206: Silvani, Mary Edith**

See also: James Richard Curry

The body of 34-year-old Mary Edith Silvani was found on July 17, 1982 by hikers on a popular trail near Incline Village, Lake Tahoe. She was wearing a bathing suit, a powder blue t-shirt, blue jeans and yellow tennis shoes. Her long hair was arranged in a bun. She had been sexually assaulted, and it appears as though she was shot in the back of the head while bending over to tie her shoe while getting dressed. She had likely been dead for less than 24 hours when she was found. She had received some unique and high-quality dental work, but she could not be identified. Because she was found near an area known as 'Sheep Flat', she became known only as the 'Sheep's Flat Jane Doe' for the next four decades.

A DNA profile was obtained from semen found at the crime scene, but over the years there were no hits in law enforcement

databases. The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project as well as Identifinders, who identified both the victim and the killer. This project was led by Colleen Fitzpatrick, and involved more than 2,000 hours of research by her team. This investigation was an especial challenge because Curry had been born out of wedlock and raised under a different name. Curry's living children provided the DNA samples that confirmed his match to the semen found at the Tahoe crime scene.

James Richard Curry was identified as the lead suspect in Silvani's murder. The case was cleared by exception due to the death of Curry.

James Curry has a past criminal record. On February 3, 1983, Curry confessed to three murders in California: Gerald Novoselatz, his wife Sharon, and a man named Richard Lemmon. Sharon had been sexually assaulted and her body was dumped off a highway. Police found Lemmon's body in a storage locker where they were directed by Curry. Curry was arrested the next day, and the day after that he died by suicide in his cell.

Mary Edith Silvani was born on September 29, 1948 in Detroit. Her fingerprints were on file from a misdemeanor arrest in 1974, which assisted in confirming her identity. She was buried, alone, at Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery near Reno.

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## **Case ID 1670: Simpson, Gary: Moss Point John Doe**

See also: Alisha Ann Heinrich (Delta Dawn)

The remains of Gary Simpson were found on December 8, 1982, in the Escatawpa River, in a rural area of Jackson County, Mississippi. Authorities had earlier located the body of an

unidentified toddler, and there were reports that she went into the river with a woman who may have been her mother. Divers did not find the woman’s body – she has never yet been found – but they located the remains of a young African American man. His death was ruled a homicide.

Neither he nor the toddler could be identified, and for nearly 40 years they became known only as Moss Point John Doe and Delta Dawn. The little girl was identified in December of 2020 as Alisha Ann Heinrich.

It was difficult to obtain a usable DNA profile from Simpson’s remains because the DNA was degraded. The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram. The final confirmation was made to Simpson’s living relatives, who provided DNA samples to aid in the investigation. The investigation was assisted by funding from Carla Davis, who had earlier funded the FGG investigation to identify Heinrich.

Police continue to investigate Simpson’s homicide. Simpson was born in 1962.

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## **Case ID 1687: Skiple, Patricia: Blue Pacheco Jane Doe**

The body of 45-year-old Patricia (Patty) Skiple was found on June 3, 1993 along State Route 152 outside of Gilroy, California. A trucker stopped along the Pacheco Pass to relieve himself when he saw her remains. She had been strangled to death and dumped along the highway, likely within a week or two of being found. She was wearing clothing that suggests she may have been transient at the time of her death.

Keith Hunter Jesperson confessed in 2006 to killing Skiple, along with the murders of 7 other women. However, he did not know Skiple's name at the time he murdered her. He thought she may have been called 'Carla', or 'Cindy.' Skiple became known as Blue Pacheco Jane Doe, because of the location where she was found and the colour of her clothing.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project, beginning in December of 2019. Since she only had very distant relative matches on GEDmatch and FTDNA, researchers had to construct a family tree going all the way back to Norway in the 1700s. Investigators located family members in Oregon, and a nephew provided the DNA that helped investigators make the final confirmation of Skiple's identity.

Jesperson confessed to almost two hundred murders, but is thought to have been responsible for the killing of 8 women between 1990 and 1995, all of whom were killed in similar circumstances. His victims were sexually assaulted, tortured, and strangled to death. He was known as the 'Happy Face Killer' as he sent several letters

to police and the media – all of which were signed with a happy face. Jesperson was sentenced to four life sentences without parole, which he is currently serving in the Oregon State Penitentiary.

Skipal's family last saw her in 1992. She was from Molalla, Oregon.

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## **Case ID 1714: Smith, Sylvia Nicole**

The partial remains of 16-year-old Sylvia Nicole Smith were found on August 1, 2013 along the roadside outside of Midland, Texas. Oil workers surveying a well site located her, and the area was searched. She is thought to have died by homicide, but she could not be identified.

The University of North Texas Center for Human Identification extracted a DNA sample which was uploaded to CODIS, but she could not be identified. The FGG investigation was conducted by Paragon Nanolabs, beginning in 2020. The final confirmation was made to living relatives.

Smith's mother told investigators that she filed a missing persons report on February 18, 2000, a few days after her daughter was last seen, on February 14, 2000. Police continue to investigate her murder.

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#### **Case ID 1683: Sniegowski, Margaret Ann Jr.: Boone County Jane Doe**

The remains of 17-year-old Margaret Ann Sniegowski Jr. were found on May 3, 1992, along the Interstate-65 highway in Boone County, Indiana. She was face down in a drainage ditch. She had likely lain there for a few days to a week before being found. An autopsy could not confirm her cause of death, but it was suspected that she was strangled. She was buried by the community in a pauper's grave close to the Boone County Sheriff's office investigating her homicide, marked only as 'Unidentified Female'.

Her body was exhumed for a modern forensic anthropological analysis, and an STR DNA profile was obtained in 2012. News reports are inconsistent about when her body was exhumed. The information was submitted to NamUs. A new facial reconstruction was performed in 2018. Othram states that an FGG investigation was attempted in 2019 without success at that time.

A DNA profile suitable for FGG was obtained in 2021. The FGG investigation was performed by Othram, beginning in September of 2021. Reports state that a sister of hers had uploaded her profile to a genetic genealogy site (Albeck-Ripka reported in the *New York Times* that the website was ancestry.com, although this is likely to be incorrect given Ancestry's terms and conditions). The final confirmation was made to living relatives in Texas.

Lenny Sniegowski, Margaret's brother, stated that it was a relief to know what had become of his sister. He stated, "There's hope out there for people who don't know where their

family members might be. I'm living proof." Margaret was originally from Toledo, Ohio.

Because Sniegowski's body was found along the I-65 highway, investigators are inquiring into whether she was a victim of the 'I-65 Killer'. FGG was recently used to identify Harry Edward Greenwell as the I-65 Killer, but it is not yet known if she was another of his victims.

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#### Case ID 1749: Soden, Robert ("Bobbie") Ronald: Victim H

The skeletal remains of 30-year-old Robert ("Bobbie") Ronald Soden were found on March 23, 2007 in Fort Myers, Florida. His remains were unearthed in a wooded area near Fort Myers along with seven other

victims. Together, they are known as the "Fort Myers Eight." Soden was known as "Victim H".

Soden is thought to be a victim of serial killer Daniel Owen Conahan Jr. who is thought to have murdered the 8 young men in south Florida. Conahan, known as the Hog Trail Killer, is thought to have killed up to a dozen young men in similar circumstances, and attempted to kill a further victim. Many of his victims were transient, and some are thought to have been homosexual.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs in partnership with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification (UNTCHI), and the Fort Myers Police Department. The final confirmation was made to living relatives.

Soden was the fourth victim out of the eight to be identified, and the first to be identified through FGG. The other three victims are Jonathan Tihay, Erric Kohler, and John Blevins. The Fort Myers PD states that they are linking into using FGG to identify the remaining four victims.

Conahan is currently on death row in Florida for the 1996 murder of Richard Allen Montgomery. He was convicted in 1999.

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### **Case ID 1719: Sommers, Joyce Marilyn Meyer: Christmas Tree Lady**

The remains of 69-year-old Joyce Marilyn Meyer Sommers were found on December 18, 1996, in a cemetery in Annandale, Virginia. She was found by a groundskeeper at the Pleasant Valley Memorial Park, in the children's section. The cause of death was suicide by suffocation. She had left a note, which stated, "Deceased by own hand. Prefer no autopsy. Please order cremation, with funds provided. Thank you, Jane Doe." She had left two \$50 bills for the cremation, and had placed a small Christmas Tree on the blanket next to her.

The FGG investigation was performed by Othram, beginning on January of 2022. The source of the sample used to develop the DNA profile is not stated. The funding was raised through crowdfunding, as well as a substantial private donation. The final confirmation was made to her brother and sister.

Sommers was estranged from her family in Davenport, Iowa. She is said to have moved to California in the 1960s, and to have been very smart and artistic. In the 1980s, she was twice divorced and living in a trailer park in Tucson, Arizona. She asked her siblings to help build her a house at their last visit with her, and when they told her they couldn't she had no further contact with them. Her siblings report that tried very hard to find her, and even hired a private detective, with no success.

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### **Case ID 1478: Soosay, Shirley Ann: Kern County Jane Doe**

The body of Shirley Ann Soosay was found on July 14, 1980 in an almond orchard near McFarland, California – close to Bakersfield. She had been sexually assaulted and had been stabbed about 30 times, and she appears to have fought back against her attacker. She was between 25 and 35 years old at the time she was killed. The body of a pregnant woman was found in similar circumstances on July 18, 1980 in Visalia. She had also been sexually assaulted and stabbed to death. This Visalia Jane Doe has yet to be identified. Like Soosay, Visalia Jane Doe is likely Indigenous.

Investigators attempted to obtain a DNA profile from her remains in July of 2018, but it took nearly a year due to their degradation. The FGG investigation commenced in May of 2019 by the DNA Doe Project.

When the DNA Doe Project determined that Kern County Jane Doe was an Indigenous woman, they launched a campaign on Facebook, showing a photo reconstructing what she looked like and asking for members of the public who were of Indigenous ancestry to upload their DNA to GEDmatch in an effort to identify her. It is more challenging to identify persons of interest who are Indigenous due to their underrepresentation in consumer DNA databases. There are also special issues involved in the identification of Indigenous persons, as many of their genealogical histories are oral.

A close family member – Violet Soosay, a niece of Soosay – saw the campaign and uploaded her DNA to GEDmatch, hoping to identify her missing Aunt. Soosay's identity was confirmed with the assistance of her niece. Soosay was a member of the Samson Cree First Nation from Canada. Violet had promised her grandmother, who passed away in 1991, that she would bring Soosay home.

Wilson Chouest was convicted by a jury of the rape and murder of Kern County Jane Doe and Visalia Jane Doe in Ventura County in May of 2018. He was 66 years old at the time of his conviction, and he was sentenced to life in prison. The key evidence against him was semen found on the victims and on their clothing, as well as defensive marks on the victims showing they had fought back. Chouest claimed that the sexual activity with the victims was consensual. Chouest allegedly confessed in a letter to a pen pal.

Chouest had been convicted of three prior rapes and kidnappings, one of which took place in 1977 and another two which took place in August and September of 1980. Chouest was already serving a life sentence for these crimes at the time of his arrest for the two murders. He is presently serving his sentence in Corcoran, California.

In May of 2022, Soosay's remains were returned home to her family and to the Samson Cree Nation in Alberta. Violet Soosay, who worked for many years to find her Aunt, and then to return her remains home, stated that "Now there's closure. There's healing that can start happening."

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## Case ID 1832: Sotherden, Gary Frank

The skull of 25-year-old Gary Frank Sotherden was found on July 23, 1997 in a remote area of Yukon-Koyukuk in Alaska. A pair of hunters found the skull along the Porcupine River, about 8 miles from the Canadian border. Alaska State Troopers investigated, but they could locate no other remains. On the basis of the size, shape, and pattern of tooth penetrations in the skull, investigators determined that he had been the victim of a bear mauling. This was determined to be a likely cause of his death.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the Alaska State Troopers, beginning in April of 2022. It had not been reported if a private laboratory or forensic organization was involved in the investigation. The final confirmation was made to Sotherden's brother.

Sotherden was from upstate New York. He went missing sometime in the late 1970s, and the area near where his body was found is his last known whereabouts. He had been dropped off there to go hunting, and was not seen again.

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### **Case ID 1423: Splett, Darrell: Rush Creek Trails John Doe/McHenry County John Doe**

The body of a middle-aged man was discovered in May of 2019 by hikers on the Rush Creek Trails in the Rush Creek Conservation Area near Harvard, Illinois. He was wearing winter clothing, including a hand-knitted scarf. He was found suspended in a tree. The cause of death was determined to be suicide by hanging. Traditional methods of identification were unsuccessful, including a digital facial reconstruction.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram and the McHenry County Coroner's Office. He has been identified and returned to his family.

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### **Case ID 1463: St. Peters, James Edward**

On October 7, 2016, kayakers found the body of 78-year-old James Edward St. Peters in the Bear Branch Reservoir in The Woodlands, Texas. The man had no identity, and no leads were generated through CODIS.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram, which began work in late 2020. They found relatives of the man beyond the second cousin range which they were able to use to discover his identity. In this case, many of St. Peters' relatives are of Mennonite and French-Canadian descent, and so the investigation also needed to take account of endogamy.

James St. Peters has now been returned to his family. It is though that he died of suicide.

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#### Case ID 1522: Standridge, Marlene

The remains of Marlene Standridge were found on December 9, 1982 near Stone Mountain in Gwinnett County, Georgia. A

skull and a few bones were located in a wooded area. The remains were thought to have lain there for several years. A nylon rope that had been used to bind her body was also found nearby, along with some shoes, a blouse, and other items of clothing. Laboratory reports from state crime lab during the initial investigation in 1982 had tentatively identified the victim as an African American, and facial reconstructions were made showing the victim as an African American woman.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram. The final match was made to her daughter, Janis Adams, who had uploaded her DNA for law enforcement searching in an effort to find what had happened to her mother. The final match was confirmed through kinship testing with Adams.

Standridge went missing in the early 1970s, when her daughter, Janis Adams, was an infant. Family members told Adams that she and her 2-year-old brother were found alone in Piedmont Park the day her mother went missing. Police suspect she was kidnapped from the park when playing there with her young children.

Police also suspected that her death might be linked to the deaths of two other women who were found murdered in that area in the 1970s. Serial killer James Willie Brown was executed in 2003 for the murder of one of these women, Brenda Watson.

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### Case ID 1456: Stephens, Wendy

The body of 14-year-old Wendy Stephens was found on March 21, 1984 in a wooded area near a Little League baseball field in Seattle, Washington. Serial killer Gary Leon Ridgeway, known as the Green River Killer, confessed to killing her, along with 48 other women and girls. Ridgeway pled guilty to this offence in 2004, but the girl could not be identified. She had been strangled and had been lying in the trees for about a year. She was one of four of Ridgeway’s victims who remained unidentified, as well as his youngest victim.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project under the leadership of Cairenn Binder. HudsonAlpha Discovery obtained a DNA profile from a bone sample, and Kevin Lord of Saber Investigations performed the bioinformatics analysis.

One of Stephens’ parents had uploaded their DNA to GEDmatch hoping to learn something about the whereabouts of their daughter, but they uploaded in May of 2019 after GEDmatch changed its terms of service. The parent was not aware that they now had to specifically opt-in to law enforcement matching. Volunteers were able to solve this case by uploading the DNA to FTDNA. If DNA Doe volunteers had been able to see this DNA profile the case would have been solved in September or 2020.

Stephens came from Denver, Colorado. Her family reported her missing in 1983 after she ran away from home.

Gary Ridgeway is serving a life sentence at Washington State Penitentiary. He is thought

to be the second most prolific serial killer in U.S. history.

Over the years, there were numerous other suspects in the Green River Killer's murders. William Stephens, long a suspect, was arrested in January of 1989. Police released him because he had an alibi, but he remained under suspicion until the arrest of Ridgeway in 2001. There are reports that Melvin Wayne Foster was also arrested and had his DNA taken. He was released when further victims turned up while he was in custody.

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#### Case ID 1287: Sullivan, Tyler R.

The skull of 26-year-old Tyler Sullivan was found on May 16, 2016 in a wooded area on the Tulalip Indian Reservation in Washington.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Barbara Rae-Venter. His cause of death cannot be determined, but authorities think his remains were moved to that location from elsewhere. He was last seen alive on October 19, 2013 in the area of the Tulalip Resort Casino. The investigation into Sullivan's death is ongoing.

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## **Case ID 1608: Swindon, Donna Lee**

The badly decomposed remains of 57-year-old Donna Lee Swindon were found on November 6, 2004, in Hazel Dell, an unincorporated area just north of Vancouver, Washington. Two youths came across Swindon's body in a wooded area near a Goodwill store. Investigators estimated that she had lain at the site for several months. A cause of death could not be determined.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. The final confirmation was made to living relatives. Randon Walker was a homicide detective with the Clark County Sheriff's Office when Swindon's body was first discovered, and he was assigned to her case again in 2020 after transferring to the Clark County Medical Examiner's office.

Swindon has now been returned to her family.

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## **Case ID 1812: Tallman, Daisy Mae: Yakama County Jane Doe 2008**

The remains of 29-year-old Daisy Mae Tallman were found on November 26, 2008 in a remote area of Yakama County, near White Swan, Washington. White Swan is part of the Yakama Indian Reservation belonging to the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram, in partnership with the Yakima Nation Tribal Police and the Yakima County Coroner's Office, beginning in 2022. The final confirmation was made through kinship testing with a close living relative. Funding for the investigation was provided by the Washington State Attorney General's Office.

Tallman is a member of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of Yakama Nation. At the time of her disappearance, she was in a process to legally change her last name to Heath, the surname of her father, from Tallman, the surname of her mother. She is sometimes referred to in reports as Daisy Mae Heath.

Tallman was staying with her family in White Swan at the time of her disappearance, in about August of 1987. She was reported missing on October 29, 1987. Her family

describe her as sometimes living in the mountains for days or weeks at a time and living through hunting, foraging, and fishing. She was highly skilled in the traditional arts of beading, pipe-making, and beading.

Some personal items, including a backpack, keys, and a ring, were found in a remote area of Soda Springs that is closed to non-tribal citizens. She is described as being emotionally fragile due to the recent deaths of her infant daughter and grandmother. The cause of Tallman's death is not determined.

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#### Case ID 1798: Telles-Gonzalez, Maria

The remains of 36-year-old Maria Telles-Gonzalez were found on May 24, 1995 in Yemassee, South Carolina. She was found clad only in her underwear in a drainage ditch by a South Carolina Highway Department employee. She died by strangulation. It is

estimated that she died about 24-36 hours before being found.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs in partnership with the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office. Forensic phenotyping showed that she had Hispanic, as well as South Asian and Middle Eastern ancestry, typical of persons from Latin America. She was identified through her son.

Telles-Gonzalez was from Kissimmee, Florida. She was last seen by her family in May of 1995 just after her three children had left for school. She was never reported missing. Police continue to investigate her murder.

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### **Case ID 1570: Terrell, Tammy Corrine: Arroyo Grande Jane Doe**

The remains of 17-year-old Tammy Corrine Terrell were found on October 5, 1980, in Henderson, Nevada. Her body was nude, and part of a shower curtain was found near her body. She had been bludgeoned in the back of her head, and the autopsy found that she had died from blunt force trauma. She had also been stabbed seven times in the back, and several of her teeth were missing. She could not be identified and became known for the next 41 years as Arroyo Grande Jane Doe.

Her body was exhumed for DNA testing in 2016. The FGG investigation was performed by Barbara Rae-Venter. The final confirmation was made to two of her living sisters.

Terrell's funeral expenses were paid by John Williams, a Henderson Police Department detective who was involved in the initial discovery of Terrell's body. Terrell was from Roswell, New Mexico. She went missing on September 28, 1980. After being dropped off to attend the state fair, she was last seen leaving a restaurant with an unknown man and woman. Police continue to investigate Terrell's homicide.

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### **Case ID 1782: Terry, Ruth Marie: Lady of the Dunes**

The remains of 37-year-old Ruth Marie Terry were found on July 26, 1974 in Provincetown, Massachusetts. She was located in the dunes of the Cape Cod National Seashore, about a mile east of the Race Point Ranger Station. She was nude, and her hands had been deliberately removed, perhaps to hinder her identification. She was lying on a beach towel, with a pair of folded jeans under her head. Her cause of death was from a blow to the head, which crushed the left side of her skull. She had been nearly decapitated. It was estimated that she had lain there for several weeks before being found.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Provincetown PD and the Massachusetts State Police, beginning in 2022. In this case, the DNA in Terry's skeletal remains was degraded and had been mixed with formaldehyde and other chemical fixatives, making the development of a usable profile highly challenging. The

genealogical research was performed by the FBI. The final confirmation was made to a close living relative.

Investigators have stated that Terry was the oldest unidentified homicide victim in the state of Massachusetts.

Shortly after identifying Terry, Massachusetts State Police announced that they have identified a lead suspect in her murder. Guy Muldavin was Terry's husband. They were married in Nevada only a few months before her murder.

Muldavin is described as being charismatic and charming, and at one time an antiques-dealer. He used several aliases, including Raul Rockwell. He was a suspect in the similarly brutal murders of a previous wife and stepdaughter in Seattle in 1960, but there was not enough evidence to charge him. Muldavin fled from Seattle to New York, where he was arrested for not giving testimony about the discovery and mutilation of his wife and step-daughter's remains. Police are currently investigating whether he may be a serial killer.

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## Case ID 1768: Tiedman, Doreen: Hancock County Jane Doe

The remains of 34-year-old Doreen Tiedman were located on October 18, 1994, in Greenfield, Indiana. She was found in a wooded area under a bridge. It is likely that she lay there for several months before being located. A clay reconstruction of her bust was created. She was entered into NamUs in 2009.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Hancock

County Sheriff's Office, beginning in March of 2022. Detective Ted Munden performed much of the genealogical work, and found a distant relative in Florida who was knowledgeable about genealogy, and then a sister of Tiedman in Cleveland.

Tiedman was from Cleveland, but she was known to hitchhike widely throughout the United States. Her family last had contact with her in about January of 1994. She was listed as missing in May of 1996.

Police continue to investigate the death of Tiedman. While they have little information, they consider her death to be suspicious.

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#### Case ID 1327: Tigard, Tamara Lee: Lime Lady

The body of 21-year-old Tamara Lee Tigard was found on April 18, 1980 in Eastern Oklahoma County, Oklahoma. She was found by fishermen on the banks of the North Canadian River outside of Oklahoma City. She was nude and had been shot in the chest and her body covered in quicklime. The lime mummified and preserved her body. She became known for the next four decades as the Lime Lady.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Cairenn Binder of the DNA Doe Project. Tigard was a member of the U.S. military, and so military and dental records were used to help make the final confirmation of her identity.

Tigard had been reported missing, but she was later found living in Ohio. However, this was not Tigard but a woman who had stolen her identity. Because of this, Tigard was not listed as a missing person, or entered into the NAMUS database.

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### **Case ID 1469: Todd, Lisa: Publicker Jane Doe**

The partially-clothed skeletal remains of 17-year-old Lisa Todd were found on January 24, 1988 in Bensalem Township, Pennsylvania. A couple out walking their dog discovered her in an underground well shaft on the property of the abandoned Publicker Distillery. The young woman was six-months pregnant at the time she was murdered. She became known

as the Publicker Jane Doe. She was the oldest unidentified decedent in Bensalem.

Facial reconstruction was performed in 1994. A DNA profile was obtained and uploaded to CODIS in 2007. A further CT scan and an updated 3D digital facial reconstruction was performed in 2014. DNA was extracted from the fetus in 2017.

The lab work for the FGG investigation was conducted by Bode Technology beginning in 2020. Othram assisted by producing a profile suitable for genealogical analysis. Published reports state that Bensalem PD performed the genealogical analysis, but this has not been confirmed.

Todd had been reported missing by her family almost 3 years earlier, in October of 1985. Her death is considered to be suspicious, and the investigation is ongoing. She left behind a family and a 2-year-old son.

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#### **Case ID 1529: Torres Melendez, Leopoldo**

The skeletal remains of 41-year-old Leopoldo Torres Melendez were found on November 28, 1976 in a wooded area near Highway 29 in Lower Lake, Lake County, California. It was determined that he was killed by blunt force trauma to the head.

A partial DNA profile was obtained in 2007 and uploaded into CODIS, but produced no hits. The FGG investigation was performed by Parabon Nanolabs beginning in August of 2020. At that time, a new DNA profile was obtained from Torres' skull by the Marshall University Forensic Science Center. The final confirmation was made to Torres' living sister.

Torres Melendez was born in Puerto Rico. His family states that he went missing about 50 years ago – sometime in the early 1970s. Police continue to investigate his homicide.

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#### **Case ID 1486: Trapp, Vincent Marion: Sand Canyon John Doe**

The partial skeletal remains of 43-year-old Vincent Marion Trapp were found on March 12, 1992 in Sand Canyon, Nevada, near the border with California. An anonymous individual came across his remains in a makeshift grave. Some clothing and personal effects were found at a nearby campsite. Trapp had been deceased for about one year when he was discovered. He became known for the next 28 years only as the Sand Canyon John Doe.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs, and the final confirmation was made with a living relative.

Police believe that Trapp was killed sometime in the spring or summer of 1991. They continue to investigate his homicide.

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### **Case ID 1780: Travis, Everette Guy: Cape Girardeau John Doe**

The skeletal remains of 26-year-old Everette Guy Travis were found on April 6, 1981 near Oak Ridge, Missouri. Bill King was gathering mushrooms when he discovered human bones just off the Interstate-55 highway. Two 32-caliber slugs were found with his remains, as well as a rib bone with a bullet hole. King

also found a partial cranium belonging to Travis in April of 1988.

Initial attempts to develop a DNA profile were unsuccessful. A mitochondrial DNA profile was able to be developed and the data was entered into NamUs.

The case was reopened in August of 2020 under the direction of Dr. Jennifer Bengtson of the Southeast Missouri State University Anthropology department and her students. They selected an inner ear bone for DNA extraction, and the sample was sent to Othram.

Othram, in partnership with the Southeast Missouri State University and the Cape Girardeau County Sheriff's Office, extracted the DNA profile and conducted the FGG investigation. The FGG investigation began in March of 2022. They discovered a brother who matched Travis and who had uploaded his DNA to GEDmatch - Dr. Jim Travis, a retired physician from Texas.

Travis was from Blytheville, Arkansas. He had relocated there from Texas after leaving the Air Force. Known to be a good Samaritan, he was last seen picking up a hitchhiker named Kenneth Derring along the I-55 near Blytheville in June of 1977. Derring was later seen attempting to sell Travis' vehicle in Sikeston, Missouri. He was then arrested, and found to be in possession of Travis' personal effects as well as a 32-calibre firearm. He confessed, and was convicted of murder, despite the fact that Travis' body had not been found. Derring died in prison in 2012.

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### Case ID 1758: Tufano, Ralph: Alachua County John Doe

The skeletal remains of 35-year-old Ralph Tufano were found on February 13, 1979 near the Interstate-75 highway and County Road 236. His remains were found by local forestry employees, along with some clothing and a noose. Investigators believe that he may have committed suicide, or been hung.

A forensic anthropological analysis at the time determined that he was likely a white male, 5'5" tall, with red or blonde hair. A facial reconstruction was completed by forensic artist Betty Pat Gatliff. A 3D

reconstruction was completed by the University of South Florida in 2015.

Efforts to extract a DNA profile began in 2018, but initial attempts failed due to the degradation of the DNA. Othram was finally successful in obtaining a DNA profile in 2021. Volunteer genealogist Misty Nall identified Tufano in a matter of hours. The final confirmation was made to his sister.

Tufano was from New York. He has a sister and two children. Investigators have not yet determined why Tufano was in North Central Florida.

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## Case ID 1219: Vaughn, Marie

See also:

Confidential (Dawn Beaudin/Lisa Jensen)  
Honeychurch, Marlyse Elizabeth  
McWaters, Sarah  
Rasmussen, Jane Doe  
Rasmussen, Terry Peder

This case is part of a series of murders known as the Bear Brook Murders, or the Allenstown Murders. One of the most remarkable cold cases in U.S. history, the successful resolution of the Bear Brook murders by Barbara Rae-Venter led detectives to pursue similar techniques in the search for the Golden State Killer.

The body of Marie Vaughn was found on November 11, 1985, when a 55-gallon steel drum containing human remains was found in Bear Brook State Park near Allenstown, New Hampshire. The remains were of a young girl about 8-10, and she was found in the barrel with an adult woman who is thought to have been about 26 or 27 years old. They had been killed by blunt force trauma to the head.

On May 9, 2000, a second steel drum was found only about 100 yards from the first. It contained the remains of two more young girls. The younger girl was 1-3 years old and the older was about 2-4 years old. It is thought that the four Bear Brook victims were killed sometime between 1978 and 1981.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Barbara Rae-Venter, a Search Angel, who volunteered at the non-profit organization DNA Adoption.com where she assisted adopted individuals to identify their birth families. Rae-Venter has a PhD in

biochemistry, and she worked for many years as a patent attorney in the biotech industry. She is a leader in using genetic genealogy to identify living relatives.

At first, Rae-Venter was not looking to identify the Bear Brook victims. She was attempting to identify Lisa Jensen, a grown woman who had been abducted and abandoned by an unknown male when she was about 5 years old. Lisa thought she was the biological daughter of a man named Gordon Jensen. Jensen was a pseudonym for a man whose real identity was discovered by Rae-Venter to be Terry Peder Rasmussen – a man who died in prison in California where he had been sentenced for the murder of his common-law wife. DNA testing showed that Rasmussen was not the father of Lisa Jensen, but he was the father of the toddler whose body was found in second barrel at Bear Brook. Rasmussen was then identified as the lead suspect in the murder of the four Bear Brook victims, and the case was cleared by exception.

In 1978, at the time of the Bear Brook murders, Rasmussen worked in Allenstown as an electrician and handyman near the property where the barrels were found. In around 1981, another young mother named Denise Beaudin and her 6-month-old daughter disappeared from New Hampshire in very similar circumstances. Beaudin's boyfriend at the time was Terry Rasmussen. The little girl was Lisa Jensen. They all moved to California together, but when Rasmussen was next seen in California he was in the company of only Lisa. Denise was never seen again after leaving New Hampshire with Rasmussen, and her body has not been located.

Rasmussen and Lisa lived in a trailer park in Scotts Valley, California in 1986. He then abandoned Lisa, who was then about 5 years old, with another family he met there. ‘Gordon Jensen’ was not seen again. Lisa Jensen was a living Jane Doe, with no idea of when or where she was born, her parentage, or her name.

Lisa Jensen was now a grown woman of 32 years old and a mother herself when the detectives working on her case approached Rae-Venter to identify her birth family. The lead detective working on Lisa’s abduction was Detective Peter Headley of the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Office. Rae-Venter and a team of volunteers used genetic genealogy to identify Lisa’s birth family and try to find out where she came from and what had happened to her mother.

In 2016, Rae-Venter identified Lisa as Dawn Beaudin of New Hampshire. Lisa and her mother, Denise Beaudin, disappeared around Thanksgiving of 1981 with her boyfriend, Terry Rasmussen. Family members identified her boyfriend at the time as ‘Bob Evans’, which was the name that Rasmussen was using when he was living in New Hampshire.

Rae-Venter wanted to test the remains of the Bear Brook victims because she suspected that the woman in the barrel was Denise Beaudin, Lisa’s mother. Up until that time, it had not been possible to obtain a DNA profile from the Bear Brook victims. In 2016, Rae-Venter contacted Dr. Ed Green, a researcher in paleo-genomics, of the University of California at Santa-Cruz as he had developed a new technique to extract autosomal DNA from rootless hair.

This new technique was successful in obtaining DNA profiles of the Bear Brook victims, and the investigation was finally able to progress. They discovered that the woman was not Denise Beaudin, but the middle girl was Rasmussen’s biological daughter. She was not related to the other two little girls, who were found to be the daughters of the adult woman.

Rae-Venter then used FGG to identify the woman found at Bear Brook as Marlyse Elizabeth Honeychurch (b. 1954). The other body found in the barrel with her is her eldest daughter, Marie Vaughan (b. 1971). The infant girl found in the second barrel is Honeychurch’s youngest daughter, Sarah McWaters (b. 1977).

Marlyse Honeychurch was last seen on Thanksgiving Day in 1978, when she got into an argument with her family, and left with Terry Rasmussen, who was her boyfriend at the time. She was never seen alive again. Honeychurch and the three girls were likely killed sometime between 1978 and 1981, before Denise Beaudin and her daughter Lisa Jensen went missing in similar circumstances.

Jane Doe Rasmussen, the toddler found in the second barrel, is the biological daughter of Terry Rasmussen. The FGG investigation into her identity continues, as her mother is currently unknown. She has a mixed ancestry, with some African American, Native American, and possibly Asian heritage. Rae-Venter is constructing her family tree and believes the girl’s mother may be from near Pearl River County, Mississippi, and possibly descended from Thomas ‘Deadhorse’ Mitchell (b. 1836) or William Livings (b. 1826).

Rasmussen died of lung cancer and emphysema at the High Desert Prison in Susanville, California in 2010. He had been convicted under yet another false name, ‘Larry Vanner’, for the 2002 murder of his common-law spouse, chemist Eunsoon Jun. He has been nicknamed the ‘Chameleon Killer’ for the way in which he is able to move, change his identity, and begin a new life with a new family. When DNA testing showed that he was not the biological father of Lisa Jensen, he denied knowing or remembering the little girl at all.

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### **Case ID 1764: Vielguth, Shannon: Delta Jane Doe**

The remains of 39-year-old Shannon Vielguth were found on March 29, 2008 in the Georgiana Slough of Tyler Island in Sacramento County. It was determined that Vielguth was the victim of a homicide, and that she had likely been killed in the autumn of 2004. A composite drawing and a facial reconstruction were completed and released to the public, as were pictures of clothing and jewelry found alongside her remains, but she could not be identified.

There is currently no data on who performed the FGG investigation, which was begun sometime in 2021. The final confirmation was made to a living family member.

Vielguth was born in 1969. She was known to have been transient for the last 6 months of her life. Investigators have found that she was in the area of Reno, Nevada and Sacramento sometime in October of 2004, which may have been around the time that she was killed. They continue to investigate her murder.

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### **Case ID 1746: Walker, Tracy Sue: Baby Girl**

The skeletal remains of 15-year-old Tracy Sue Walker were located on April 3, 1985 in Campbell County, Tennessee. She was located in the Big Wheel Gap area of Elk Valley. She was thought to be a young girl of about 10 to 15 years of age, but she could not be identified and she became known for the next 37 years as 'Baby Girl'.

A DNA sample was obtained in 2007 by the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification and uploaded into CODIS and NamUS, but there were no results.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the University of Tennessee Anthropology Department, beginning in 2022. The FGG investigation was led by genealogist Carla Davis. The final confirmation was made to Walker's living siblings.

Walker was from Lafayette, Indiana. She was reported missing by her family sometime around 1978 after having last been seen with a friend at the Tippecanoe Mall. Police continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding her disappearance and death. At the same time, the Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Office in Indiana has reopened Walker's missing person case to assist in the investigation.

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#### Case ID 1807: Watts, Larry Dean: Mesa County John Doe 2019

The skeletal remains of 48-year-old Larry Dean Watts were found in December of 2019 in Gateway, Colorado. A local hunting guide found the remains at an overlook. Watts had some personal belongings scattered near him, including a revolver, but he could not be identified.

His information was entered into NamUs, and his remains were sent to the University of North Texas for forensic analysis. The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Mesa County Coroner's Office, beginning in 2022.

Watts was born on March 6, 1949. He was last seen with his brother on June 16, 1997 and was reported missing. Investigators are seeking information on the movements of Watts before his death. The cause of death has not been released, and it is not stated that his death is considered suspicious.

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### **Case ID TBA: Webb, Carl ('Charles'): Somerton Man**

The remains of Carl ('Charles') Webb were found on December 1, 1948 on Somerton Beach in Adelaide, Australia. He could not be identified, and became known as 'Somerton Man,' and this became one of Australia's oldest and most notorious cold cases.

Webb's body was exhumed in May of 2021 by the South Australia Police. A DNA profile was obtained from rootless hair on a death mask made at the time of his death.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Derek Abbott of the University of Adelaide and Colleen Fitzpatrick of Identifinders. The South Australian police have yet to confirm the identification, and so the case remains open. This case has not yet been added to the database, and it may be if police confirm his identification.

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### **Case ID 1531: Weis, Nicole**

The body of 21-year-old Nicole Weis was found burning in a parking lot on January 24, 2000 in San Diego, California. Weis had been wrapped in cardboard, bound, and set afire in the parking lot of the College Avenue Baptist Church. The young woman's hands had been cut off, likely to prevent her identification.

The FGG investigation was performed by Barbara Rae-Venter. A half-brother of Weis, Glen Stevenson, uploaded his DNA, which assisted in her identification. However, Stephenson was adopted, and so Rae-Venter

had to solve the mystery of his biological family before his sister could be identified. The final confirmation was made to Weis' older sister, Kimberly Beach.

While police announced Weis' identification on September 30, 2021, they state that she was in fact identified sometime in 2020. Weis had lost touch with her family after moving to Los Angeles in the late 1990s. Police continue to investigate her homicide, and they are seeking the public's assistance.

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#### **Case ID 1705: Wells, Zachary: Fulton County John Doe (2022)**

The burned remains of 59-year-old Zachary Wells were found on January 16, 2022 in Atlanta, Georgia. A house caught on fire on Oak Drive South West that evening, and the badly burned remains of a man were found among the debris. There was very little left of the house or its contents after the fire, and the man could not be identified. The house is reported to have had no running water or power at the time of the fire, and may have been occupied intermittently by several persons.

The FGG investigation was performed by Othram, who has achieved some previous successes in obtaining usable DNA profiles from degraded or burned remains. The final confirmation was made to a living relative of Wells. The FGG investigation was funded by Audiochuk.

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#### **Case ID 1834: West, David Jr.**

The skeletal remains of 73-year-old David West Jr. were found on March 28, 1989 in Moro, Oregon. A group of rafters found some human remains on the Sherman County side of the John Day River. A further investigation by the Sherman County Sheriff's Office discovered a skull and a partial skeleton in the silt along the riverbank. Further searches of the area in March and April of 1989 were able to locate some additional small bones and teeth.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Sherman County Sheriff's office and the Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office, beginning in April of 2022. The final confirmation was made to living relatives.

West was from Gilliam County, Oregon. He disappeared in 1964 while trying to cross the John Day River during a flood, as he often

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#### **Case ID 1811: West, Michael Len**

The first recorded discovery of the partial skeletal remains of Michael Len West was on May 4, 2017, in Pearl, Mississippi. On that date, West's skull arrived at the Mississippi State Medical Examiner's Office. There is currently no information on when and where his skull was found, whether other remains have been located, or the circumstances surrounding his death.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram, in partnership with the Mississippi State Medical Examiner's Office and the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation, beginning in August of 2021. Both the funding and the genealogical research was provided by genetic genealogist and philanthropist Carla Davis, who has assisted with several cases in Mississippi. The final

confirmation was made to a living family member.

It is known that West was born on March 1, 1959 in Wichita County, Texas. His father was Leonard Lee West, who passed away in 1965, and his mother was Phoebe Jo Custis, who passed away in 1982. West may have been living a transient lifestyle at the time of his disappearance, and he was not reported missing. Little else is currently known about the circumstances surrounding his disappearance or his death.

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#### Case ID 1727: White, Gary Lee: Biloxi John Doe 2019

The remains of 67-year-old Gary Lee White were located on September 19, 2019 in Biloxi, Mississippi. His remains were found on the roof of a long-abandoned building near the 800 block of Barthes Street. He could not be identified, and he did not match the description of any known missing person's report. His cause of death has not been reported.

His case was entered into NamUs in 2021. The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram, beginning in about August of 2021. The genealogical research was conducted by Carla Davis, who has worked on several cases of unidentified decedents in Mississippi.

White was originally from Jackson, Mississippi. Police continue to investigate the circumstances of his death.

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#### Case ID 1158: Whitt, Robert Adam

See also: Myong Hwa Cho

The body of 10-year-old Robert "Bobby" Adam Whitt was found on September 25, 1998, buried under a billboard in Mebane, North Carolina. Whitt's skull was unearthed by a landscaping crew while they were cutting the grass. Forensic reconstruction of his face was performed, and isotope analysis indicated that he was likely born and raised in the southwestern U.S. He was known for over 20 years only as the Billboard Boy.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Barbara Rae-Venter. Ancestry results showed

that the child had half Asian ancestry. This led investigators for the first time to connect Whitt's body with the body of a woman discovered in South Carolina, and they were found to be mother and son.

The body of Myong Hwa Cho, Whitt's mother, was found on May 13, 1998, in Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Both bodies were found hidden a short distance off the Interstate-85. Cho was naked and her wrists were bound. She had been suffocated. Neither had been reported missing because her family had been told that she had returned to live in Korea with her son.

John Whitt was charged in the deaths of his wife and son. He pled guilty to charges of homicide and concealing a death. He was already serving time in a federal prison in Kentucky on robbery charges.

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#### Case ID 1510: Wiederhold, Veronica

The body of 19-year-old Veronica Wiederhold was found in the late morning of February 14, 1988 in Mount Vernon, New York. She was found in a junkyard in an industrial area. Her body was nude, and she had been bound at her wrists and ankles. Her body appeared to have been moved to that location after her death and posed. She also had ligature marks on her neck.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the FBI's Investigative Genealogy Unit, after a new DNA sample was obtained from Wiederhold's remains by the Westchester County forensics laboratory. The final confirmation was made with living relatives of Wiederhold.

Wiederhold's relatives in Brooklyn and Queens state that they last saw her near the end of 1987. They state that they tried to file a missing person's report, but no such record has been found.

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### **Case ID 1818-1819: Wiggins, Amore Joveah: Opelika Baby Jane Doe**

The remains of 4-year-old Amore Joveah Wiggins were found on January 28, 2012 in Opelika, Alabama. Her skull was found in the yard of a residence in the Brookhaven Trailer Park. Further skeletal remains were found behind a trailer in the adjacent lot, along with a pink shirt and a bundle of curly hair. She had multiple fractures to her skull and body, and died from blunt force trauma. She also had multiple injuries that had healed, indicating that her abuse was ongoing. She was malnourished and likely blind in her left eye due to a partially-healed fracture. She had likely been deceased about 2 years prior to being located - sometime in 2010 or 2011. She could not be identified, and became known as “Baby Jane Doe.”

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Opelika Police Department and Barbara Rae-Venter of the Firebird Forensic Group. The final confirmation was made to her mother, Sherry Wiggins of Maryland.

Wiggins’ father, Lamar Vickerstaff Jr., and her stepmother, Ruth Vickerstaff, have been

arrested and charged with failing to report a missing child and Lamar is also charged with felony murder. They are being held in Jacksonville, Florida pending extradition to Alabama. There is no evidence that they ever enrolled her in school or provided her with medical care. Lamar Vickerstaff is a member of the U.S. Navy.

Her mother is 37-year-old Sherry Wiggins. Wiggins lost custody of her daughter to the Vickerstaffs in 2009, and has not seen her daughter since. She had also been paying child support to the Vickerstaffs since 2009. At the present time, there is no information on the reasons why Wiggins lost custody and was not permitted by the Vickerstaffs to have contact with her daughter. She would have been about 20 years old when her daughter was born.

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### **Case ID 1511: Wilkerson, Dawn Clare Plonsky: Kentucky Jane Doe**

The body of Dawn Wilkerson was found on October 9, 2021, off the shoulder of the Interstate 65 a few miles north of Nashville in rural Simpson County, Kentucky. Her badly decomposed and partially skeletonized remains were found by a local survey crew. She had no clothing and is thought to have died sometime in August of 2001.

The FGG investigation was performed by the DNA Doe Project.

The investigation into Wilkerson's death is ongoing. Her death is thought to be suspicious, but a cause of death is not known.

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### **Case ID 1712: Williams, Alice Lou: Beckler River Jane Doe**

The partial cranium of Alice Lou Williams was found on October 10, 2009 in a steep ravine in the forest outside of Skykomish, Washington. A search was conducted, but no other remains, clothing, or other items could be located. A forensic anthropological analysis on the partial cranium was conducted by the late Dr. Kathy Taylor, who determined that the skull belonged to a woman over the age of 40 and who had suffered trauma to the skull which may have killed her. It was estimated that her remains had lain in the Beckler River ravine from one year to several decades. No other identifying information could be determined.

A DNA profile, as well as a mitochondrial DNA profile, was extracted from the cranium in July of 2021 and uploaded to CODIS. Attempts were made to obtain a DNA SNP profile in October of 2017, and again in October of 2019, but were not successful. In March of 2022, a DNA profile suitable for

genealogical analysis was obtained by Othram. Funding for this work was raised by Audiochuk. The final confirmation was made to William's living children at Gene by Gene/FTDNA.

Williams is reported to have gone missing in July of 1981 from a recreational cabin in Lake Loma where she was then staying. Police continue to investigate her homicide.

Alice's daughter, Donna Roth stated, "It has been 41 years since she disappeared from my parents' Lake Loma cabin. The only person who could supply any information to the investigators was my Father, who was the last person to see her. Our family became broken over her disappearance and that wound has never healed."

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#### Case ID 1805: Williams, Kenneth Nevada: Long Beach John Doe

The remains of 15-year-old Kenneth Nevada Williams were found on June 3, 1978 in Long Beach, California. He was found lying on the pavement on Division Street, near Corona Avenue. He was believed to have been in his late teens. His death was a homicide, but the cause of death has not been released.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram in partnership with the Long Beach Police Department and the FBI's Los Angeles Field Office. The final confirmation was made to Williams' sister, Roxanne Jones.

Williams is reported to have run away from his home in La Puente sometime in 1978. Police continue to investigate his murder.

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### **Case ID 1745: Winters, Arthur: Hinds Co. John Doe 2018**

The charred remains of 59-year-old Arthur Winters were found in February 2018 in Jackson, Mississippi. His body was located in a rooming house on Capital Street after firefighters had extinguished a fire. He had died of smoke inhalation. No ID or personal effects were located with his body, and he could not be identified.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Othram, in partnership with the Jackson Police Department and the Office of the State Medical Examiner, beginning in April of 2022. The genetic genealogy was performed by Carla Davis, who had identified many decedents in Mississippi. The final confirmation was made to a living relative of Winters.

Winters had been reported missing by his family after they last saw him sometime in June of 2017.

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### **Case ID 1421: Wyant, Keri Lyn**

The body of 23-year-old Keri Lyn Wyant was found on May 1, 1995 in Champagne County, Illinois. Agricultural workers found bones and some clothing. She had been dead for some time, perhaps as many as 11 months. Her death was ruled a homicide.

The FGG investigation was funded by a television show called the Unknown Doe Project. There is little information at present on who has conducted that investigation or when the show is to be broadcast.

The final confirmation was made to Wyant's parents. Wyant had disappeared while working for a carnival in the summer of 1994. She left behind a young son, who was killed in a car accident when he was 7 years old. Her homicide case remains open.

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### **Case ID 1563: Yeary, Amy Marie: Fond du Lac Jane Doe**

The body of 18-year-old Amy Marie Yeary was found in a shallow creek by hunters on November 23, 2008, in the town of Ashford, in Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin. She could not be identified and was buried at the Cattaraugus Cemetery in December of 2011.

Her body was exhumed on April 26, 2008. At that time, an isotope analysis determined that she likely lived most of her life in Arizona, but had moved to the region of northern Iowa, southwest Wisconsin, and southern Minnesota in the year before her death.

The FGG investigation was performed by Barbara Rae-Venter. The final confirmation was made to her mother and sister, as well as dental records.

Yeary was from Rockford, Illinois. Officers determined that Yeary was a victim of human sex trafficking. Her mother last heard from her in 2008, when she phoned needing a ride home from Beloit, which her mother was unable to provide at the time due to extenuating circumstances. Police continue to investigate her homicide.

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## **Case ID 1728: Young, Pamela Darlene: Gregg County Jane Doe 2002**

The partially skeletonized remains of Pamela Darlene Young were located on May 21, 2002 in a field near Gladewater, in Gregg County, Texas. A skull and bones were found by a crew taking oil samples in preparation for the widening of Highway 135. The Tarrant County Medical Examiner determined that the remains belonged to a young woman between the ages of 16 and 30, of European or Hispanic ancestry, and who had an unrepaired cleft palate. Her cause of death could not be determined, but she is thought to have been deceased for about two years before being located.

The FGG investigation was conducted by the DNA Doe Project, beginning in early 2020. Previous DNA samples taken from her remains were no longer usable, and a new profile was developed sometime after February of 2019. In this case, mitochondrial DNA was used to narrow down the maternal lines of descent. The final confirmation was made to Young's daughter.

Young, who was from Arlington, was last seen in 1998 - about four years before her remains were found - at which time she would have been about 27 years old. She had never been reported missing. Texas Rangers identified a person of interest in her death, but the suspect died in 2017.

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## **Case ID 1801: Zarelli, Joseph Augustus: The Boy in the Box**

The remains of 4-year-old Joseph Augustus Zarelli were found on February 25, 1957 in a wooded area of northeast Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was placed in a blanket and left inside a JC Penny bassinet box. He had been beaten to death. He could not be identified, and was buried in Philadelphia's Ivy Hill Cemetery. He became known for 65 years as the 'Boy in the Box.'

Zarelli's remains were exhumed in 2019 for further testing. The FGG investigation was conducted by Colleen Fitzpatrick and the Vidocq Society, in partnership with the Philadelphia Police Department. The final confirmation was made to living siblings of Zarelli.

Zarelli was born on January 13, 1953, and would have been 4 years old at the time of his

murder. No family members came forward to claim him. Police state that both of his parents are now deceased. Police continue to investigate his murder, and they state that this identification has provided them with several leads.

Pitofsky reports that, “Philadelphia Police Commissioner Danielle Outlaw told reporters on Thursday that the unsolved death has ‘haunted this community, the Philadelphia police department, our nation, and the world. When people think about the boy in the box, a profound sadness is felt, not just because a child was murdered, but because his entire identity and his rightful claim to own his existence was taken away,’ she said.”

The parents of Joseph Zarelli have been tentatively identified as Mary Elizabeth “Betsy” Abel and Augustus J. “Gus” Zarelli of Philadelphia. Betsy was 21 years old at the time of Joseph’s birth, and her family states that she may have given him away for adoption, as she had done with a daughter born previously. Abel and Zarelli were not married, and adoptions of this kind would have been common at this period of history. The relatives of Gus Zarelli have no information that Zarelli knew of the birth of Joseph. There is no evidence that Abel or Zarelli are connected with the abuse or death of Joseph. Joseph’s adoptive parents have not yet been identified, and the police continue to investigate.

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# Living Doe Investigations



The following is an annotated bibliography of all Living Doe Investigations that were solved through Forensic Genetic Genealogy (FGG).

Attempts were made to include sources that are made freely available to the public whenever possible. Information has been confirmed through at least two to three different sources, whenever possible.

# Living Doe Investigations

**Case ID 1221: Confidential: Dawn Beaudin/Lisa Jenson**

See also:

Honeychurch, Marlyse Elizabeth  
McWaters, Sarah  
Rasmussen, Jane Doe  
Rasmussen, Terry Peder  
Vaughn, Marie

This case is part of a series of murders known as the Bear Brook Murders, or the Allenstown Murders. One of the most remarkable cold cases in U.S. history, the successful resolution of the Bear Brook murders by Barbara Rae-Venter led detectives to pursue similar techniques in the search for the Golden State Killer.

This investigation of this serial killer was solved through the identification of one of his survivors – a living Jane Doe. In the summer of 1986, a 5-year-old girl named Lisa Jensen was abandoned by a man named Gordon Jensen, who was thought to have been her father, in San Bernardino, California. It was discovered that the little girl was the victim of severe torture and sexual molestation at the hands of Gordon Jensen. Through the course of the investigation into Lisa Jensen's case, Gordon Jensen was identified as Terry Peder Rasmussen. Rasmussen was identified as the lead suspect in murders of the four Bear Brook victims, and the cases were cleared by exception.

The case began on November 11, 1985, when a 55-gallon steel drum containing human remains was found in Bear Brook State Park near Allenstown, New Hampshire. The remains were of an adult woman and a young girl about 8-10. They had been killed by blunt force trauma to the head.

On May 9, 2000 a second steel drum was found only about 100 yards from the first. It contained the remains of two more young girls. The younger girl was 1-3 years old and the older was about 2-4 years old. It is thought that the four Bear Brook victims were killed sometime between 1978 and 1981.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Barbara Rae-Venter, a Search Angel, who volunteered at the non-profit organization DNAAdoption.com where she assisted adopted individuals to identify their birth families. Rae-Venter has a PhD in biochemistry, and she worked for many years as a patent attorney in the biotech industry. She is a leader in using genetic genealogy to identify living does.

At first, Rae-Venter was not looking to identify the Bear Brook victims. She was attempting to identify Lisa Jensen, a grown woman who had been abducted and abandoned by an unknown male when she was about 5 years old. Lisa thought she was the biological daughter of a man named Gordon Jensen. Jensen was a pseudonym for a man whose real identity was discovered by Rae-Venter to be Terry Peder Rasmussen – a man who died in prison in California where he had been sentenced for the murder of his common-law wife. DNA testing showed that Rasmussen was not the father of Lisa Jensen, but he was the father of the toddler whose

body was found in second barrel at Bear Brook. Rasmussen was then identified as the lead suspect in the murder of the four Bear Brook victims, and the case was cleared by exception.

In 1978, at the time of the Bear Brook murders, Rasmussen worked in Allenstown as an electrician and handyman near the property where the barrels were found. In around 1981, another young mother named Denise Beaudin and her 6-month-old daughter disappeared from New Hampshire in very similar circumstances. Beaudin's boyfriend at the time was Terry Rasmussen. The little girl was Lisa Jensen. They all moved to California together, but when Rasmussen was next seen in California he was in the company of only Lisa. Denise was never seen again after leaving New Hampshire with Rasmussen, and her body has not been located.

Rasmussen and Lisa lived in a trailer park in Scotts Valley, California in 1986. He then abandoned Lisa, who was then about 5 years old, with another family he met there. 'Gordon Jensen' was not seen again. Lisa Jensen was now a living Jane Doe, with no idea of when or where she was born, her parentage, or her name.

Lisa Jensen was now a grown woman of 32 years old and a mother herself when the detectives working on her case approached Rae-Venter to identify her birth family. The lead detective working on Lisa's abduction was Detective Peter Headley of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office. Rae-Venter and a team of volunteers used genetic genealogy to identify Lisa's birth family and try to find out where she came from and what had happened to her mother.

In 2016, Rae-Venter identified Lisa as Dawn Beaudin of New Hampshire. Lisa and her mother, Denise Beaudin, disappeared around Thanksgiving of 1981 with her boyfriend, Terry Rasmussen. Family members identified her boyfriend at the time as 'Bob Evans', which was the name that Rasmussen was using when he was living in New Hampshire.

Rae-Venter wanted to test the remains of the Bear Brook victims because she suspected that the woman in the barrel was Denise Beaudin, Lisa's mother. Up until that time, it had not been possible to obtain a DNA profile from the Bear Brook victims. In 2016, Rae-Venter contacted Dr. Ed Green, a researcher in paleo-genomics, of the University of California at Santa-Cruz as he had developed a new technique to extract autosomal DNA from rootless hair.

This new technique was successful in obtaining DNA profiles of the Bear Brook victims, and the investigation was finally able to progress. They discovered that the woman was not Denise Beaudin, but the middle girl was Rasmussen's biological daughter. She was not related to the other two little girls, who were found to be the daughters of the adult woman.

Rae-Venter then used FGG to identify the woman found at Bear Brook as Marlyse Elizabeth Honeychurch (b. 1954). The other body found in the barrel with her is her eldest daughter, Marie Vaughan (b. 1971). The infant girl found in the second barrel is Honeychurch's youngest daughter, Sarah McWaters (b. 1977).

Marlyse Honeychurch was last seen on Thanksgiving Day in 1978, when she got into an argument with her family, and left with

Terry Rasmussen, who was her boyfriend at the time. She was never seen alive again. Honeychurch and the three girls were likely killed sometime between 1978 and 1981, before Denise Beaudin and her daughter Lisa Jensen went missing in similar circumstances.

Jane Doe Rasmussen, the toddler found in the second barrel, is the biological daughter of Terry Rasmussen. The FGG investigation into her identity continues, as her mother is currently unknown. She has a mixed ancestry, with some African American, Native American, and possibly Asian heritage. Rae-Venter is constructing her family tree and believes the girl's mother may be from near Pearl River County, Mississippi, and possibly descended from Thomas 'Deadhorse' Mitchell (b. 1836) or William Livings (b. 1826).

Rasmussen died of lung cancer and emphysema at the High Desert Prison in Susanville, California in 2010. He had been convicted under yet another false name, 'Larry Vanner', for the 2002 murder of his common-law spouse, chemist Eunsoon Jun. He has been nicknamed the 'Chameleon Killer' for the way in which he is able to move, change his identity, and begin a new life with a new family. When DNA testing showed that he was not the biological father of Lisa Jensen, he denied knowing or remembering the little girl at all.

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### **Case ID 1228: Confidential: Riverside Living Doe**

The Riverside Doe was found unconscious on Christmas Eve of 2018 near a homeless encampment by the Santa Ana River. He had been taken to the hospital, but as a non-verbal disabled man he was unable to provide any information about his identity to police and health care workers.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Parabon Nanolabs. The family of Riverside Doe was uncooperative and none would come forward to assist in the investigation. Officers suspect that one or more caregivers may have been engaged in fraud over his disability and medical benefits. He is now living in a long-term care facility and is in the permanent care of the public guardian.

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### **Case ID 1833: Moroney, Mary Agnes**

Two-year-old Mary Agnes Moroney was kidnapped from her home on May 15, 1930 in Chicago, Illinois. Moroney lived with her parents, Michael and Catherine Moroney, and a younger sister on Wentworth Avenue. A notice was posted in the paper seeking assistance for the family's poverty and financial difficulties. A few weeks later, a

woman calling herself Julia Otis appeared at their door, offering assistance and wanting to adopt the blue-eyed, blond-haired, Mary. The woman was described as cultured and well-spoken. After being rebuffed by Mary's mother, the woman purchased some gifts of clothing for the family. She then asked to take Mary to a nearby shop to purchase her some new clothes and shoes, but never came back with the child.

The next day, she wrote to the Moroney's saying that she would be taking Mary to California, but would return with her in two months. A short time later, a woman calling herself Alice Henderson wrote to the Moroneys to tell them that Julia Otis had recently lost her husband and child. She desperately wanted a little girl of her own, and would likely return Mary to her family soon. Police thought that the letters were written by the same woman.

The FGG investigation was conducted by Suttonrath LLC, in partnership with the Cook County Sheriff's Office Cold Case and Missing Persons Department. The sources of the DNA sample used in the FGG investigation has not been disclosed. This is reported to be the oldest missing persons case in Illinois to be solved using FGG.

Reports indicate that Moroney lived in Chicago with the woman who kidnapped her for four years before moving to moving to Virginia. A few years later, Moroney settled in Florida where she remained for much of the rest of her life - getting married and having children of her own. She passed away in 2003, when she would have been about 75 years old. She has grandchildren and great-grandchildren who did not know the story of Moroney's notorious kidnapping.

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