



The Drum

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Lost and Missing in Indian Country Newsletter

Accident, Suicide, or ...

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This issue we want to touch on the aspect of investigations into deaths of people, in general. Is IT an “accident, a suicide or” = something else? As a retired Homicide and Cold Case investigator, MY rule-the way I was taught by people who were very successful in their careers is that an investigator investigates EVERYTHING as a Homicide, unless or until evidence says it is something else. Do you DO a lot of extra work that might not be done otherwise? Of course. BUT, if you just ASSUME that a case is an accident, or a suicide and later you obtain more



information that questions that assumption, you can never fully GO BACK.

Evidence and witnesses could be lost forever. As an Investigator, I owe the victims 100% of my time and effort to find the real explanation of what happened And for the “living victims” - the family and friends of these people, I owe them the promise that I will try to find out the TRUTH.

If, in any of these cases or any other cases, someone



Carolyn DeFord and Janet Franson

always KNOWS. If that someone is you, please come forward. If, for whatever reason you feel you can't go to the cops, then call me 325-423-2458. There are ways to get the information to who needs it, anonymously.

In late February I had the opportunity to fly up to the



Tacoma, Washington area and collaborate with several individuals who I have “worked with” a number of years,



Tammy Ayer and Janet Franson

but never met face to face. My appreciation to Misha and Becky for taking such good care of me while I was up there. And to Carolyn DeFord and Tammy Ayer, for taking time out of their busy schedules to spend some time with an old cop who appreciates all THEY do for missing and murdered, all over this country. To ALL you ladies, it was MY pleasure.

Jamie Lynette Yazzie Found

ARIZONA

The body of a Pinion woman, who has been missing since 2019, has been found. Jamie Yazzie was last seen near Pinon on June 30th, 2019.

The FBI still has a five-thousand dollar reward in effect for information leading to an



Jamie Yazzie

arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for her death.

If you have any information, please call the FBI at (623) 466-1999 or the Chinle Police Department at (928) 674-2111.

Missing Woman's Remains Found

SOUTH DAKOTA

The body of a woman missing since January 4th was found on February 8th.

The remains were identified



Cheryl "Tia" Long Soldier

as Cheryl "Tia" Long Soldier. She was found within the search area known as Grass Creek near Oglala. This is the area she had gone missing.

The cause of death has not yet been determined and the case is under investigation.

Who is Huerfano County Jane Doe?

COLORADO

Huerfano County Jane Doe was discovered August 10, 1999 near Walsenburg, Colorado inside a discarded refrigerator about three and a half miles west of Interstate 25 on Red Rocks Road.

She was between the ages of 30-45. She may have been of white and part-Native American or part-Hispanic descent. She was about 5'8" tall and weighed about 130-145 lbs. She had shoulder-length dark brown or black hair. She may have worn her hair in dreadlocks.

She was found wearing red men's long underwear with a Winston cigarette logo, a red crop top, blue jeans, red crew socks and dark brown leather strap sandals.

The trash in the refrigerator was dated to 1988-1992. Foul play is suspected.

If you have any information on Huerfano County Jane Doe, please call the Colorado Bureau of Investigation at 719-647-5900.

Please remember, you can always remain anonymous.



Huerfano County Jane Doe

WASHINGTON

Washington State Patrol (WSP) detectives have been working over 30 years to identify the victim of a collision. In May of 1991, an unknown female passenger was riding in a tractor-trailer collision, which ultimately ended in a severe fire. The driver and passenger both perished in the fire. The passenger has yet to be identified, but has been referred to by investigators as Helen Doe.

The trucker's route was traced using fuel receipts which departed Missouri on May 7, 1991, drove through Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho and Oregon before arriving in Washington on May 14th, 1991.

The load was dropped off on time and the trucker was heading south to Portland when his truck rear-ended another vehicle after pulling onto Interstate 5 near Kalama. The collision set off a fire that gutted the truck's cab.

The trucker was known to pick up hitchhikers, but no one knew of anyone riding in his semi that day.

WSP Detectives, with the help of the group Lost and

Missing in Indian Country and forensic artist Natalie Murry, created an updated sketch using current techniques and skills, in a continued effort to bring closure to the family of Helen Doe.

Helen Doe, the unidentified female was of Native American descent. She was approximately 5'1" - 5'4" tall with brown hair and a slight gap between the lower middle teeth. Witnesses stated she was of a slender build between 110-130 pounds with high cheek bones and a dark complexion. She was last seen wearing Levis,

grey shirt, and a black cowboy vest with feather earrings.

Above left is the original sketch and the updated sketch is on the right.

If you have information regarding this case, please contact the Washington State Patrol Cold Case Team at 425-401-7740 or email Stacy.Moate@wsp.wa.gov; reference Case #00-004956.



Do You Recognize Helen Doe Found in Washington?

Murder of Victoria Eagleman

SOUTH DAKOTA

Victoria Eagleman was a 33-year old that was newly divorced. She had just moved back to the Lower Brule Lakota Indian Reservation in South Dakota with her children to live with her parents while she looked for a new job.

One July 28th, 2006 she told her mom, June Left Hand that she was going to go swimming with friends. That was the last time June saw her daughter alive.

Her body was found August 23rd, 2006 in a ditch along Medicine Creek just off the Native American Scenic Byway in Lower Brule.

She had no clothing on and had been sexually assaulted. Her cause of death was most likely

blunt force trauma to her face and head.

Victoria had been a victim of domestic violence most of her life, including her boyfriend at the time. She came home once with a head injury requiring 33 stitches.

After her murder, crime scene photos from Victoria's case were found on a sidewalk, and files were found outside the police station.

Family has struggled with law enforcement taking Victoria's case seriously.

SOMEONE KNOWS SOMETHING!



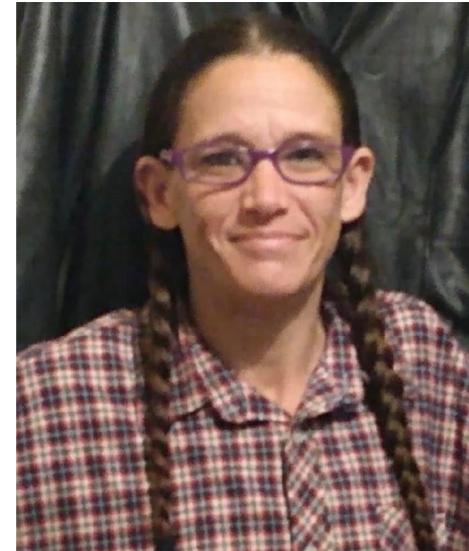
Victoria Eagleman

What Happened To Crystal?

OKLAHOMA

Crystal Ann Divine Thiessen was a 38 year-old that died under mysterious circumstances on January 12, 2022.

Crystal was found in a field behind a home in Apache,



Crystal Ann Divine Thiessen

Oklahoma. Her body was burned by some kind of makeshift campfire.

Her cause of death has yet to be determined and is an ongoing investigation.

If you have any information in regard to the mysterious death of Crystal Thiessen, please contact OSBI at 1-800-522-8017 or send them an email at tips@osbi.ok.gov.

Body Found in Submerged Vehicle

OKLAHOMA

Alyssa Walker-Donaldson was reported missing by her family on February 7th. She was last seen on February 5th, when she was leaving a bar and heading to another one.



Alyssa Walker-Donaldson

On February 10th, Alyssa was found submerged in her vehicle near a ramp on Broken Bow Lake.

There were no immediate signs of foul play and the local rumors about her disappearance being connected to escaped inmates in the area appeared unfounded.

Murder of Brittany Locklear

NORTH CAROLINA

On the morning of January 7, 1998, Brittany Locklear and her mother were waiting for Brittany's kindergarten school bus. Her mother had to use the restroom and went back inside for a few minutes while Brittany remained outside, just yards from their home. When she returned, Brittany was gone.

Her brutalized remains were found the next day. All these years later, no one has ever been charged with Brittany's kidnapping and murder and her case has grown very cold. Who killed Brittany?



Brittany Locklear

Body of Erion Peltier Found

NORTH DAKOTA

Peltier was last seen by his family on February 4th in Rolette County, North Dakota, and the Rolette Sheriff's Department had been searching for the 46-year-old.

The FBI confirmed that the body of Erion was found February 19th, 2022.



Erion Peltier

If You Know Something... Please Speak Up

THEIR FAMILIES DESERVE ANSWERS

What Happened To Cody Ray Rodriguez?

UTAH

Cody Ray Rodriguez passed away on September 10, 2008 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

If you have ANY information in regard to the death of Cody, please contact Janet Franson with Lost and Missing in Indian Country at (325) 423-2458.

SOMEONE KNOWS SOMETHING!



Cody Ray Rodriguez

Who Was Webbers Falls Jane Doe?



OKLAHOMA

Webbers Falls Jane Doe was found in a ditch along a gravel road in Webbers Falls, Oklahoma in 2006. She was between 20 and 40 years of age, 5'3" tall, and between 149 and 160 pounds.

She had brown eyes, and brown with reddish tint hair. Both of her ears were pierced at least twice. She had a scar below umbilicus and one scar on her right shin that showed suture marks. She was pregnant and recently had a first trimester abortion.

She was wearing a white turtleneck sweater, blue or black running pants with two white stripes on the outside of the legs, and yellow capris.

If you have any information, please contact the Muskogee County Sheriff's Office at 918-687-0202.

NamUs: UP9183.



Webbers Falls Jane Doe

Justice for Lynelle Tafoya



Lynelle Tafoya

NEW MEXICO

Lynelle Tafoya, a Tribal member of Jemez Pueblo, New Mexico was found deceased in Bernalillo, New Mexico on Sept. 2nd, 2021. Her Family last spoke and saw her on August 24th, 2021.

Lynelle may have also been in the Santa Ana Pueblo New Mexico area. Lynelle leaves behind 4 children who love and miss her deeply along with her family.

If anyone has any information or may have seen or spoken to her on Aug. 24th to the 26th.

Please call the Bernalillo Police Department at 505-771-5878 and ask for Detective Tyler.

PLEASE SPEAK UP!

Who Killed Ricqual LeCompte?

NORTH DAKOTA

Ricqual (Kiki) LeCompte as strangled in her own home on the Turtle Mountain reservation in North Dakota. She was taken off of life support on February 19th, 2021. She was only 30 years old.

As soon as she was transported to the hospital, her home was looted. After she passed, her mobile home was stolen so there is no longer a crime scene.

She was found in a way that suggested she hung herself; however, the coroner ruled her death as a homicide. She had bruises on her face, a black eye, marks around her neck from the extension cord, all of her nails were broken, and bruises on her arms.

If you have any information in the dath of Kiki, please contact Janet Franson at 325-423-2458.



Ricqual LeCompte

Do you Recognize these Tattoos?

MISSOURI

Unidentified remains were found January 12, 2022 in Shannon County, Missouri.

Approximate age at death is between 40 and 60 years old. She had salt and pepper hair, was between 4'10" - 5'4" tall, and weighed between 160 and 180 pounds. She also had two tattoos. She was also wearing blue jeans and a Harley Davidson T-shirt.



Left Thigh Tattoo



Right Thigh Tattoo

If anyone has information regarding the possible identify of this person, please contact Evan Tyrrell at evan.tyrrell@mshp.dps.mo.gov or call 417-469-3121. NamUs: UP88367



Multiple Human Bones Found Throughout Albuquerque.... Dumping Grounds?

NEW MEXICO

Detectives are hoping that people researching their family tree will help identify remains of multiple men and women found throughout the city. They are now testing bones in other cold cases that have been found throughout Albuquerque in hopes of using forensic genealogy to identify unidentified individuals.

One set of remains are those of woman around 30 or 40 years old when she was murdered. She was petite, and most likely Hispanic with dentures. She has been unidentified for decades and police still do not know who this woman is.





STRONGHEARTS
Native Helpline

Domestic violence and dating violence are not Native American traditions, and neither is ever okay. Speak with a StrongHearts advocate at no cost by calling 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483) Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST when you are ready to reach out.

What is Domestic Violence? Domestic violence is defined as a pattern of behavior within a relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner.
Does your partner ever...

- Call you names or put you down?
- Keep you from seeing or talking to family or friends?
- Push you, slap you, strangle you or hit you?
- Threaten to hurt or take away your children?
- Prevent you from honoring your beliefs?

If you answered 'yes' to even one of these questions, you may be in an unhealthy or abusive relationship. Find more information at www.strongheartshelpline.org