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Media Release: 1975 Cold Case – Identified Update

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: December 23, 1975

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE: 2600 SW 154th Ave, Davie, FL

VICTIM INFORMATION: Carolyn Dunn Moudy, Indianola, Mississippi

Davie, FL- On December 23, 1975, the Davie Police Department discovered the body of an unidentified white female floating in a canal in the area of 2600 SW 154th Avenue. After carefully assessing the case and meeting with investigators from the Broward County Medical Examiner's Office, the Davie Police Department determined the circumstances of this case suggested homicide.

On November 15, 2019, Davie Police Cold Case Unit learned the unidentified female was buried at Wake Forest Lawn (Forest Lawn) in Davie, FL. On December 17, 2019, the Davie Police Department made history by exhuming the remains of the unidentified female with the assistance of Florida Gulf Coast University, Forensic Anthropologist Heather Walsh-Haney. The forensic osteological analysis estimated the skeletal remains were consistent with a 15-27- year-old female of European or “white” ancestry.

On July 17, 2020, Dr. Erin Kimmerly and Ms. Liotta Noche-Dowdy, from the University of South Florida Forensic Anthropology Laboratory, analyzed the skeletal remains for chemical elements and their corresponding isotopes.

To continue our efforts to identify this unknown female, BODE Technology, was contacted for DNA extraction. The extraction was complete on August 19, 2020, and DNA was sent to PARABON for Whole Genome Sequencing.

Once her remains were exhumed, Dr. Ginesse Listi, Director at LSU FACES Laboratory Department of Geography and Anthropology, agreed to compose a digital image of our unidentified female. This digital image was released to the public in October 2020 with hopes of someone recognizing the victim.



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Once DNA was extracted and sent to PARABON, CeCe Moore, Chief Genetic Genealogist from PARABON, began the process of creating a family tree. Mrs. Moore traced the family back to the early 1800s and started working her way from the past to the present.

Our cold case investigators worked incessantly with Ms. Moore, and we were able to narrow down family members that matched the DNA from the unidentified woman. The direct familial link brought us to Helen Glass. Mrs. Glass informed us that there were two missing females, her sister, and niece.

After continued conversations with Mrs. Glass, she introduced detectives to her niece (whom requested to remain anonymous). Her niece expressed that her sister, who had two daughters of her own, went missing July of 1974. Our detectives were then introduced to Edna Moudy, one of the two daughters, who supplied her DNA to our detectives. After testing, results confirmed that, Carolyn Dunn Moudy is Edna Moudy's mother and the missing unidentified victim from our 1975 Cold Case.

The Davie Police Department sends our deepest condolences to the Moudy Family. This investigation is still open and is now classified as a homicide investigation. Any updates available to be made public will come directly from the Davie Police Department's Media Relations Unit.

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