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Solved Cold Case Homicide

Adams County, Colo. (January 28, 2022):

The Adams County Sheriff's Office is happy to announce the closure of the 1981 homicide case of Antoinette Parkes.

On January 24, 1981 a female, identified as Antoinette Parks, was discovered with stab wounds in a field near W. 64th Ave & Broadway. During the initial investigation detectives utilized all available resources, investigation methods, and spent countless hours attempting to solve the case. But slowly all the leads were exhausted, and the case turned cold.

In 2009, the case was reviewed by Det. O'Neill who selected approximately 20 items of evidence for serological screening and potential DNA analysis. Many of these items had been previously analyzed with technologies available in the 1980's but forensic DNA Analysis was not an option.

In 2011, DNA Technical Leader, Rosalind Ekx, re-examined the items of evidence and found that many of the samples had been consumed by previous testing. Rosalind swabbed an empty glass tube, that previously contained evidence obtained from the victim, hoping to collect trace residue that contained DNA. Rosalind performed analysis on the new collection and was able to obtain a DNA profile of an unknown male. The profile was entered into the CODIS DNA database and was later linked to the three other cases being investigated by the [Denver Police Department](#).

Denver detectives recently obtained a DNA sample taken from the remains of a potential suspect that matched the unknown male DNA profiles from all 4 homicide cases.

We are very proud to be a part of the great teamwork and collaboration with the Denver Police Department that went into solving these four cases. The advancement of technology and forensic DNA analysis have allowed for these cases to be closed, justice for the victims, and resolution for their families.

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