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Media Release

Nevada Rural County Female Unidentified Dead and Unsolved Homicides

The Nevada Threat Analysis Center (NTAC) seeks information on unsolved Nevada rural county female homicides and missing person cases. For over a year the NTAC's Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO) Program has collected information from law enforcement officials concerning unsolved rural female homicides and selected missing person cases. The cold cases include unsolved homicide and missing person cold cases that have occurred from 1972 to 2010. NTAC now has a master unsolved female homicide list that has been made available for cold case investigators in several states. Unsolved male cold case homicide research is currently underway.

In furtherance of these important investigations, NTAC requests the public's assistance in developing potential leads about the unsolved female homicides and missing person cold cases. Ten (10) of the unsolved cases involve female victims who have not been identified. For the next nine weeks, NTAC will publish bi-monthly articles about two of the cold cases, until all of the cases are profiled. The eighteen unsolved investigations subject to the articles originate from several rural Nevada Counties, and do not include cold cases from Washoe or Clark County.

Anyone having possible leads regarding these cases is asked to contact:
Jim Lopey at 775-687-0450 or email NTAC@DPS.STATE.NV.US.

Any potential leads will be forwarded to the agency having primary investigative jurisdiction.

Profiled Cases

Imlay Jane Doe

Date Found: October 27, 1978 (death approximately six months prior to being found)

Location: Pershing County, several miles west of Imlay (Scossa Road area)

Description: Jane Doe (unidentified), female Caucasian, 40-50 years, 5-5, 155 pounds

Details: The victim was found inside of a piece of luggage and had been clothed in a bluish-green jacket and matching skirt, white knit sweater, white t-shirt.

Valerie Jane Doe

Date Found: March 26, 1991

Location: Black Rock Desert (Pershing County) 11.1 miles north of Gerlach off Hwy. 34

Description: Jane Doe (unidentified), female white, 5-1 to 5-3, brown hair, thin build, 25 to mid-fifties (one anthropologist estimated age from 25-35). The victim had been attired in Kikku brand jeans (size 30), a black blouse, dark blue camisole, and dark socks.

Details: A piece of jewelry had the inscription “Valerie” possibly indicating the victim’s first name. She had been shot to death. One piece of jewelry found on the victim was a gold colored bracelet with a pattern of a Dragon inlaid in a sea shell type material.

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