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On September 26, 1979, shortly after 3:00 am a female was murdered in the area commonly known as Blackies Pasture, in Tiburon, California. She was stabbed over 40 times with an ice pick, burned using acetone as an accelerant, and shot in the head.

The materials used to kill the victim were purchased at a Woolworths store on Market at Powell Street in San Francisco the evening before the murder. They were purchased by a white male dressed in a white leisure type suit and a young white female matching the description of the victim. At the time the victim was not identified and the case was subsequently classified as a "cold case."

In 2001 the Tiburon Police Department asked the Marin County Sheriffs Office to re-open the case. This has been a combined effort and joint investigation with the Tiburon Police Department and the Marin County Sheriff's Department.

On June 14, 2002, the body was exhumed for skull reconstruction and collection of bones for DNA analysis. Several bones and the skull were removed from the grave of Jane Doe. On September 19, 2002 the skull and the bones were transported to the DOJ DNA Lab in Richmond, California for analysis. On August 4, 2004 the DNA Lab reported that they were able to obtain only a partial degraded DNA profile of Jane Doe. They searched the various DNA databases and were not able to identify the true name of Jane Doe.

In May 2005, our office met with the Director of National Missing and Exploited Children. We discussed this case and requested that they use crime scene photographs of Jane Doe's face to make a photograph of her for publication. The Director agreed to do so. A photograph of Jane Doe was made and sent to our office.

In December 2006, it was decided that the DNA Lab was going to examine additional evidence to attempt to obtain a better DNA profile due to advances in DNA analysis. This included a sexual assault kit and clothing. Some of the items were degraded and not useful except for a pubic hair. The DOJ Lab was able to obtain a full DNA profile from the pubic hair. It was searched in the California DNA Database with no identification being made. The National DNA Database known as CODIS was then searched. Identification was made from a DNA sample submitted to the University of North Texas DNA program for missing persons.

Unknown to our office the King County Sheriffs Office in Seattle, Washington as a result of the Green River killings in the Seattle area, had collected DNA from a missing person, Tammy Vincent's mother and sister in 2003. In 2005 the DNA profiles of Tammy Vincent's mother and sister were submitted to a private DNA database at the University of North Texas.

The DNA profile, from the pubic hair, developed in February 2007 by the California Department

of Justice from the pubic hair was searched in the FBI CODIS (Federal system). The DNA submitted to University of North Texas in 2005 matched the unidentified victim from Tiburon. The victim was identified as Tammy Vincent born in 1962 and missing for 27 years.

Detectives of the King County Sheriff's Office in Seattle, Washington were contacted. Vincent was reported as missing on August 30, 1979 from King County, Washington. She was 17 years of age at the time.

Investigators from the Marin County Sheriff's Office and Tiburon Police have learned during this investigation that on August 29, 1979 King County Sheriffs Office executed search warrants as well as arrest warrants on two establishments that were believed to be fronts for prostitution and "Tease and Rip joints" in the City of Seatac , Washington. During the raids they also arrested several people for pimping and pandering.

In August 1979 Tammy Vincent had decided to testify against several people who were arrested. King County Officials transported Tammy Vincent by plane to an undisclosed facility in Spokane to keep her away from the arrested individuals. Vincent subsequently left this location.

An investigation has revealed that individuals believed to have been involved in this case had ties to San Francisco.

On August 7, 2007 Vincent was exhumed for the last time. She was cremated at her family's request. On August 10, 2007 she was transported home and placed in her final resting place in Washington.

The investigation is on-going and anyone with information is asked to contact the Marin County Sheriffs Office at 1-888-898-5818.

If you have any questions regarding the DNA process, you can contact the DOJ DNA Lab at 510-620-3300.

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