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Law Enforcement Identifies Victim in 1999 Yolo County Cold Case Homicide
An investigative team using genetic genealogy identified the victim as Gerron Gipson

(Woodland, CA) – June 3, 2022 – On June 2, 2022, a victim of a 1999 homicide was identified by a law enforcement team using genetic genealogy. The victim's human remains were located on the bank of a slough near Clarksburg, CA, located in rural Yolo County on March 4, 1999. Due to the state of decomposition, the victim could not be identified, but the cause of death was determined to be homicide.

For years this cold case remained open as law enforcement officials worked to try to identify the victim. Recently, with the advancement in technology and genetic genealogy, a partial DNA sample was identified. With the use of investigative genetic genealogy (IGG), on June 2, 2022, a match was made. The homicide victim has been identified as Gerron Gipson, who was 29 years old at the time of his death. Gipson had ties to the Sacramento area.

Members of the Yolo County Sheriff's Office, the Yolo County District Attorney's Office Cold Case Unit, the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office, and the Dept. of Justice assisted in the investigation.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig praised the work of the collaborative team stating that "The passage of time does not mean that Gerron Gipson was ever forgotten. I am proud of the dedication and collaboration among our law enforcement partners that will make it possible to return Gerron to his loved ones and offer them some sense of closure. We will wholeheartedly support them in the coming days."

Yolo County Sheriff Tom Lopez stated

Anyone with information regarding this homicide is encouraged to call the Yolo County Sheriff's Office at: (Matt, what number?)

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