



Media Summary

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MEDIA SUMMARY: Baby Jane Doe Cold Case Anniversary and Genealogy DNA

Gainesville, Florida — August 20, 2018: Fifteen years ago today, deputies with the Alachua County Sheriff's Office responded to a pond in northwest Gainesville (incident location: 1903 NW 102 PL), discovering a deceased infant floating in the water. She became known as "Baby Jane Doe." Despite efforts of the investigative team, including neighborhood canvases, inspections of school and hospital records, plus the best DNA techniques available at the time and appeals to the public for assistance, the case went cold.

As part of the Sheriff's Office commitment to cold case investigations, and with the assistance of Baby Jane Doe's "adopted" supporters with the First Baptist Church, she was exhumed in 2016 for facial reconstruction and isotope testing, and reinterred in 2017 with her First Baptist pastor present.

With the recent success of DNA genealogy techniques made famous by the identification and apprehension of the Golden State Killer, Baby Jane Doe's bone material was sent for to a private laboratory for DNA extraction in May of 2018. Dr. Colleen Fitzpatrick's organization, Identifinders, is now assisting the Sheriff's Office with genome typing and genealogical research in an effort to identify the victim's biological relatives. Results are still pending.

Partners and experts that have assisted (and that may be available for interview) include:

- Dr. Colleen Fitzpatrick, DNA Doe Project and Identifinders. cfitzp0425@gmail.com, colleen@identifinders.com, or colleen@dnadoeproject.org. (714) 296-3065
- Ryan Backman, Project Cold Case. ryanb@projectcoldcase.org. (904) 514-9847
- Reverend C. Lynn Williams, Senior Associate Pastor - First Baptist Church. (352) 376-4681

Additional background material attached, and requests for additional information or interviews should be directed to the Public Information Officers at (352) 367-4041/4045.

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