

Solano County District Attorney's Office

Newsletter

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DNA EXONERATES ORIGINAL SUSPECT IN 1987 KIDNAP AND MURDER OF 6-YEAR-OLD JEREMY STONER



In October 2022, DA Cold Case investigators Kevin Coelho and Steve Howisey began to take another look at the 1987 case involving the murder of six-year-old Jeremy Stoner. They sent evidence collected at the autopsy to a DNA laboratory and were able to get a DNA profile. The profile did not match Shawn Melton, the original suspect tried for

Jeremy's murder. It was then, they rolled up their sleeves and poured through thousands of pages of police reports to see who was responsible. On September 18, 2023, Fred Cain (69-yr-old) was arrested in Oregon for the murder of Jeremy Stoner. Cain is currently pending murder charges in Solano County Superior Court.

"I am so thankful to have such dedicated cold case investigators that no matter how much time goes by, they remain steadfast in their commitment to solving these horrific cases," District Attorney Krishna Abrams said.



BUREAU OF FORENSIC SERVICES LABORATORY TEAM

NIGHT OF HONOR



Congratulations to District Attorney Investigator Jason Thompson and all of the other officers that were honored on October 20, 2023, at the Rotary Night of Honor. What an incredible evening it was listening to the acts of strength, valor, and bravery from members of our law enforcement community. Throughout the year, Investigator Jason Thompson worked tirelessly to solve homicide and child abduction investigations. His dedication and commitment to serving and protecting Solano County has not gone unnoticed. Thank you Rotary for honoring our brave men and women in law enforcement.



BUREAU OF FORENSIC SERVICES



Please join us in congratulating Lab Director Randy Wampler on his retirement. Randy has been instrumental in the success of the laboratory! We appreciate his seven years of service to Solano County! Please also join us in welcoming Elaine Pulido, the new Director of the Laboratory. In 2010, the Solano County District Attorney's Office opened its first Bureau of Forensic Services and Elaine Pulido was one of the founding staff members. We are honored to welcome back Elaine Pulido who brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and leadership to the Bureau.



FBI DIRECTOR'S AWARD

On September 22, 2023, the FBI Director's Award Ceremony was held in Washington, D.C. At the ceremony, Chief Deputy District Attorney Bruce Flynn and District Attorney Investigator Jason Thompson together with Solano County Sheriff's Deputy



Coy Caulfield, Vallejo Police Officer Wesley Pittman, Fairfield Police Detective Shane Raftery, Vallejo Police Captain Drew Ramsay, California Highway Patrol Sergeant Gregory Ramos, and our federal law enforcement partners received the award for Distinguished Service to the Law Enforcement Community for Operation P.E.A.C.E.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH



Thank you first responders and all of our law enforcement partners for responding to 911 calls every day. Also, thank you to our non-profits, victim advocates, and prosecutors who work tirelessly every day to be the voice for victims and hold offenders accountable. Any form of domestic abuse, whether physical, sexual, or emotional is unacceptable. "As a community, let's stand up, speak out, and take action to help those who need our help and together we can break the cycle of violence," District Attorney Krishna Abrams said.

LORI FRANK MEMORIAL HEALTH FAIR

The Solano County District Attorney's Office hosted its annual Lori Frank Memorial Health Fair on October 21, 2023, in downtown Fairfield. Lori Frank was known throughout Solano County as a woman with a heart of gold, who was always ready



to serve selflessly. She was instrumental in the success of the health fair. If she called, people came. That was her, a shining angel, who touched so many people during her brief time on Earth. We will miss her dearly, but her memory will continue to live on as we honor her at this special event.



PEOPLE V. MARK RANDLE NO TIME WAIVER PRELIMINARY HEARING

Prosecutors had a few days to prepare for the no time waiver preliminary hearing in a no body murder case that occurred on August 20, 2023. The preliminary hearing proceeded in front of the Hon. Tim P. Kam and at the conclusion of the hearing, Defendant was held to answer for the murder of his girlfriend. Evidence adduced at the preliminary hearing included the defendant statement to a friend that police would never find his girlfriend's body. The case is scheduled to proceed to jury trial.



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