



## SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## **SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT'S COLD CASE UNIT AND ORANGE COUNTY CRIME LAB WORK COLLECTIVELY TO SOLVE 1992 HOMICIDE**

A 1992 homicide case, in which the victim was found murdered in his vehicle, remained unsolved after detectives were unable to locate additional witnesses and had no new leads to follow. In 2006, the Santa Ana Police Department created a Cold Case Unit to review over 250 unsolved murders. Cold Case detectives determined there was enough physical evidence to reopen this investigation.

Utilizing technology that was not available at the time of the murder, Orange County Crime Lab Forensic Scientists were able to identify additional DNA at the scene. Santa Ana Police Department Forensic Specialists also utilized modern technology and identified the suspect's fingerprints on the vehicle where the victim was found.

Armed with this new evidence, detectives were able to locate the suspect and arrested him for the 1992 murder, bringing closure to this 15-year-old unsolved homicide.

**For follow-up or interviews, contact the PIO, Cpl. Jose Gonzalez, at  
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