



Idaho Forensic Science Forum

A monthly presentation of the most current and timely information regarding forensic science in Idaho. The briefing is open to officers of the court, law enforcement, and other stakeholders such as public officials and employees. Registration for this webinar series requires a public email address or special permission by the ISPFPS Lab System Director.

Register at: <https://forms.gle/LvGV33v4fhgb7TdaA>

When: **Thursday, September 21st**

Time: **1 p.m.**

**Topic: Solved with the assistance of investigative genetic genealogy
Finding justice for Joyce Casper**

**This presentation will be sensitive in nature. Viewer and listener discretion advised.*

The crowning event in Idaho for National Forensic Science Week (September 17-23, 2023) is a presentation for the community to emphasize the importance of forensic science in Idaho. This year we will focus on the Boise Police Department case involving a 36-year-old assault and murder solved with the assistance of investigative genetic genealogy.

In October 1987, Joyce Casper was found murdered inside her vehicle after a suspected abduction and sexual assault. After years of preserving evidence, police reopened the case in 2017. Investigators partnered with a genetic genealogy company to create a family tree based on existing DNA available. Eventually, Investigators met with the suspect's family, testing their DNA, and determined Frank A. Rodriguez was the man responsible for killing Joyce Casper 36 years prior. Despite Frank A. Rodriguez passing in 2007, justice has been served for Joyce Casper and her family thanks to the dedicated efforts of Boise Police and advancing forensic technologies.

Detective Paul Jagosh, Boise Police Department Violent Crimes Unit, has over 25 years of experience in law enforcement with assignments in patrol, special weapons and tactics, use of force instructor, and he is currently a Violent Crimes Detective. His case load consists of homicides, robberies, aggravated assaults and batteries, kidnappings, cold cases and officer involved shootings. Detective Jagosh wrote the curriculum and instructs for the Boise Police New Detective Academy. Detective Jagosh graduated from Northwest Nazarene University with a B.A. in Political/Social Science. Most recently, Detective Jagosh was the lead Detective involved in helping solve the 1987 Joyce Casper cold case murder.

