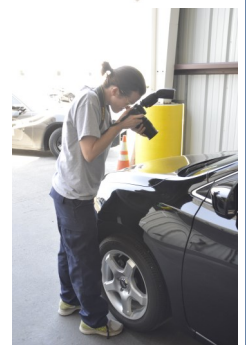
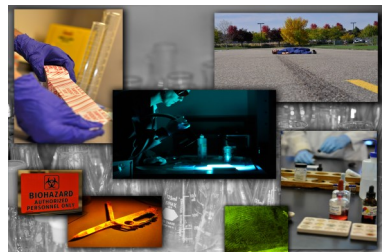


ISP FORENSIC SERVICES

2017 Impact Report

This publication is intended to convey the importance and impact of the Idaho State Police Forensic Services Laboratories on the criminal justice system in Idaho. All the cases highlighted in this newsletter are cases where ISPFSS played a critical role by performing forensic analysis used in the criminal proceedings. Some analysis performed helped to convict individuals. Other forensic findings helped lead to exonerations. While the cases highlighted here were all published in major news media outlets, the majority of the cases worked on a daily basis are not published or publicized. In fiscal year 2017 alone the labs worked over 13,100 cases in support of local and state criminal justice agencies. Timely forensic science analysis is vital to the success of the Idaho judicial system. Support from Idaho policymakers has been essential in the successes of the state laboratory system. The lab system employees will continue to work for Idaho citizens and other criminal justice stakeholders. Many new and ongoing forensic science initiatives will keep our Idaho lab system leading the country with innovative ideas. We expect fiscal year 2018 to be a banner year!



DNA tests reveal suspect in fatal home invasion, fire was Nampa man

The identity of a gun-wielding man in a Sept. 28, 2017 home invasion and fire at a house near Meridian — which left three people dead — has been a mystery while DNA tests were done to identify a man's body found at the scene.

That body has been identified as 35-year-old Pavel Florea, the Ada County coroner said in a release Monday. The case remains under investigation, and Florea's cause and manner of death were not released.

Sheriff Stephen Barlett said deputies who responded to a report of a prowler at the house fired at the armed man, who was banging on the front door of the house before gaining entry. Within about 15 minutes, the house was on fire.

ISP forensic scientists used DNA analysis to identify the decedent.

[Idaho Statesman](#)

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FORENSIC SERVICES

Domestic Violence Survivor



For 3 years Stephanie Johnson was terrorized by her boyfriend, Max Gorrige. In a KTVB interview in March 2017, Stephanie recounted the violence she endured. “It was things like I was stabbed and lit on fire, and locked in a crawlspace, and beaten over and over again with metal pipes, and spray cans and fists and anything that he had really.”

Forensic scientists with ISP Forensic Services performed both biological screening and DNA analyses in this case.

Max Gorrige is now in prison serving a 15 year sentence for Attempted Strangulation.



[Survivor credits Canyon County Sheriff's Office with saving her life](#)

Franklin County Tragedy

On February 19, 2017, concerned friends went to check on the Spillett family of Preston. They discovered the dead bodies of Tate Spillett (37) and three children, Corbin, (15), McCoy (7), and Jessica (6). The investigation revealed that the father, Tate, had shot the children and then killed himself. The children's mother, Summer Spillett, was out of town at the time.



An ISP Forensic Services analyst from the Pocatello lab assisted with processing the crime scene.

In an article from the Preston Citizen, Preston Police Chief, Ken Geddes, thanked all of the agencies involved in the investigation including the Idaho State Police Forensics department.

[Funeral set for family who died of gunshot on Sunday](#)

Deadly New Drug in Idaho



A new synthetic opioid dubbed “Pinky” was discovered in a federal drug raid in Pocatello in February 2017. The drug's scientific name is U-47700 and was designated as a Schedule 1 controlled substance by the Drug Enforcement Agency in November 2016.

According to a Local 8 News article, over 50 deaths have now been connected to U-47700 use in the United States.

A suspect was arrested in the Pocatello bust, but the case was dismissed.

The drug evidence seized in the raid was analyzed by an ISP Forensic Scientist in the Controlled Substances section.



[A new drug has made it's way into south east Idaho](#)

Caldwell Triple Homicide

On June 19, 2017, the bodies of three people were discovered in a shed in Caldwell off of KCID Road during a welfare check by a Canyon County Sheriff's deputy. The bodies were badly decomposed and it is thought that they had been dead for two to three weeks before being discovered. All three had been shot and identification was difficult because of the level of



decomposition. The first body to be identified was of Cheryl Baker, a former Utah teacher. After DNA comparison, the other two bodies were identified as Nadja, 48, and Payton Medley, 14.

Cheryl Baker had purchased the home in May 2017 with her husband, Gerald Michael Bullinger.

Friends of Nadja and Payton say that Nadja and Bullinger had been dating for two years. The dynamics of the relationships are unknown.,

though by all accounts, Cheryl and Mike were thought to be happily married.

Mike Bullinger is currently wanted in connection with the murders, which has sparked a nationwide manhunt. Bullinger's car was found in July at a campground in Wyoming, containing some evidence in the case. Biological screening and DNA analyses were performed by ISP Forensic Scientists in this case.

Canyon County Sheriff, Kieran Donahue, said in a recent press conference "Because of the ability of forensic science and the forensic lab here in the state of Idaho, and of course the dental records with our office and with Vicki, it's amazing to be able to bring all of those resources to bare and then ultimately identify these individuals and again that helps bring such closure to those families. We really appreciate what the Idaho State Police Forensics Lab has done for us in this case."



[Victims in Caldwell Triple Homicide Identified; Bullinger wanted on murder charges](#)

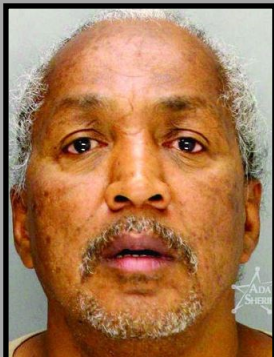
Murder Conviction With No Body

On September 7, 2017, Anthony Ish was sentenced to life in prison for the 2014 murder of Darrell Auck. Even though Auck's body has never been found, there were witness accounts that Ish fired a pistol at Auck several times. Witnesses also testified that they saw Ish load the body of Auck into a truck and drive away. The murder occurred during Anthony Ish's birthday party at his grandmother's mobile home in Fort Hall. An anonymous tip led to the arrest of Ish within 24 hours of the murder. An ISP Forensic Scientist performed biological analysis in this case. Ish will serve his sentenced in a federal prison.



[Anthony Ish sentenced to life in prison for murdering man whose body has never been found](#)

Pocatello Manslaughter



In April 2017, Martin Ish was convicted of felony voluntary manslaughter for his involvement in the death of Eugene Red Elk. Red Elk died outside of Duffy's Tavern in Pocatello in 2009. The exact cause of death was unclear, but could have been caused from blunt force trauma to the head. Ish's cousin testified that he told her that he had "blasted" Red Elk and he was "gurgling blood." A friend of Martin Ish's, Charles Tademy, also indicated that Ish had asked him to drive by Duffy's and see if anything was going on. Tademy told Ish there were police vehicles at the tavern. Ish was sentenced to 15 years in prison with the possibility for parole in 2025. An ISP Forensic Scientist performed biological analysis in this case.



[Martin Ish Found Guilty of Manslaughter](#)

Idaho Falls Vehicular Manslaughter

In June 2017, Patricia Beyer was convicted of vehicular manslaughter in the 2016 death of Anne Davis. Beyer also hit Laura Stark, who is now paralyzed from the chest down. This was the 16th traffic violation Beyer has had in Idaho. The judge sentenced Beyer to 60 days in jail and suspended her driver's license for three years. According to Bonneville County Deputy Prosecutor, John Dewey, Idaho law says that violation of traffic laws that result in fatalities are generally misdemeanors. ISP Forensic Scientists performed blood alcohol and toxicology analyses in this case.



Both women were part of a group of bicyclists riding cross county to raise money for charity. Anne Davis's family said that they think Beyer should have been charged with a felony, and that the sentence should be more harsh.



[Her 16th traffic violation took a life, family disappointed in 60 day jail sentence](#)



Fort Hall Murder



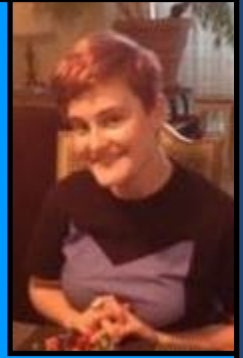
In June 2017, Demetrius Gomez was sentenced to 30 years in federal prison for the second degree murder of his cousin, Tyrone Diaz in Fort Hall. Gomez shot Diaz in the face at close range with a shotgun and then hid the body in a shed.

According to the U.S. Attorney's office, the shooting was intentional and unprovoked. The investigation was conducted by Fort Hall Tribal Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. ISP Forensic Scientists performed blood alcohol, toxicology, and fingerprint analyses in this case. They also assisted with field services at the crime scene.

[Fort Hall Man Sentenced For Killing Cousin, Hiding Body in a Shed](#)

Innocence Lost

In December 2016, Bruce Marchant was arrested in New York City for the kidnapping, rape, and murder of 18 year old Sierra Bush of Boise. Sierra went missing in September of last year and her body was found south of Idaho City in October. Police eventually found Marchant's abandoned vehicle and discovered a pair of gloves with blood stains. ISP Forensic analysts performed latent print comparison, biological screening, and DNA analyses on several pieces of evidence. Analysts confirmed that the blood on the gloves were from Sierra Bush. Sierra's step-father, Bart Green, told KTVB "we want to extend our thanks to all of the Boise Police Department detectives, uniformed officer and forensic technicians, the Idaho State Police crime lab workers, those at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Marshals Service and law enforcement agencies in other states for the role that each of them played in discovering and developing the evidence and in running to ground Sierra's alleged killer." On September 5, 2017, Marchant pleaded guilty to killing Sierra Bush and is scheduled to be sentenced on December 6, 2017.



[Prosecutor: bloody gloves link suspect to slain teen](#)

[Man charged in death of Sierra Bush, arrested in NYC](#)

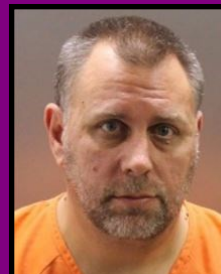
['She wasn't breathing anymore:' Man pleads guilty to killing Boise State student](#)

Couple's Argument Kills Daughter

In March 2016, James Barnes and Jordan Jamison were driving their daughter to school when they began arguing. The situation escalated and the couple hit each other, causing Jamison to lose control of the vehicle and it rolled. Autumn Barnes, 14 years old, was injured and died at the scene. It was later discovered that Jordan Jamison had methamphetamine in her system at the time of the crash. Both Barnes and Jamison were charged with felony Injury to Child with an enhancement for inflicting great bodily harm and misdemeanor controlled substance possession. Jury trials for both are scheduled for July and October 2017. Blood alcohol and toxicology analyses were performed by ISP forensic scientists in this case.

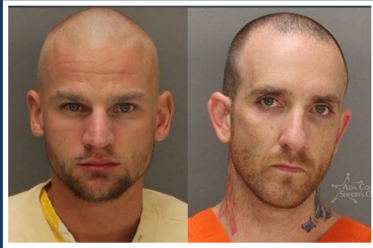


[ACSO: Parents hitting each other when SUV rolled, killing Kuna girl](#)



Garden City Shooting

In August 2017 Mykle Blumenshine and Lyle Croson pleaded guilty to the second-degree murder of Paul Russell. Russell was an innocent bystander that was shot during an altercation between his friends and the two suspects.



Blumenshine and Croson are scheduled to be sentenced on October 13, 2017. They could be sentenced to up to life in prison.

ISP Forensic Scientists performed firearms, controlled substance, biology, and fingerprint analyses in this case.



[Shooters plead guilty in Garden City murder](#)

ADA COUNTY

Driver Kills Woman & Horse



Dirk Johnson pleaded not guilty to vehicular manslaughter in June 2017. He is accused of causing the death of Shirley Williams while driving a gravel truck on I-15 on June 28, 2017. Williams's horse was also killed in the crash.



ISP Forensic Scientists performed blood alcohol analysis in this case.

[Idaho Falls Man Pleads Not Guilty to Vehicular Manslaughter After Deadly Crash on I-15](#)

BINGHAM COUNTY

Rexburg Drunk Driver

In June, Lauren Weeks lost control of her vehicle while driving drunk. Weeks also had four children in the vehicle at the time. She admitted she had been drinking while at the water park in Rexburg. Weeks was also cited for Injury to a child and open container, but those charges were later dismissed.

Weeks was convicted of excessive DUI. Two breath alcohol tests measured .306 and .312, almost 4 times the legal limit of .08. ISP Forensic Services had calibrated the instrument used for the breath testing.

Weeks was sentenced to 90 days in jail.



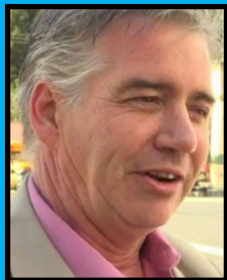
[Police: Mom got drunk crashed car with 4 kids inside](#)

MADISON COUNTY

Lake Lowell Hate Crime



On April 29, 2016 four men plotted a hate crime that resulted in murder. They answered an ad for a male escort posted by Steven Nelson, 49. When Nelson arrived at the meeting place near Lake Lowell, the assailants savagely beat and robbed him, even kicking him over 30 times with steel-toed boots. They stole his clothes, wallet, and car keys.

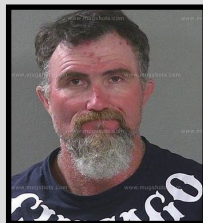


Nelson managed to walk naked to a home nearby where residents called 911. He ended up dying several hours later from cardiac arrest. Two analysts from ISP Forensic Services performed biological screening and DNA testing.

[Man accused in Lake Lowell murder found guilty](#)

Biker Trafficks Meth

A former Devil's Diciples biker club president, Scott Arlis Thomas, was indicted in federal court for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and possession of a firearm by a prohibited person. The bust was the result of combined efforts of the Treasure Valley Metro Violent Crime Task Force, Caldwell Police Department, and ATF. A forensic scientist in the ISP Coeur d'Alene lab analyzed the sample for controlled substances.



[Investigation Leads to Federal Indictment of Former President of Devil's Diciples Motorcycle Club](#)

Caldwell Shooting Staged

A Kuna man finally admitted he staged a Caldwell shooting in order to avoid a prison sentence and to collect on disability insurance. Shannon Egeland told his teenage son to shoot him in the leg in 2014. Egeland is in federal prison. Biology screening and firearms analyses was performed by ISP Forensic Scientists.



[Kuna man admits fraud after son](#)

Parma Fire & Vandalism

ISP Forensic Services assists Parma Police with arson and vandalism investigation in August 2016.

[Officials investigate fire, vandalized trucks in Parma](#)

Murder Fugitive Sentenced



James Mancuso was recently sentenced to 10 years to life in prison for the March 2016 murder of Robert Stevens in Nampa. Mancuso stabbed Stevens and then fled with his girlfriend, Ashley Ford. The two split up and Mancuso was apprehended three months later in Spokane and Ford in Las Vegas. Ashley Ford was charged with Harboring a Person Who Committed a Felony but the case was dismissed in March 2017.

ISP Forensic Services personnel conducted biological analyses latent print comparison, and crime scene assistance in Bonner County.

[Former fugitive sentenced in Nampa murder](#)

Boise Vehicular Manslaughter

Longtime Firebird Raceway employee, Joel Eggers, was killed in April 2016 when Tyler Martinez hit him with his car while texting near the Boise Airport. Martinez was convicted of vehicular manslaughter and sentenced to 15 years in prison. Controlled substance and toxicology analyses were completed by ISP Forensic Services. The destruction of evidence, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia charges were dropped in exchange for a guilty plea for vehicular manslaughter.



[Boise man pleads guilty to Firebird Raceway employee's killing](#)



False Assault Report

In February 2016, an ISP Forensic Scientist performed biological screening on a sexual assault kit after a woman reported being attacked in Boise in late January. A composite sketch of the suspect was released, but the victim later recanted her story. The woman was not charged with making a false report to law enforcement.

[Boise sexual assault report recanted](#)

Man Stabs Friend

Michael Downs accepted a plea deal in October for stabbing his close friend, Daniel Ridgeway, in January 2016. Michael Downs believed that the victim had raped his mother and sister. Downs claims that his actions were caused by his use of methamphetamine. His parents said he had stopped taking his medication for bipolar disorder and even told a doctor only a few days before that he wanted to kill Daniel. Daniel Ridgeway was hospitalized for months while fighting infections, gangrene, and blood clots. He died March 26, 2016. Prosecutors insisted that a condition of the plea agreement was that they would ask the judge to impose a 40 year sentence, with 20 years fixed. The judge chose to hand down a life sentence with the possibility of parole in 2031. Biological screening was performed by an ISP analyst in this case.

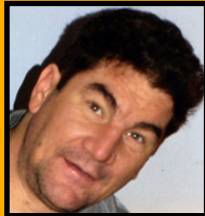
[Boise man pleads guilty to murder in friend's stabbing death](#)

[Murder suspect's parents recount bizarre behavior before stabbing](#)



Murder & Dismemberment

In June 2016 Michael Dauber agreed to a plea deal in Boise County for the murder of two men. Dauber was accused of shooting and dismembering Joshua Reddington, 25, in 2000 and Steve Kalogerakos, 45, in 2007. After dismembering the bodies, Dauber disposed of them in the Boise National Forest outside Idaho City. The remains were not found until 2013 and 2014. Six ISP Forensic Scientists were involved in many aspects of the investigation, including assisting with field services at the scenes, firearm and DNA analyses, and latent print comparison.



Dauber was sentenced to life in prison for 2 counts of 2nd Degree Murder and will be eligible for parole in 17 years.



Dauber pleads guilty to killing, dismembering 2 men

BOISE COUNTY

Laced Marijuana



In May 2016 a Glens Ferry man was hospitalized after using marijuana laced with a chemical.

According to Chief Deputy Mike Barclay of the Elmore County Sheriff's Office, the chemical caused irreversible damage to the man. The Elmore County Sheriff's Office released a warning to marijuana users that they should be careful and know where their marijuana comes from.

Idaho State Police Forensic Services controlled substance scientists analyzed the evidence in this case.

[Idaho man collapses after consuming laced marijuana, police](#)

ELMORE COUNTY

Accidental Shooting

A 6-year-old boy died in August 2016 after accidentally shooting himself. The Washington County Sheriff, Matt Thomas, said it appears that the child found the gun while his mother and her boyfriend were outside. While playing with it, the gun fired and the bullet hit the boy in the head.



Three ISP forensic scientists responded to the scene and two collected fingerprints from the victim during the autopsy.

Sheriff Thomas urged parents to teach their children about guns and not to play with them.

[6-year-old Weiser boy dies after shooting himself](#)

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Family Affair



In May 2016 Cody Meade robbed a gas station in Twin Falls. After being held at the Twin Falls County Jail, Meade was charged with close to 20 felonies, including taking another inmate hostage with a piece of broken mirror. Meade was sentenced to life in prison for the robbery, but was also given sentences for Injuring Jail Property, Riot, and



Propelling Bodily Fluids. He will be eligible for parole in 2035. Cody's brother, Skylar, is also incarcerated for his own crimes, including Assault/Battery on Certain Personnel, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Possession of Major Contraband Within Correctional Facility, among others. Between the two brothers' cases, many ISP Forensic Scientists performed controlled substance, latent fingerprint, and biological analyses.

[Brother of accused jail hostage-taker, also in custody, charged with having shank meant to stab deputies](#)

Shooting Suspect Acquitted

Fred Zapata Paiz was acquitted in July 2016 of charges related to a shooting in a Twin Falls park in September 2015. Paiz was accused of being involved in the shooting of Marcus Loya.

Witnesses said Paiz was at home with his girlfriend and children when the shooting happened. Latent fingerprint comparison was performed by an ISP Forensic Scientist contractor in this case.

[Jerome man acquitted in Twin Falls park shooting](#)



Elko Decapitation

A Jerome man, Jose de Jesus Segundo-Huizar, will be tried in the death of 34 year old Carmen Magallanes-Sanchez. On September 4, 2016, a hunter found the body of a woman that had been decapitated in a shallow grave about 10 miles north of Elko, Nevada. Segundo-Huizar led police to where the head was buried a month later and was subsequently arrested. He has been charged with first-degree murder, kidnapping, child abuse, and concealing or destroying

evidence, but no trial date had been set as of January 11, 2017. Multiple Idaho State Police Forensic Services personnel responded to and assisted with the Nevada crime scene.



[Idaho man to be tried in death of decapitated woman](#)



Pocatello Fugitive Capture

Gilberto Delgado was captured in Pocatello in August 2016. Delgado was wanted in connection with the shooting deaths of a brother and sister in Spokane Valley, Washington. The female victim's son was also present and witnessed the shootings and made the 911 call. The boy was not injured. According to the Spokane County Sheriff's Office, Delgado was the ex-boyfriend of the woman killed.

Gilberto Delgado is currently incarcerated in Idaho for a prior conviction of Aggravated Assault in Power County from 2009. His sentence satisfaction date is 8/15/2020.

A member of ISP Forensic Services assisted with evidence collection from the suspect's car.

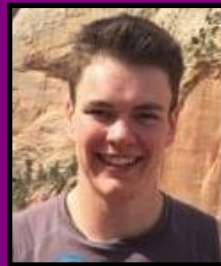
[Man wanted for Spokane Valley shooting deaths arrested in southern Idaho](#)

ISU Student Killed

In September 2016, while under the influence of drugs and alcohol, Brandi Christensen allegedly hit Idaho State University student, Justin Kynaston, with her car. Kynaston was in critical condition for months, but died from injuries in December 2016.



Christensen has been charged with Vehicular Manslaughter and the preliminary hearing is scheduled for 6/14/2017.



Justin Kynaston, originally from Boise, was a nuclear and mechanical engineering student.

Blood alcohol testing and controlled substance analyses were performed by ISP Forensic Scientists in this case.

[Pocatello woman accused of hitting pedestrian will face additional charges](#)

DUI Crash Causes Death

On June 14, 2016, a car crashed into the house of William "Bill" Hong in Blackfoot causing a fire. Hong later died at the hospital from smoke inhalation injuries.



Dillon Gibson admitted to being under the influence at the time of the accident. Gibson entered a guilty plea to vehicular manslaughter in October in exchange for dismissal of the other charges including leaving the scene of an accident and two counts of failure to report the accident.

Dillon Gibson was sentenced to 15 years in prison and will be eligible for parole in 2019.

Biological, blood alcohol, and toxicology analyses were completed by ISP Forensic Scientists.



[Man who crashed into house pleads guilty to manslaughter](#)

Task Force Brings Down CDA Drug Ring

The North Idaho Violent Crime Task Force, which consists of the FBI, Coeur d'Alene Police Department, Kootenai County Sheriff's Office, and the Post Falls Police Department, assisted a federal drug task force in investigating and taken down drug traffickers in 2016. Eleven people were arrested by federal agents for selling oxycodone, heroin, and methamphetamine in Idaho, Washington, Montana, and North Dakota. The leader of the operation was 52 year old Loren "Mama" Toelle, a former stripper from Las Vegas. Also involved were Toelle's brother, Robert Hill, three of her children, and several others. Stanley Toelle, Loren's ex-husband and a physician at Kootenai Health, pleaded guilty to filing false IRS documents. It is estimated that the ring produced more than \$1.3 million since 2009. The U.S. attorney's office in Idaho is seeking to forfeit that amount in addition to four homes and 10 vehicles belonging to the defendants.

Loren Toelle: sentenced to 17 1/2 years in federal prison for drug trafficking

Robert Hill: sentenced to 12 1/2 years in federal prison for drug trafficking

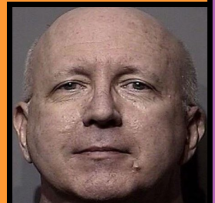
Stanley Toelle: sentencing in August 2017

Geena Milho: sentenced to 2 years in federal prison



ISP Forensic Scientists performed controlled substance and latent fingerprint analyses on four of the connected cases.

[Leader of Drug Trafficking Organization Loren "Mama" Toelle Sentenced to Prison](#)



Sexual Abuse By Caretaker



In May 2016, Phillip Smalley was given three 25 year sentences (that will run concurrently) in prison for Sex Abuse and Exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult and Forcible Sex Penetration Use of Foreign Object. Smalley was convicted of sexually abusing a 102 year old woman while he was working at a Coeur d'Alene assisted living facility. He will be eligible for parole in 2025. ISP Forensic Scientists completed biological screening and DNA analyses in this case.

[Caretaker guilty of sexual abuse gets 25 years in prison](#)

Council Rancher Killed

In November 2015, Council rancher, Jack Yantis, was shot and killed by two Adams County Sheriff's Office deputies. Yantis had been trying to put one of his bulls down after it had been hit by a car. Deputies Wood and Roland say they thought Yantis was pointing his rifle at the crash scene so they tried to intervene. It is not exactly clear what happened. The Idaho State Police completed a lengthy investigation, even reconstructing the events of that night. The Idaho Attorney General's Office reviewed the information and determined the deputies would not face criminal charges.



The Yantis family brought a civil suit against the Adams County Sheriff's Office and the two deputies for wrongful death. Cody Roland resigned in 2015. Brian Wood's last day was August 31, 2016 but it is unknown whether he was terminated or resigned.

Blood alcohol, toxicology, biological screening, DNA, latent fingerprint, and firearm analyses were performed by ISP Forensic Scientists in the case.

[ISP to hand Jack Yantis case over to Idaho Attorney General's Office](#)

ADAMS COUNTY

Homedale Shooting

Owyhee County Deputy, Terry McGrew, and Homedale Police Officer, Chris Steed, were cleared by the Canyon County Prosecutor in 2016 for the 2015 shooting of Gilberto Heredia. They were assisting with a custody exchange when Heredia pulled a gun and pointed it at the officers. The officers attempted to administer first aid and make sure the children in the home were alright.

The man was hospitalized for 6 days before his family took him off of life support.

It was later learned that Heredia had methamphetamine and marijuana in his system at the time of the incident.

Firearms analysis was performed by an ISP Forensic Scientist in the case.



[Deputy, officer cleared in Homedale man's death](#)

OWYHEE COUNTY

New Plymouth Bomb Scare



After a gunshot victim showed up in a Fruitland emergency room in October 2015, Payette County Sheriff's deputies learned that the shooter was Delbert Rundell. When a search warrant was executed on Rundell's house, he admitted there was an explosive device in the bedroom. The Nampa Police Department Bomb Squad responded and ISP Forensic Services personnel assisted with evidence processing at the scene.

A 2016 press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office said there were 42 grams of meth, 33 firearms, and evidence of drug use. It is a federal crime to possess firearms if you use controlled substances. A federal judge ordered Rundell to forfeit over \$20,000 in drug proceeds, the 33 firearms, and about 28,000 rounds of ammunition.

Delbert Rundell was sentenced to 4 years in state prison for Aggravated Assault and almost 5 years in federal prison for drug and weapons charges.

[Bomb squad called to shooting suspect's home](#)

[New Plymouth Man Sentenced to 57 Months in Prison for Unlawful Possession of Firearms](#)

PAYETTE COUNTY

Mother of 3 Killed in Stabbing



In November 2015, Brandon Shaw broke into his ex-girlfriend's house with the intention of shooting her. The gun jammed so Shaw grabbed kitchen knives, chased Chelsea Malone into the street, and stabbed her multiple times. Malone died from her injuries, leaving three young sons behind. Shaw admitted to planning to kill Malone and described his pursuit of her as "instinct...like a pack of wolves after a deer." An ISP Forensic Scientists performed firearms analysis in the case. Brandon Shaw was convicted of 1st Degree Murder and sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole in 2052.

[Hearing reveals more details in Nampa stabbing death](#)

Pearce Drug Charges Dropped

Canyon County drug charges against Sarah Pearce were dropped in July 2015 after lab results found that a syringe in her possession did not contain a controlled substance.

Pearce was on parole for her alleged involvement in the attack on Linda LeBrane in 2000.

LeBrane was stabbed, beaten, her throat was slit, and her car set on fire.

Controlled substance analysis was performed by an ISP Forensic Scientist.

Pearce is now back in prison for a separate drug conviction. [Drug charges dismissed against Sarah](#)



Woman Tortured in Nampa



In September 2015, Arturo Mendoza was sentenced to 15 years in prison for the torture of a woman in Nampa. The woman had stolen his cell phone but instead of reporting it to the police, Mendoza followed her to her home, rammed her car, and held her in his home while he beat and tortured her. She was burned with cigarettes, hit in the head with a wrench, and told he would keep her alive for a week and a half just to continue torturing her. When the woman attempted to escape, Mendoza caught her and broke her leg with a baseball bat. At that point, she was able to crawl under his car and he left. Even while in the Canyon County Jail, Arturo Mendoza attempted to get the victim to drop the charges. Three ISP Forensic Scientists completed biological screening, DNA, and latent fingerprint analyses in this case.

[Man sentenced to 15 years in prison for torturing woman](#)

Christmas Eve Stabbing

In October 2015, Jacob Hernandez was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter. Hernandez, 19 at the time, was involved in the stabbing death of 22 year old Ricky Sedano and injury of two other men on Christmas Eve 2014. Three other men were also charged in connection with the stabbing including Edgar Covarrubias, Gilberto Garza, and Gustavo Rodriguez. The charges against Garza were dropped because he agreed to testify against the others. Covarrubias was sentenced to 15 years, and Rodriguez's pre-trial hearing is scheduled for 7/10/2017. The stabbing was attributed to a gang rivalry. Biological and latent print analyses were performed by ISP Forensic Scientists.



[Christmas Eve stabbing suspect convicted](#)

Middleton Shooting



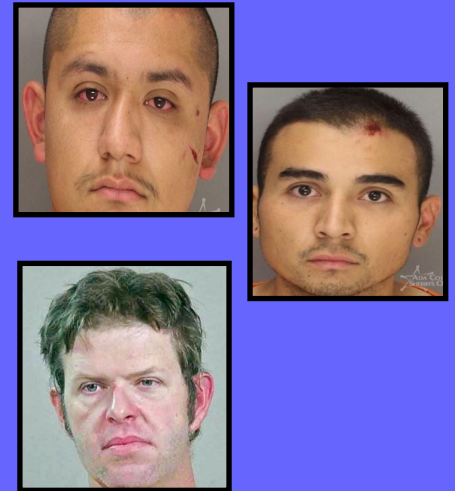
The Idaho State Police released the results of an investigation of a Middleton officer-involved shooting in November 2015. They determined that no charges would be brought against Canyon County Sheriff's Office deputy, Chad Bingham, in the shooting of Brandon Rapp in March 2015. ISP Captain Bill Gardiner said the footage from the deputy's body cam was key to piecing together the night's events. Brandon Rapp had come out of the house with a loaded pistol and confronted deputies when they responded to his home. Tests showed Rapp had alcohol and THC in his system at the time of the shooting.

Blood alcohol, toxicology, and firearms analyses were completed by ISP Forensic Services personnel.

[No charges filed in Middleton officer-involved shooting](#)

Nampa Gang Shooting

Nampa man, Alberto Chavez, was sentenced to 15 years in prison for the shooting death of Kyle Jackson in August 2014. Chavez and two other were involved in a high speed chase after the shooting. Chavez and Jackson were members of rival gangs. Robert Johnson was sentenced is currently on probation for Eluding a Peace Officer. Firearms analysis was completed by an ISP Forensic Scientist.



[Nampa man gets 15 years for gang killing](#)

Foothills Triple Murder

In March 2015, Adam Dees broke into a garage in the Foothills. He then took house keys from one of the cars and let himself into the home of Ted and Elaine Welp. Dees proceeded to bludgeon the Welp's son, Tom, so hard that wood chips from the bat were found scattered on the bed. He was also shot and stabbed in the neck. Adam Dees then tied up Elaine and Ted, and shot them. The Welps' credit cards and jewelry were stolen, and Dees later used the cards to make several purchases. He was caught picking up an item from Best Buy he had ordered with the Welp's credit card. Dees said his dark, suicidal thoughts drove him to think "life seems pretty grim when you're facing down the barrel of your own gun. It was then, at that point, I decided I would live crazy before I died."

Two ISP Forensic Scientists processed the bodies for fingerprints. Biological screening and DNA analyses were also performed by ISP Forensic Services staff.



Adam Dees was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for three counts of 1st Degree Murder.



[Dees sentenced to life in prison without parole in foothills triple murder](#)

Boise Meth Distribution

Quentin Padilla was sentenced in October 2016 to 8 years in prison for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Police say Padilla sold more than 31 grams of meth to an informant in April 2015. Then several days later, he led police on a high speed chase and abandoned some firearms and ammunition. Padilla is a known gang member. He was sentenced to a total of 22 years in state prison for several crimes and will serve a concurrent federal sentence of almost 9 years for

distributing methamphetamine. Controlled substance analysis was conducted by an ISP Forensic Scientist in the case.



[Boise man sentenced for meth distribution](#)

North End Rapist



In August 2015, police announced that a man who had just been sentenced for attempted rape, Andy Gallegos, was also the prowler that had been in the BSU area. In one case, Gallegos broke into a woman's home. When she woke up and he was in her bed, she tried to fight back but he beat her. Several weeks later he went into the home of another woman while she was sleeping and raped her. DNA at one of the scenes linked Gallegos to the attacks years later.

Andy Gallegos was sentenced to 30 years in prison for two counts of attempted rape. He will be eligible for parole in 2034.

ISP Forensic Scientists performed biological screening and DNA analyses.



Police: BSU prowler, North End rapist are same man

Gun Pointed At Officer

Patrick Zavala was sentenced to 30 years in prison for Aggravated Assault/Battery On Certain Personnel in 2015. When Boise Police Officer Adam Crist tried to pull over Zavala's car, he jumped out and ran with a loaded gun. When the officer caught up to the parolee, he pointed his gun at Crist. Crist shot Zavala in the leg. Zavala also fired his weapon, hitting himself in the hand.



Officer Adam Crist was cleared by an investigation in the officer-involved shooting incident.

Patrick Zavala will be eligible for parole in 2035.

Blood alcohol, toxicology, and Controlled substance analyses were performed by ISP Forensic Scientists.

Man who pointed gun at Boise officer headed to prison

Bench Shooting

Boise Police Officer Jason Green was cleared in an officer-involved shooting in October 2015. Green was the



first on the scene after there was a report of a man breaking windows

with a crowbar in the Bench area of Boise. The officer heard shots fired and saw Michael Casper inside of a home with a gun. Officer Green instructed Casper to drop his weapon multiple times, but the man would not comply. When Casper aimed his gun at another officer, Green fired and hit Casper, killing him. Michael Casper's blood alcohol was measured at .262 after his death. ISP Forensic Scientists completed blood alcohol and toxicology analyses in this case.



Boise officer cleared in fatal Bench shooting

Woman Shot By Stalker



In September 2015 Makaela Zabel-Gravatt was gunned down in her own backyard by Christopher Wirfs. Wirfs had been a hairdressing client of Zabel-Gravatt's but then started harassing and threatening her. She tried to obtain a protection order against Wirfs but could not because they were not related or in a relationship. On the day of the shooting Wirfs had been thrown out of the salon. The stalker shot the woman, one bullet hitting her in the back and she was sent to the hospital in serious condition. Wirfs was arrested the same night. In March 2016, Wirfs was sentenced to 30 years for Aggravated Battery and 25 years for 1st Degree Stalking. He will be eligible for parole in 2040. Firearm analysis was conducted by an ISP Forensic Scientist.



[Man pleads guilty in North End stalking,](#)

Boise International Market Fire

The Boise International Market was destroyed in a fire in September 2015. The Boise Police Department and Boise Fire Department investigated the fire and determined it was arson. Many business owners were displaced and lost equipment. A \$5,000 reward was offered but no suspects have been identified yet. Boise International Market co-owner, Lori Porreca, said "It's heartbreaking to learn that someone set this intentionally." ISP Forensic Services conducted fire debris analysis in the case.



[Vendor shocked Boise Intl. Market fire was arson](#)

Meridian Man Kills Father-In-Law

Cameron Post was sentenced to 15 years in prison for the shooting death of his father-in-law in 2015. Post and his father-in-law, Trent Spreier, got into an argument about borrowing a vehicle on January 31, 2015. The argument escalated and Post shot Spreier in the face. Spreier was taken to the hospital where he later died. Post was originally charged with second-degree murder but ended up pleading guilty to the lesser charge of involuntary manslaughter in 2016. Cameron Post said he felt threatened by Spreier and that is why he shot him. Latent

fingerprint and firearm analyses were performed by three ISP Forensic Scientists.



[Meridian man sentenced for killing father-in-law](#)



Craigslist Car Killing

In July 2015, Kent Storrer and his son-in-law, Jasper Qualls, posted a car for sale on Craiglist. The two met Jacob Marshall and Jerry Kimball to test drive the car. After the drive, Marshall shot Qualls and Storrer with a hidden AR-15 assault rifle he had stashed in Kimball's car. Storrer



was killed and Qualls was wounded. Marshall and Kimball then stole the victim's car

and led police in a chase.

According to court records, Kimball said he knew Marshall wanted to steal the car, either "by force or by killing someone." Jacob



Marshall was sentenced to life in prison for 1st-Degree Murder and Robbery. He was also convicted of Battery With Intent to Commit Murder and will be eligible for parole in 2085. Jerry Kimball's jury trial is set for 8/21/2017. ISP Forensic Scientists performed firearm and latent fingerprint analyses.



[Man gets 70 years to life for Twin Falls killing](#)

TWIN FALLS COUNTY

Motel Shooting



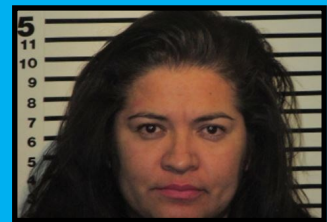
In February 2015, William McGrath and Crystal Turner murdered Nevada man, Charles Johnston, at a Twin Falls motel. Johnston was trying to help Turner find a place to live when she planned to rob him. Two men Turner knew came into the motel room and shot Charles Johnston as he showered. William McGrath fled and was later found at a trailer where a friend was letting him stay. Turner turned herself in and the other male suspect was never identified. McGrath's friend, Emmillie Sarnirand, was found guilty of being an accessory to a felony and is on probation until November 2017. McGrath was sentenced to life in prison for 1st-Degree Murder and Turner was sentenced to life for Aid and Abet Murder. ISP Forensic Scientists completed biological, firearms, and latent fingerprint analyses in this case.

[2 charged in Twin Falls motel shooting get life in prison](#)

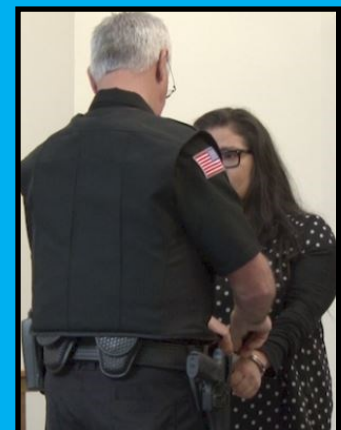
TWIN FALLS COUNTY

Rexburg Child Disfigured

A 2 year old child was disfigured, and their father injured after a car accident in November 2015. The accident was caused by Maria Guadalupe Maciel, who was under the influence of alcohol at the time. Maciel's blood alcohol level was measured at .24, which is three times the legal limit.



Maciel was charged with two counts of aggravated DUI, but accepted a plea deal where one charge was dismissed. The judge rejected the sentence offered by the state and instead sentenced Maciel to 10 years. After serving her sentence, she will be deported. An ISP Forensic Scientist testified about blood alcohol results in this case.



[New Plymouth Man Sentenced to 57 Months in Prison for Unlawful Possession of Firearms](#)

MADISON COUNTY

Missing Person & Homicide

In January 2015, Stephan Romanchuk of Hailey disappeared. His wife contacted the police and said Romanchuk may have gone to see Keith Blankenship to ask him about money Blankenship had borrowed. Blankenship told police he did not know Romanchuk at all. ISP Forensic Services had helped with collecting evidence from Romanchuk's truck after it was found. There were no leads in the disappearance until May 2015 when Blankenship went into the Blaine County Sheriff's Office and admitted he had killed Romanchuk in self-defense. Blankenship also indicated he had buried the man in his backyard. ISP Forensic Scientists responded to and assisted with the crime scene, and completed DNA analysis. A trial for murder and destruction of evidence ended in a mistrial and as part of a plea agreement, the state agreed to only charge Blankenship with Failure to Report Death to Law Enforcement. He was sentenced to 10 years and will be eligible for parole in 2021. [Man accused of central Idaho murder](#)



Ketchum Sexual Assault

Craig Lee was convicted of felony lewd conduct with a minor under 16 for the 2015 sexual abuse of a 13 year old Utah boy. Lee allegedly met the boy through a dating app called Grindr and invited him to come to the children's apparel store he co-owned. Two ISP Forensic Scientists conducted biological screening and DNA analyses in the case. Lee was sentenced to 7 1/2 years but also received a rider.

[Jury finds Lee guilty of lewd conduct](#)



Coeur d'Alene Police Sgt Killed



In May 2015, Sgt. Greg Moore of the Coeur d'Alene Police Department was gunned down when Moore tried to question him concerning recent car burglaries in the area. Renfro shot Sgt. Moore in the face and stole his gun and patrol car. Renfro was charged with 1st-degree murder, grand theft, unlawful possession of a weapon by a convicted felon, robbery, and eluding police. Blood alcohol and toxicology analyses were completed by ISP Forensic Scientists. ISP Forensic Scientist, Stuart Jacobson, testified in September 2017 that the hole found in the jacket Renfro was allegedly wearing was consistent with being made by a firearm from inside the pocket. There was also lead and powder residue found around the hole. Sgt. Moore is survived by his wife, Lindy, and their daughter, Gemma.

[Suspect charged with murder in death of CdA police officer](#)



Drug Debt Murder



In 2014 Jeffrey Dyer was murdered in Nampa over a \$700 drug debt. Raul Herrera and Angelo Cervantes broke into Dyer's home, beat him to death with a baton, and severely injured his father. The two also robbed the house then put Dyer's body in the trunk of his own car. They drove to Oregon and abandoned the car and body. Cervantes testified against Herrera and also said that they did not plan to kill anyone.

ISP Forensic Scientists performed controlled substance, biological screening and DNA analyses in the case.

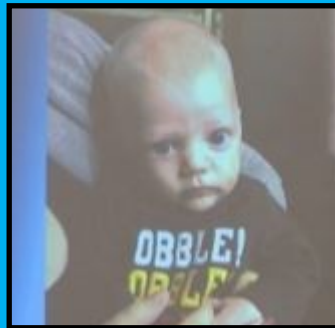
Raul Herrera was sentenced to life in prison for 1st-Degree Murder, Robbery, and 2nd-Degree Kidnapping. He will be eligible for parole in 2049.

Angelo Cervantes was also sentenced to life for 1st-Degree Murder and will be eligible for parole in 2029.

[Nampa man sentenced to life in prison for drug debt murder](#)

Man Brutalizes Infant Son

In 2014, Syls Hernandez died at just three months old. His mother had been in prison for meth charges so he was left in the care of this father, Isaac Hernandez. Although the cause of death was indicated as undetermined by the coroner's office, Syls's body showed signs of severe, prolonged abuse.



The baby had 26 fractures to his ribs, both legs had been broken, and had bruises on his face, wrists, hands, and penis. He was also underfed and dehydrated.

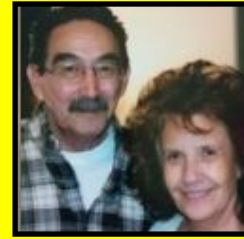
Biological, blood alcohol, and controlled substance analyses were completed by three ISP Forensic Scientists.

Isaac Hernandez was sentenced to 27 years in prison for three counts of Injury to a Child. He will be eligible for parole in 2022.



["Nothing but pain, suffering, and hunger:" Nampa man gets prison](#)

Parma Couple Killed



In May 2014, Eloy and Tillie Montoya's car was hit head on while driving on Highway 20 in Canyon County. The other driver, Spook Meras, was under the influence of methamphetamine and marijuana at the time of the crash. Tillie Montoya died at the hospital that night and Eloy Montoya died from his injuries several weeks later. There were also two children in Meras's car that were injured. Blood alcohol and toxicology analyses were performed by ISP Forensic Scientists in this case. Spook Meras was sentenced to 20 years in prison for two counts of vehicular manslaughter but was released in 2016 and is currently on probation.



[Notus man pleads guilty in Parma couple's death](#)

Strip Club Stabbing



A fight over a cab ride turned fatal at the Torch strip club on October 16, 2014. Two

men, Parley Ward and Phillip Law started an altercation after they got into a cab that had been called for by Humberto Herrera and Jesus Hurtado. At one point, Law and Ward were losing so they started to walk away but then changed their minds. They circled back and ambushed Herrera and Hurtado, stabbing them in the chest. Herrera's heart was pierced by the knife and he died at the scene. It is not clear if each man stabbed one of the others or if one man stabbed both. ISP Forensic Scientists completed biological screening and DNA analyses in this case.



Parley Ward was sentenced to 10 years for Aid and Abet Involuntary Manslaughter/Aggravated Battery. Phillip Law was sentenced to 15 years for Aid and Abet Voluntary Manslaughter/Aggravated Battery.

[Boise man gets 15 years for strip club stabbing](#)

ADA COUNTY

Boise Murder for Hire



Four men were convicted for their part in a May 2014 murder-for-hire

shooting. Anthony Robins Jr. hired John Douglas to kill Travontae Calloway and Elliot Bailey because they stole 30 pound of marijuana. One of Calloway and Bailey's friends, Samari Winn, helped set up the victims for the killer. They came to the victim's apartment after a party and shot the two men and



Calloway's girlfriend, Jeanette Juraska. Both Calloway and Bailey died, but



Juraska survived. John Douglas was allegedly only offered \$300 to murder the men.



Multiple disciplines in ISP Forensic Services were involved in the analysis of evidence in the case. There were eight separate submissions of evidence that underwent controlled substance, firearm, latent fingerprint, biological screening, and DNA analyses. John Douglas and Anthony Robins, Jr, and Samari Winn were sentenced to life and Anton Raider to 3 years. [Suspects in Boise murder-for-hire](#)

ADA COUNTY

Post Falls Double Murder

In July 2014, a mother and her 6 year old daughter were murdered by the woman's husband, Angel Morales-Larranaga, in Post Falls. Police responded to the apartment after a neighbor had called to say the man had come to her house and told her he had strangled his wife and step-daughter.



The prosecutor offered to take the death penalty off the table if Morales-Larranaga pleaded guilty to two counts of 1st-Degree Murder. He will be serving two life sentences consecutively with no possibility of parole.

ISP Forensic Scientists assisted with the crime scene, latent print, and DNA analyses.

[Two found dead in Post Falls home; suspect in custody](#)

KOOTENAI COUNTY

Boise Driver Shot



In February 2013, two drivers in Boise were shot at by Shawn Fisher. Fisher had rammed the vehicle of the first victim and then shot at them. He tried to follow and find the victim at Best Buy, but could not find them. The shooter then continued driving and shot Matthew Mohler-Kerns on Franklin Road, killing him. Mohler-Kerns was a BSU student and his mother said in court, “I

am Matthew’s mother. I’m standing here today because my son was senselessly murdered, shot in the face, and left to die by the defendant, Shawn Nathan Fisher.”

The defense argued that Fisher suffers from paranoid schizophrenia, and was also under the influence of drugs at the time of the shootings. ISP Forensic Scientists performed firearms and controlled substance analyses for this case. Shawn Fisher was sentenced to life in prison, without the possibility of parole, for 2nd-Degree Murder. The judge in the case cited concern about Fisher’s ability to re-enter society as grounds for the sentence. Judge Jason Scott said “I just can’t get there comfort level wise. I think Mr. Fisher and the risk he presents is a profound one.”

[Man gets life in prison for Boise murder](#)



Drunk Driver Kills Peck Man

Paul Stuk of Peck was killed in December 2013 in Nez Perce County by a drunk driver, Kyle Rios. Rios had a blood alcohol level of 0.263, which is three times the legal limit. The blood alcohol was ruled unlawful in appeals court because officers did not have a warrant to do the blood draw. A separate blood draw from Rios’s medical evaluation was available, though. An ISP Forensic Scientist performed the blood alcohol analysis in this case. Rios was sentenced to seven years in prison for Vehicular Manslaughter, and will eligible for parole in 2018.

[Man pleads guilty despite unlawful blood draw](#)



Garden City Man Murdered

In 2012, Brian Geddes met a 21-year old woman named Jordan Shaver. Shaver was down on her luck and needed a place to stay so Geddes allowed her to move into his Garden City home. Jordan Shaver proceeded to take advantage of Brian's generosity, having parties while he was out of town, even telling her friends that the house was hers. At one point, Geddes seemed to be missing so



his children went to his house. They found it in disarray after parties had been held there. They were concerned because they knew their father would not keep his home this way. They also found Jordan Shaver living there, and when questioned, she said Brian was in Jackpot. The police were

called but Shaver had left the house before they arrived. They were finally able to track her because she had Brian Geddes's cell phone. Shaver first told the police Geddes was out of town, but eventually told them he had accidentally shot himself while cleaning his gun. The autopsy report found that Brian Geddes was shot in the head, stuffed in a comforter, his body placed in the crawl space under his own home. Jordan Shaver pleaded guilty to 2nd-Degree Murder and was sentenced to life in prison. She will be eligible for parole in 2032.



ISP Forensic Scientists performed firearm, latent print, biological screening, and DNA analyses in this case.

The Investigation Discovery channel featured the case in an episode of their show, *Stranger In My Home*, in an episode called, "Death of Youth."



['Stranger in My Home' Reviews Case of Man Found Dead After Being Buried Under Trailer Home by Houseguest](#)

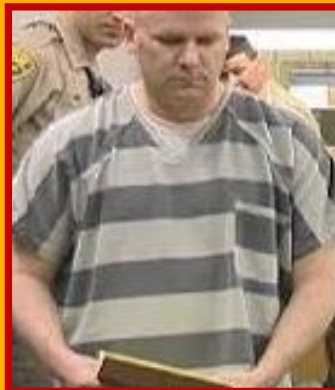
In a new trial, Joseph Thomas, Jr. was convicted of the 1st-Degree Murder of his ex-wife, Beth Irby-Thomas. Thomas was convicted of the same crime in 2011, but the Idaho Supreme Court overturned the conviction in 2014 because they determined important evidence was not allowed to be admitted by the presiding judge.

Thomas contends that his ex-wife liked autoerotic asphyxiation and that she was actually alone when she died. The prosecution has evidence that Thomas told a fellow deputy about killing his ex-wife, but he has since died.

Thomas, Jr, is a former deputy with the Nez Perce County Sheriff's Office. He and Beth had two sons together.

Joseph Thomas, Jr. was sentenced to life in prison and will be eligible for parole in 2035.

ISP Forensic Scientists performed latent fingerprint, biological screening, and DNA analyses in this case.



Former deputy convicted of ex-wife's murder in new trial

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