



Tuesday, September 19  
7:00 PM  
Boise State Student Union  
Bishop Barnwell Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

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## Solved with the assistance of investigative genetic genealogy—Finding justice for Joyce Casper

The crowning event in Idaho for National Forensic Science Week 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.



**Rylene Nowlin** is the Laboratory Manager of the Idaho State Police Forensic Services Laboratory in Meridian, Idaho. She joined the ISPFS biology/DNA casework/DNA database unit in 2002. She was a full-time casework analyst in that unit until her promotion to Laboratory Manager in 2014. She continues to perform DNA casework in that unit. Rylene is an Idaho native and in her free time enjoys volunteering with local 4-H groups and showing paint horses.

**Cyndi Hall** has a M.S. Degree in Biological Sciences from San Jose State University and a B.S. Degree in Chemistry/Biochemistry from the University of California, San Diego. She is currently employed as a Senior DNA Analyst with DNA Labs International (DLI) and has over 20 years of experience working in forensic DNA analysis. Prior to joining DLI at the end of 2020, Cyndi worked at the Idaho State Police Forensic Services in a variety of roles including DNA Analyst, Supervisor, DNA Technical Lead, and CODIS State Administrator before moving into her final role with the laboratory as Quality Manager. She also worked as a DNA Database Analyst at the California Department of Justice DNA Laboratory and as a Criminalist and Criminalist Supervisor at the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Crime Laboratory before moving to Idaho.

