

NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE WEEK



Tuesday, September 22
9:00 – 10:15 AM MST
Boise State Campus
Math Building
Room 113

Identifying Human Remains in Bonner County – Hoo Doo Mountain UHR Case

In 2014, remains of an unidentified individual were discovered in a remote location of Idaho. Only a few scattered personal items were recovered nearby, none of which yielded clues to the decedent's identity or the circumstances surrounding his death. With limited physical evidence and no missing persons match, the case quickly grew cold. With support from a SAKI (Sexual Assault Kit Initiative) grant, the Idaho State Police began an in-house genealogical investigation and utilized forensic document examination on personal effects found near the remains. This presentation highlights how interagency cooperation, advanced DNA technologies, and FIGG can overcome challenges posed by limited physical evidence remains, degraded documentation, and incomplete historical records. When combined with interviews of distant relatives and an unexpected collaboration with a professional genealogist in Sweden, these efforts ultimately led to the identification of the decedent.

Jerrie Northrup



Jerrie is a University of Idaho and Idaho POST graduate. He spent many years with the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office. He retired in 2023 as the lead Major Crimes Detective, and Chief Tactical Flight Officer for KCSO's Regional Air Support Unit. He then joined ISPFS SAKI Team as Cold Case Investigator for Northern Idaho.

Tamara Mick



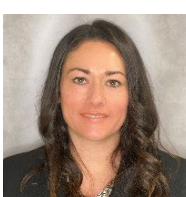
Tamara joined the ISPFS SAKI Team as their Intelligence and Genealogy Investigator in 2024. Tamara worked as SVU Detective in Tennessee before coming to Boise and working as a Client Services Coordinator, Director of the Idaho Network of Children's Advocacy Center, and a Criminal Investigator with the Idaho Attorney General's Office.

Cathy Fahey



Cathy has been the ISPFS SAKI Team's FIGG Genealogist since 2024. Cathy provides her team with knowledge and experience in analytical problem solving and in mapping biological family links. Cathy has over ten years of experience tracing genetics links' first as a volunteer, and then graduating with her FIGG certificate.

Janey Dunn



Janey began her firearms career in 2010 with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office. In 2021, Janey joined ISPFS as a Forensic Scientist 2 working in Firearms and Toolmark Analysis. In December of 2024, Janey also completed her training in Questioned Documents. Without Janey's willingness and dedication, ISPFS would not have been able to have an in-house Document Examiner.