

Hello,

The CBI has developed a new team called the CBI Cold Case Review Team. This new team brings an opportunity to provide assistance to local law enforcement in the form of a review of their agencies' Cold Cases (homicides). This team is comprised of experts in and around the field of homicide investigation to include personnel from the CBI Forensic Laboratory and CBI Investigations, the Coroner's Association, detectives and investigators from police and sheriffs' departments, representatives from the Attorney General's office, forensic pathologists, prosecutors, COVA and the FBI. The team has met 2 times so far and plans to meet twice a year. Agencies bringing cases forward are encouraged to present as a team to include current and past investigators, DA, and laboratory personnel. In cases which overlap between jurisdictions detectives and investigators from each agency are encouraged to attend.

Currently, the Team will hear two cases during each meeting. One agency will present their case in the morning and another agency will present that same day in the afternoon. After the presenting agency concludes their presentation the Team will be invited to ask questions and offer suggestions. At the conclusion the presenting agency will be emailed an electronic account of the presentation and the questions/suggestions made by the Team. Each Team member is required to sign confidentiality agreement to allow piece of mind to each presenting agency that the information will be kept confidential within the law enforcement arena.

The foundation of success for this new and exciting team is the generous sharing of knowledge and expertise by the people who represent the various disciplines. The members of this team and their agencies are contributing many hours to these efforts. We encourage agencies to take full advantage of this new resource available to cold case investigations. To date 4 cases have been heard. Based on the suggestions of the Review Team one case has been presented to the District Attorney's Office for filing. The other agencies which have presented have been pleased with the input they received and have added many of the suggestions to their "To Do" lists.

The next meeting of the Cold Case Review Team will be held in June 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The exact date and location are yet to be determined.

If you have questions please feel free to contact Audrey Simkins at 303/239-5764 or via email at [Audrey.simkins@cdps.state.co.us](mailto:Audrey.simkins@cdps.state.co.us).

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