

NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE WEEK



Tuesday 9/22 @ 7PM MDT

via Zoom

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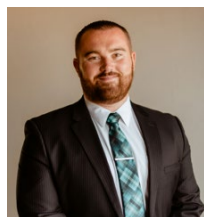
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Solving a Sexual Assault Case in Teton County Idaho using Forensic Molecular Genealogy – *Finding Justice for a Rape Victim*

The crowning event in Idaho for National Forensic Science Week is an evening presentation for the community to emphasize the importance of forensic science in Idaho. This year we will focus on a new technique being used in Idaho to solve cold cases. Due to COVID-19, this year the presentation will be completely online. Join us for an interesting case study and learn about how Forensic Molecular Genealogy is being used in Idaho and plans to increase the use in the next few years.

For over two years, a violent rape in Teton County went unsolved. A 26 year old woman walking through Victor Park was sexually assaulted by an unknown male. While physical evidence collected from the survivor was processed by the forensic laboratory and entered into the national DNA database, no match to a suspect was found. Partnering the detective, the Idaho State Police Forensic Services, the Rocky Mountain Information Network, and a private molecular genealogist, a suspect, Chet Neilson, was identified that later pled guilty to the crime. Listen to the scientists, a detective, a prosecutor, and the survivor in this case tell their stories and present the case.



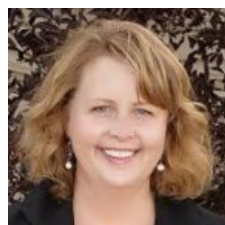
Andrew Foster,
Detective Sergeant
with the Teton
County Sheriff's
Office.



Colleen Fitzpatrick, PhD,
widely recognized as the
founder of modern forensic
genealogy.



Katie Dace, Forensic
Biology Supervisor with
the Idaho State Police and
also serves as the State
CODIS Administrator.



Billie Siddoway,
Teton County
Prosecutor.