

Marietta Police Department and Cobb County Medical Examiner Team with Othram to Identify a 1993 Jane Doe

After 31 years, a woman, whose remains were found on a construction site in Marietta, Georgia, has been identified.

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Summary

In June 1993, the skeletal remains of an unidentified individual were discovered on a construction site in Marietta, Georgia. Marietta is just northwest of Atlanta. The Marietta Police Department responded to the scene. The individual's remains were transported to the Cobb County Medical Examiner who determined that the remains were that of a white female who was estimated to be 5' 3" tall and weighed 100 pounds. The woman was between the ages of 25 and 30 years old. She wore a multicolored bead earring, hip length short sleeve jacket, white halter top with an orange-pink diamond print design, and lightweight blouse-like slacks. There was also a safety pin for her slacks located near the remains.

In 2012, details of the case were entered into the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) as UP10604. Despite extensive efforts by law

enforcement investigators to identify the woman, no matches were found, and the case went cold due to a lack of viable leads.

In January 2022, the Marietta Police Department submitted forensic evidence to Othram in The Woodlands, Texas. Othram scientists successfully developed a DNA extract from the forensic evidence, and used Forensic-Grade Genome Sequencing® to build a comprehensive genealogical profile for the homicide victim. Othram's in-house forensic genetic genealogy team then used this profile to conduct genetic genealogy research, ultimately providing new investigative leads to law enforcement.

Using this new information, a follow-up investigation was conducted leading investigators to potential relatives of the woman. This investigation led to the positive identification of the woman, whose identity is not being released at this time, at the request of the agency and the family.

The identification of Marietta County Jane Doe (1993) represents the 16th case in the State of Georgia where officials have publicly identified an individual using technology developed by Othram. Most recently in Waycross, Georgia, [5-year-old Kenyatta Odom](#), who was murdered over three decades ago, was identified in November 2023.