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“Parker Doe” has been identified

Yakima – “Parker Doe” has been identified! Our cold case investigator has been working with the Yakima County Coroner, the Toppenish Police Department, the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & People Cold Case Unit of the Washington State Office of Attorney General, the King County Medical Examiner’s Office, Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bode Technology, the Washington State Patrol Crime Lab, Othram, and the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification to determine the identity of “Parker Doe.”

There was a substantial amount of collaboration and time dedicated to identifying her remains through the use of DNA analysis. Ultimately, she was identified as 31-year-old Rosa Elia Vargas Jimenez Everts from Toppenish. She was reported missing to the Toppenish Police in August of 1987. Her body was found in February of 1988 by a horseback rider near Parker Bridge Rd / Sunnyside Dam area. Our office investigated the case but had no leads.

A detective from the Toppenish Police and an investigator from the MMIWP Cold Case Unit reached out to Rosa’s mother, sister, and other family members, informing them that “Parker Doe” has been identified as Rosa Elia Vargas Jimenez Everts.

We sincerely thank everyone involved in the investigation and identification of Rosa Elia Vargas Jimenez Everts. We were able to help put a family at ease knowing their loved one was found and identified 38 years later.

If anyone has any information regarding this case, please contact our cold case investigator, J. Mark Keller, at (509) 833-2240.

The Toppenish Police Department provided a statement below:



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On August 6th, 1987, Rosa Everts (AKA: Rosia Evers) was reported missing by a former roommate. The former roommate hadn't seen Everts since December 1986 and believed Everts had returned to California until being told by a family member of Everts' that Everts had not been in California and had not been in communication with family. Over the years that followed, multiple officers and detectives worked on solving the disappearance of Rosa Everts. Several possibilities were investigated, including that Everts' disappearance could be related to the "Parker Doe" unidentified human remains case; however, no conclusive evidence was obtained.

In August 2024, Detective Pottle of the Toppenish Police Department reviewed the case and requested help from Senior Investigator & Analyst Carlos Trevino, with the Washington Attorney General's Office. Investigator Trevino located Everts' sister and mother in Utah, and obtained valuable information related to the case. He was also able to determine that Everts was not a member or descendant of any recognized tribe.

With the assistance of the Unified Police Department of Greater Salt Lake, DNA samples were obtained from Everts' mother and sister. Detective Pottle contacted Everts' sister and arranged for continued communication as the investigation progressed. The Toppenish Police Department secured funding to analyze these DNA samples for comparison with the DNA of unidentified remains. In September 2025, Yakima County Sheriff's Office Cold Case Investigator J. Mark Keller was working the "Parker Doe" case and contacted Detective Pottle. Pottle and Keller began working together to have Everts' family DNA compared directly with Parker Doe's DNA. On October 22nd, 2025, Toppenish Police and Yakima County Sheriff's Office were notified by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety of the DNA results. The results showed that the DNA from Rosa Everts's mother and "Parker Doe" matched. Based on these results, we have concluded that Parker Doe is, in fact, Rosa Everts.

The family and friends of Rosa Everts can now have peace of mind and finally put her to rest.

A quote from the Washington State Office of the Attorney General is below:



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“Our office takes great pride in the work of the Missing Murdered Indigenous Women and People Cold Case Investigations Unit to help the investigation that led to the DNA results in this case,” Attorney General Nick Brown said. “While the results bring some answers, we understand that the criminal investigation is still ongoing, and our hearts go out to Ms. Evers’ family and loved ones.”

The primary goal of the state MMIWP Cold Case Investigations Unit, part of the AG’s Criminal Division, is to address the significant gap in resources and attention to cases involving missing and murdered Indigenous people. Law enforcement are welcome to reach out to the Attorney General’s Office at crjmmiwp@atg.wa.gov to discuss how the unit can support investigative efforts in solving cold cases of missing and murdered Indigenous individuals.

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