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## ***MEDIA ADVISORY: CORONER'S OFFICE UPDATE***

### **Identity of Man Discovered After Two Decades**

**Coroner's Office seeks help to identify 73 other "John Doe" and "Jane Doe" cold cases**

The mystery of the identity of a man found dead in downtown Sacramento in July of 1985 has been solved, according to Sacramento County Coroner Robert Lyons. In February, while running a fingerprint check against the Federal Bureau of Investigation's data base, the State Department of Justice received a positive match on this 26-year-old "cold case." The man, identified as Laurence Goodboo, was 45 years old at the time of his death, and is presumed to have been a transient with chronic health problems.

Goodboo, whose body was discovered in a vacant lot at 16<sup>th</sup> and E Streets, had several distinguishing tattoos and wore a medical alert bracelet. Barbara Anderson, a forensic artist with the Sacramento Police Department, completed a post-mortem sketch in 2005 that was disseminated to the media and homeless shelters to assist the Coroner's Office in efforts to identify him. Despite this, no new information was produced until the fingerprint match was made.

After an extensive name search, Goodboo's daughter, Robyn Ciabattari, 36, was located living in Florida. Although details of her father's whereabouts were sketchy, she had looked for him off and on for 20 years. She knew from her mother that Goodboo had Native American Blackfoot Indian heritage and family members told her he was a loner who moved frequently. Ciabattari learned that Goodboo had possibly been in a nursing home in California following a job-related construction injury, but she was still unable to find him. "I started looking for him in 1986 when I was 16 years old. To find out he died a year before that is disappointing because I always hoped to meet him. It's like closing a book," said Ciabattari.

The Sacramento County Coroner's Office recently redesigned their website to include descriptions of 73 other unidentified deceased cases dating back to 1975. Some include skeletal reconstructive photos and sketches. "We are asking for the public's help to identify some of these people. Somebody may be looking for their loved one," said Lyons. For more information about this case and others whose identities have yet to be confirmed, go to [www.saccounty.net/coroner](http://www.saccounty.net/coroner).

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