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NEWS RELEASE

Three John and Jane Doe Coroner Cases Identified

Coroner seeking next of kin for notification and closure on two cases

Sacramento, CA – A woman was struck and killed 22 years ago while crossing northbound Interstate 5 in Sacramento. A man's body was found by two juveniles in a Sacramento homeless camp in the summer of 1993. In February 2002, a man was found flailing in midtown Sacramento and transported to a local hospital where he died 10 days later. The identities of these three people remained a mystery until recently.

Because of advancements in fingerprint search systems, Kim Gillis, a deputy with Sacramento County Coroner's office who works their unidentified cold cases, has been resubmitting fingerprints to state and federal agencies hoping for a match. In June 2009, she was notified of a successful match on the first case. Two other matches soon followed.

Gillis explains the Coroner's Office is responsible to determine the manner and cause of death, identify the decedent, and notify the next of kin. "Identifying someone after such a long period of time is very rewarding. It is also rewarding to offer closure to the families," said Gillis.

Following are details of the three cases:

Karen Sue Ball - Case # 87-2068

Date of Birth: 08/31/46 - Date of Death: 07/26/87 – Identified: 8/03/09

- Ball was hit by a vehicle while running across northbound I-5 near Richards Blvd. with a companion. Her companion did not know her identity. Numerous attempts over the years to run her fingerprints yielded no results. Her fingerprints were resubmitted to a federal agency in June 2009 where a match was made. Next of kin has not been located so the Coroner's Office is asking for the public's help to provide any information about known relatives of Ball.

Arturo Morales - Case # 93-03194

Date of Birth: 09/30/49 - Date of Death: 09/10/93 – Identified: 7/28/09

- Morales left his family home in Dixon after an argument and was not seen again. His body was found by two juveniles in a homeless camp near Front Street and Capitol Avenue in Sacramento. Over the years his thumb prints were run but the results were always negative. Gillis sent photographs of his thumbprints to a federal agency where they were able to make a match. Morales' family was notified.

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Estasniado Segura-Padron - Case # 02-00827

Date of Birth: 11/06/48 - Date of Death: 2/17/02 - Identified: 6/30/09

- Segura-Padron, born in Texas, lived a transient lifestyle in Sacramento. He was found by a CHP officer on the side of the road near the intersection of X Street and 14th Street, Sacramento. Partially clothed and flailing, he was transported to UCD Medical Center where he died 10 days later. He was wearing a gold Mickie Mouse watch but carried no identification. His fingerprints were run periodically since 2002 with negative results. Gillis resubmitted his fingerprints to a federal agency where a positive identification was made. The Coroner's Office has not been able to locate next of kin so is asking for the public's help to provide any information about known relatives of Segura-Padron. See DMV photo.

For more details about these cases or to view information about other Sacramento County Coroner unidentified cases, go to www.saccounty.net/coroner.

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**Estasniado Segura-Padron
DMV photo**

