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LVMPD RECEIVES GRANT FUNDING FOR SOLVING COLD CASES THROUGH DNA ANALYSIS

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department recently received a grant for \$499,695.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice.

This grant will allow the LVMPD to identify cold case homicides and sexual assaults with biological evidence, process selected cases with DNA analysis, and potentially solve cold cases through the entry of suspect profiles into the national DNA database or CODIS (the Combined DNA Index System). Funds from this grant will be used to purchase equipment and supplies necessary to aid in the investigation of cold cases, provide overtime and travel for Detectives investigating cold cases, and provide overtime for Forensic Scientists processing cold cases with DNA analysis.

Just a few weeks ago the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department received two other DNA related grants totaling \$591,025.00 from the National Institute of Justice. These grants will be used for Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction and Convicted Offender DNA Backlog Reduction. The receipt of this cold case grant brings the total federal award of DNA-related grants to \$1,090,720. 00.

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