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**FBCSO Exhumes Remains for Renewed Investigation into Decades-Old Cold Case**

**(FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS)** – On July 10, 2024, the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Cold Case Team exhumed remains in a decades-old cold case due to recent advances in forensic biology and forensic DNA analysis. We are hopeful that these new technological advancements will provide fresh leads and bring closure to this long-standing investigation.

The case dates back to June 1964, when the victim's remains were discovered off FM 359 near the Jones Creek bridge in Fort Bend County. The victim, a dark-haired white male, approximately 6 feet tall, around 50 years of age, and weighing between 180-185 pounds, was found decapitated, with his hands and legs amputated. His body had been left in a ditch around June 11, 1964. Despite extensive efforts, authorities were unable to identify the victim or apprehend those responsible.

The victim had a broken rib, but no identifying marks. For 20 years, the remains were held at the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office. In 1984, he was buried at San Gabriel Cemetery in Richmond.

Anyone with information related to this case is encouraged to contact the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office at 281-341-4665, option 1 or Cold Case Detective Scott Minyard at 281-341-4651.

"With the significant advancements in forensic biology and DNA analysis, we hope to uncover new information that was previously unattainable," said Sheriff Eric Fagan. "Our goal is to bring justice to the victim and provide answers to any surviving family members."

Exhumation photos linked below:



(Pictured: FBCSO Investigator Cabrera)



(Pictured: Fort Bend County Medical Examiner's Office Chief Investigator Brewster, FBCSO Investigator Dees, and FBCSO Investigator Cabrera)



(Pictured: FBCSO Cold Case Detective Scott Minyard, FBCSO Investigator Cabrera)

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### **About the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office**

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office was founded in 1837 and is the largest and most diverse law enforcement agency in Fort Bend County. The Sheriff's Office has over 900 employees, including 615 sworn peace officers and 22 reserve volunteer deputies dedicated to protecting and serving nearly 900,000 Fort Bend County residents. Among the 10 fastest-growing counties in the nation, Fort Bend covers 885 square miles and includes 21 unincorporated communities.

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