TCSO IDENTIFIES JANE DOE FROM 1992

On December 9th, 1992, a hunter found a human skull in the area of 5800 N Harvard Ave. A search of the area by Tulsa County Sheriff's Office turned up additional bones, but not enough to determine how the person died. It's believed the remains had been there for at least a year before they were discovered.

The Medical Examiner's Office determined the body was that of a young black female. At that time, no missing persons matched the description of the Jane Doe.

The case went cold until TCSO's Cold Case Task Force took a second look and the remains were sent to the University of North Texas for DNA analysis. They were processed at no cost to TCSO thanks to a grant from the National Institute of Justice.

UNT identified the remains as that of a missing Tulsa woman named Greta Riles. Due to Riles' lifestyle, her family didn't report her missing to TPD until 7-24-12. The ME's office has confirmed the findings of UNT and officially identified the 1992 Jane Doe as Greta L Riles (DOB 3-1-69).

Unfortunately, the grant that funds this DNA program was not renewed by the National Institute of Justice. The federal grant had been in place since 2004 and was used to identify dozens of missing persons in Oklahoma. Forensic anthropologist Angela Berg with the Medical Examiner's Office says there are dozens more unidentified remains that she had hoped to submit to UNT for DNA processing and there are many families that have yet to donate DNA for comparison to their loved one. But now that can't happen. Berg says, "This doesn't just help families in Oklahoma, it helps identify bodies across the country. It also funds research and techniques we use to identify the missing and bring answers to families."