

Placer Sheriff's Office seeks public's help in 1980 cold case

Genetic genealogy led police to identify the remains as **Patricia Ann Rose**. Now they're asking the public for information regarding her suspicious disappearance.



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APPLEGATE, Calif. —

The Placer County Sheriff's Office is asking the public for information regarding the 1980 death and disappearance of Patricia Ann Rose, calling the circumstances suspicious.

Rose, 20, was estranged from her husband John Bowden when she went missing, police said. Her 18-month-old son was found alone in a Sacramento

hotel room where she was staying. Two hunters discovered her skeletal remains five years later in the woods near Boole Road in Applegate.

The remains were unidentifiable along with the cause of death due to their condition. The anthropology department at California State University, Chico determined the remains were female and a facial reconstruction was released to the press, but the case went cold.

In January, [Othram Inc.](#), a Texas firm specializing in forensic genetic genealogy, used DNA to develop a family tree of the victim which indicated a potential living sibling. Placer County detectives obtained a reference sample with help from Oregon police and a lab determined it belonged to the sister of the found human remains. Detectives interviewed the sibling and Rose's child to confirm the identity.

Anyone with information on Rose can email the Placer County Sheriff's Office at PCSOtipLine@placer.ca.gov. Her family told police she also used the first names "Torrie" and "Patti" along with last names "Bowden" and "Anderson."