

Odessa police continue to investigate 1996 homicide of ‘Baby Boy Doe’

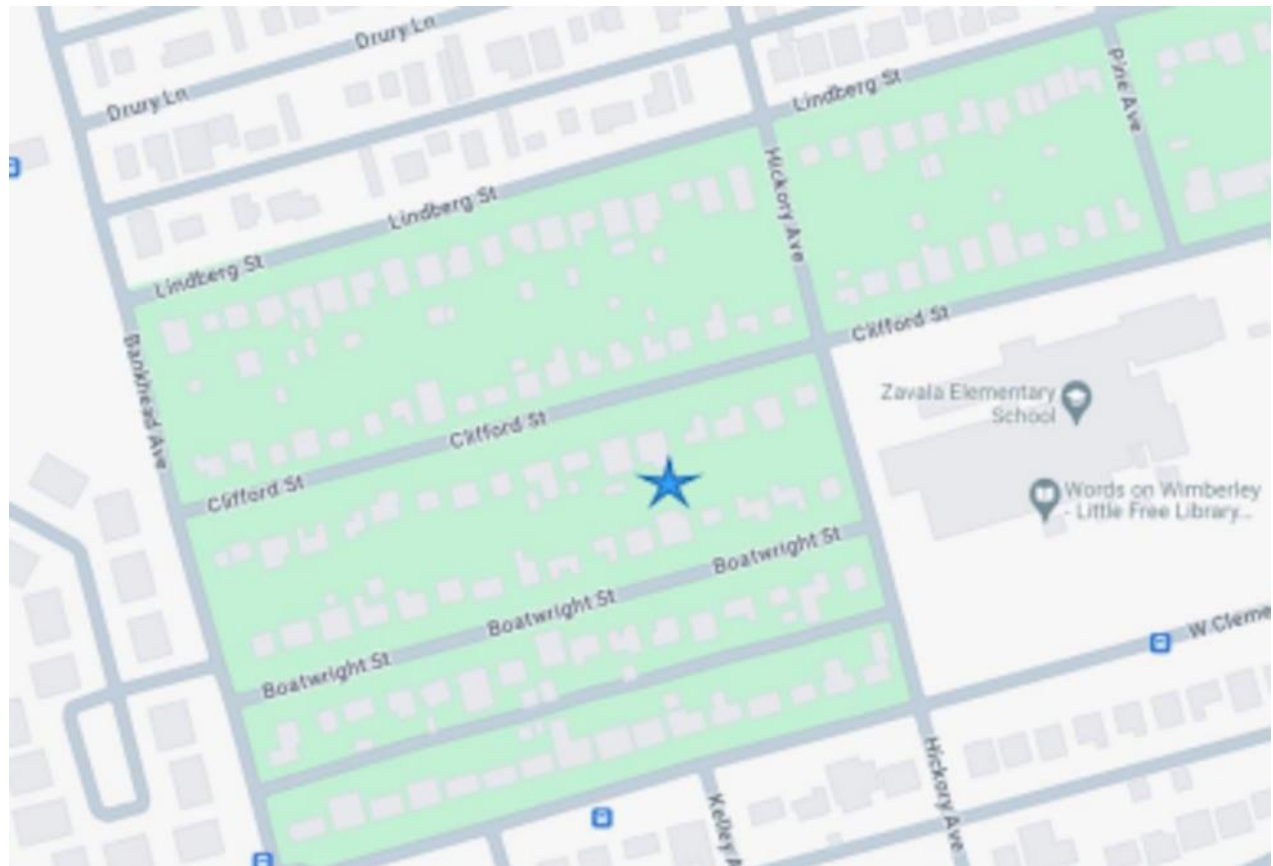
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ODESSA, Texas (KOSA) - The Odessa Police Department is continuing its investigation into the 1996 homicide of a newborn known as “Baby Boy Doe”, whose body was discovered in a dumpster nearly three decades ago.

According to Odessa police, on July 18, 1996, at around 7:50 a.m. officers responded to an alleyway between Clifford Street and Boatwright Avenue, where a dead baby was found inside a dumpster.



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The neighborhood was canvassed at the time, but no leads on the identity of the baby were developed.

An autopsy determined that the baby was full-term and healthy at birth.

The manner of death was ruled a homicide.

Baby Boy Doe was buried at Sunset Memorial Gardens on July 22, 1996.

Police say despite dozens of leads over the years, no suspects were identified.

In 2005, the baby's remains were exhumed and submitted to the University of North Texas for DNA testing.

A DNA profile was developed and entered into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), but no matches were found.

On Sept. 3, 2020, Odessa police submitted biological evidence from the case to Bode Technology for forensic genetic genealogy testing.

That testing led investigators to identify Baby Boy Doe's biological parents.

The infant's biological mother was identified as **Rosamara Biscaino Arzate**, who died by suicide in 2019, prior to the genealogy investigation.

She was named the primary suspect in the case.

Baby Boy Doe's surviving next of kin has been notified, and the infant's remains were turned over to the Ector County Medical Examiner's Office.

Although Arzate has been identified as the primary suspect, the case remains open and active.

The OPD Cold Case Unit continues to investigate other persons of interest.

If you have any information about this case or if you knew Rosamara Arzate or her associates during the 1990s, call the Odessa Police Department Cold Case Unit at 432-335-4926.

Or submit a tip [online here](#).