

Toppenish cold case breakthrough: "Parker Doe" identified as Rosa Everts

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This breakthrough comes after extensive collaboration between multiple agencies, including the Yakima County Coroner, Toppenish Police Department, and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & People Cold Case Unit.

Rosa was reported missing in August 1987, and her body was found in February 1988 near Parker Bridge Rd. Despite initial investigations, no leads emerged until DNA analysis recently confirmed her identity.

A detective from the Toppenish Police and an investigator from the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People (MMIWP) Cold Case Unit reached out to Rosa's family to share the news. Her mother and sister provided DNA samples, which were crucial in matching Rosa to the "Parker Doe" remains, YCSO said.

Attorney General Nick Brown praised the work of the MMIWP Cold Case Investigations Unit, saying, "Our office takes great pride in the work of the Missing Murdered Indigenous Women and People Cold Case Investigations Unit to help the investigation that led to the DNA results in this case."

Anyone with information regarding this case is urged to contact cold case investigator J. Mark Keller at (509) 833-2240.

The Toppenish Police Department provided the following statement:

On August 6th, 1987, Rosa Everts (AKA: Rosia Everts) was reported missing by a former roommate. The former roommate hadn't seen Everts since December 1986 and believed Everts had returned to California until being told by a family member of Everts' that Everts had not been in California and had not been in communication with family. Over the years that followed, multiple officers and detectives worked on solving the disappearance of Rosa Everts. Several possibilities were investigated, including that Everts' disappearance could be related to the "Parker Doe" unidentified human remains case; however, no conclusive evidence was obtained.

In August 2024, Detective Pottle of the Toppenish Police Department reviewed the case and requested help from Senior Investigator & Analyst Carlos Trevino,

with the Washington Attorney General's Office. Investigator Trevino located Everts' sister and mother in Utah, and obtained valuable information related to the case. He was also able to determine that Everts was not a member or descendant of any recognized tribe.

With the assistance of the Unified Police Department of Greater Salt Lake, DNA samples were obtained from Everts' mother and sister. Detective Pottle contacted Everts' sister and arranged for continued communication as the investigation progressed. The Toppenish Police Department secured funding to analyze these DNA samples for comparison with the DNA of unidentified remains. In September 2025, Yakima County Sheriff's Office Cold Case Investigator J. Mark Keller was working the "Parker Doe" case and contacted Detective Pottle. Pottle and Keller began working together to have Everts' family DNA compared directly with Parker Doe's DNA. On October 22nd, 2025, Toppenish Police and Yakima County Sheriff's Office were notified by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety of the DNA results. The results showed that the DNA from Rosa Everts's mother and "Parker Doe" matched. Based on these results, we have concluded that Parker Doe is, in fact, Rosa Everts. Everts's mother and "Parker Doe" matched. Based on these results, we have concluded that Parker Doe is, in fact, Rosa Everts.