



Although Lacey's natural parents were dead, officers were able to get hold of histology samples from medical records that also gave further proof that the killer was David Lacey.

It was working through all this information that led police to finally declare him a prime suspect and as a result they were granted permission to exhume his remains from Kingston Cemetery in Portsmouth, where he had been buried since 1988.

Det Chief Insp McTavish said: "High quality DNA material was extracted in the process and used for comparison. We are fully satisfied that the person exhumed was David Lacey and identification was indeed proven. It is therefore confirmed that the DNA profile of David Lacey is a complete match with the DNA profile from the original crime scene with a match probability of one in one billion."

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