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COLD CASE WORK SOLVES FOUR MURDERS

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey and Denver Police Chief Robert White jointly announce today the closure of four unsolved homicide cases all linked to the same serial killer. The announcement is the result of extensive investigative and forensic work performed by Denver's Cold Case Review Team. In September 2010, the U.S. Department of Justice awarded the Denver Police Department funds to review just more than 250 unsolved homicides occurring between 1970 and 1984 under a grant titled, "Solving Cold Cases with DNA."

During the case review portion of this project, investigators assigned to the Cold Case Unit from the Denver Police Department and the Denver District Attorney's Office identified **Vincent Groves** (dob: 04-19-54) as a suspect in three unsolved murders in 1979 and another unsolved murder in 1988. DNA analysis performed by the Denver Police Department Crime Lab confirmed a direct link between the homicides and Groves. Special assistance was provided by the Lakewood Police Department and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation.

Groves died in prison in 1996, and as a result, the following cases will be classified as solved. Identified family members of the victims have been notified:

Emma Jenefor, a 25-year-old woman who was murdered in March 1979. Her body was found in the bathtub of her home in the 100 block of Garfield Street.

Joyce Ramey, a 23-year-old woman who was murdered in July 1979. Her body was found in an industrial park near 56th Avenue and Havana Street.

Peggy Cuff, a 20-year-old woman who was murdered in November 1979. Her body was found in an alley in the 1500 block of south Ogden Street.

Pamela Montgomery, a 35-year-old woman who was murdered in August 1988. Her body was found in an alley in the 1700 block of Locust/Leyden Streets.

Most importantly, the closure of these four cases may provide answers to family members who have gone decades living with questions about the tragic murder of their loved one.