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1985 COLD CASE MURDER SOLVED BY DNA

A 1985 murder/sexual assault case involving a teenage victim has been solved by Denver's Cold Case Project.

On August 12, 1985, the body of 16-year-old Tracey Wooden was found in an alley in lower downtown Denver. She had been seen alive just 90 minutes earlier, leaving a local hospital following treatment for minor injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. The cause of her death was determined to be strangulation, and she had been sexually assaulted.

The investigation into her death has been ongoing for years, without success, until Cold Case detectives were able to develop new leads earlier this year. As a result of their work, DNA was submitted to the CODIS database and last week a DNA match identified the killer.

Daniel Fellovetr (dob: 12-11-58), a convicted rapist, was identified when his DNA profile matched the evidence in the case.

Fellovetr had been convicted of sexually assaulting a woman in an attack that occurred just two months after Wooden's murder in 1985. He was sentenced to prison in that case and died in the Colorado Department of Corrections in 2006.

Members of Denver's Cold Case Project met with members of Wooden's family earlier this week to give them an update on the results of the investigation. They appreciated the fact that Wooden's murderer is now known and that he was only free for two months before being arrested and then dying in prison.