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Type of Incident: Cold case homicide investigation

Location: Huntington Beach, California

Date/Time of Occurrence: March 14, 1968

Case Number: 68-006079

Details:

Information has come in to the police department on a possible lead toward the identity of victim Jane Doe from 1968. Jane Doe was sexually assaulted and murdered on March 14, 1968. She has remained unidentified to this date.

Jane Doe is described as a female white or Hispanic, 20 to 25 years old, 5-3 to 5-4, 140 pounds, medium build, with dark shoulder length hair, brown eyes, wearing a multi-colored flower print blouse, purple capri type pants, a black imitation leather three-quarter length coat and flat loafer type shoes. Victim had a ring on her hand described as a light blue square stone in a silver metal setting. Victim had poor dental health and was missing several back upper and lower teeth. Victim's front teeth were somewhat crooked.

A person possibly recognized Jane Doe's sketch that was released last week and contacted the police department. This person was shown the actual photos we have of Jane Doe and believes her name was "Rosie," with an unknown Italian last name. This person was a friend of Rosie back in 1968, but had only known her a few months. Rosie did not show up for work one day and no one knew what happened to her. The friend was never able to locate her and did not know her exact address in Long Beach.

Our belief is that Rosie was living in the Long Beach area for several months prior to her disappearance in 1968. She worked as a waitress at a bar called "The Circus Room." That bar in downtown Long Beach no longer exists and we have talked to relatives of the prior owners. There are no existing employment records.

Based on the information from the person who recognized the person in the sketch, our belief is that Rosie left New York in 1967 before coming to the Long Beach area. She left behind a husband and two year old child. The possible nickname for the two year old child was "John-John," our witness is not positive on his name. Rosie possibly had two older brothers, unknown names or ages, who also lived in the New York area. Rosie was possibly from Brooklyn or the Bronx.

At this time, we do not want to rule out any possible new information that could assist us in identifying our Jane Doe victim. While this information sounds promising toward identifying Jane Doe, we are not ruling out that new information and leads could take this investigation in a new direction.

The detectives working this case have already been in contact with the New York Police Department Missing Person squad on this cold case. They are assisting in our investigation.

In addition to the assistance we receiving in the New York area, we are still looking for assistance on the west coast. Any person who might recognize Rosie as an employee of the Circus Room from 1968, with any information that could assist us in identifying her is requested to contact the Huntington Beach Police Department, in an attempt to eliminate or identify Rosie as our victim Jane Doe.

More details on this investigation from prior releases on January 4, 2011 and January 5, 2011 are available at www.facebook.com/HuntingtonBeachPolice

Anyone with information on this investigation is asked to call Detective Mike Reilly of the Huntington Beach Police Department Robbery/Homicide Unit at 714-536-5940. Any press inquiries should be directed to Lieutenant Russell Reinhart at 714-536-5976 or press@hbpd.org

