
LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

NEWS RELEASE



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NATURE OF STORY: COLD CASE PLAYING CARDS NEWS CONFERENCE

DETAILS:

In conjunction with Crime Stoppers, the Lane County Sheriff's Office has created a deck of cards that highlight missing person and unsolved homicide cases. Each card highlights a case and places profiles and photos of the individuals on the card. Cards will be distributed to jails and prisons in the hope of developing new leads by gathering additional information about the cases. Oregon's Department of Corrections has also agreed to distribute the cards in all State correctional facilities.

The cold case playing card program was first used in Florida and has spread across the country to numerous state and local agencies. The program enlists the help of Crime Stoppers who provides a 24-hour tip line and funding for rewards. Crime Stoppers of Southern Oregon (Medford) will answer and process any calls received from cases on these cards.

This deck of cards includes Lane County cases for 7 missing persons and 11 unsolved homicides dating back to 1968. There are also cases from Sheriff's Offices in Linn, Deschutes, Coos, Curry, and Jackson counties; as well as police departments in Eugene, Cottage Grove, and Roseburg, and the Oregon State Police.

Cards will be available for sale at the Lane County Sheriff's Office Reception Desk. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The cost is \$5.00 per deck; with the proceeds going to the Lane County Sheriff's Office Cold Case Unit. *Cash or check only.*

The project is funded by Crime Stoppers Cascades, Wal-Mart on Green Acres Road in Eugene, and donations made to the Lane County Sheriff's Office Cold Case Unit.

Sheriff Turner and staff will be available on Wednesday, May 4 at 3:00 p.m. at the Sheriff's Office for a press conference.

For additional information, contact Sheriff Tom Turner at 541-682-4434.