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### Media Release

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Re: Detectives Learn the Identity of 1972 'Jane Doe' Homicide Victim – 1972-06053

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On 07-19-1972, the body of an unidentified female was discovered in the area of High Corner Road and Cortez Boulevard in Brooksville (Hernando County).

At the time of the discovery, detectives believed the victim had recently traveled to Hernando County from either north Florida or Alabama.

The victim was described as follows:

- Between 30 and 40 years of age
- Approximately 5' tall
- Between 125 and 145 pounds
- Short brown hair
- Only six upper and six lower teeth.

The victim was discovered wrapped in a bedspread, with a distinctive pattern, possibly described as a "Pineapple Damask" print. The bedspread had three square corners and one rounded corner.

Over the years, Cold Case detectives continued to investigate the case; however, no new leads were developed.

On 08-11-2022, Detective George Loydgren received a call from Michael Vogen, with Othram Labs. Mr. Vogen provided Detective Loydgren with a possible name on the 'Jane Doe' victim.

Jane Doe was identified as **Peggy Joyce Shelton** DOB/03-30-1943, of Kentucky.

On 09-14-2022, Othram Labs sent a "kinship report" to detective Loydgren, which positively identified Jane Doe as **Peggy Joyce Shelton**.

The case, a cold case homicide, is still being investigated by Detective Loydgren, in an effort to identify the person or persons responsible for the murder of Ms. Shelton.

If you have any information on this case, please contact Detective George Loydgren at 352-754-6830. If you have information and would like to remain anonymous and be eligible for a cash reward, please see the Crime Stoppers information below.

**Hernando County Crime Stoppers / Anonymous Tips**

***If you have information on this case, please contact Hernando County Crime Stoppers. You will remain anonymous!***

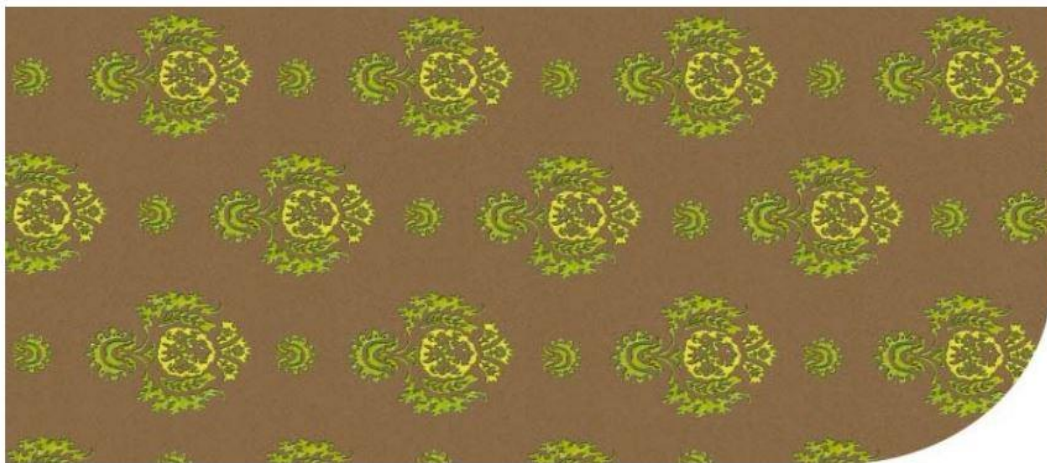
***Hernando County Crime Stoppers can be reached by phone at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477) or \*\*TIPS from a cell phone.***

***You may also submit your tip via the internet at <http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com> .***

***You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$5,000 cash!***



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Peggy Joyce Shelton - 1971