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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I am writing to request the following data for these specific cases retrieved from the National Crime Agency, UK Missing Persons Unit database for Unidentified victims in your police force.**

**Cases in question:**

**11-000105**

**17-005622**

**06-026047**

**11-007783**

**07-028106**

**Links to the cases on the NCA website**

[https://missingpersons.police.uk/en-gb/case/11-000105](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmissingpersons.police.uk%2Fen-gb%2Fcase%2F11-000105&data=05%7C02%7Cfoi%40scotland.police.uk%7C3f91dbe28da344f7a8c508dd146e63c9%7C6795c5d3c94b497a865c4c343e4cf141%7C0%7C0%7C638689186551763925%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=TewmPqMwyVkhkTyrTAh5h9FbuU0TbT8eOAGtLXIVfwo%3D&reserved=0)

[https://missingpersons.police.uk/en-gb/case/17-005622](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmissingpersons.police.uk%2Fen-gb%2Fcase%2F17-005622&data=05%7C02%7Cfoi%40scotland.police.uk%7C3f91dbe28da344f7a8c508dd146e63c9%7C6795c5d3c94b497a865c4c343e4cf141%7C0%7C0%7C638689186551763925%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=4uYRpvpzFOh5AyZVKLCLE3rGrHqC%2Ff%2F%2BMGfsD4%2Fvdlk%3D&reserved=0)

[https://missingpersons.police.uk/en-gb/case/06-026047](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmissingpersons.police.uk%2Fen-gb%2Fcase%2F06-026047&data=05%7C02%7Cfoi%40scotland.police.uk%7C3f91dbe28da344f7a8c508dd146e63c9%7C6795c5d3c94b497a865c4c343e4cf141%7C0%7C0%7C638689186551763925%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=2Ws9ARoOtvhuIEIwKzgNwnYYyQXjeVLsWCNYk%2BMkuvI%3D&reserved=0)

[https://missingpersons.police.uk/en-gb/case/11-007783](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmissingpersons.police.uk%2Fen-gb%2Fcase%2F11-007783&data=05%7C02%7Cfoi%40scotland.police.uk%7C3f91dbe28da344f7a8c508dd146e63c9%7C6795c5d3c94b497a865c4c343e4cf141%7C0%7C0%7C638689186551763925%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ziKiT4pefGPNuJIHfhoMv7p7FpTiFrBdnecj1iPR888%3D&reserved=0)

[https://missingpersons.police.uk/en-gb/case/07-028106](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmissingpersons.police.uk%2Fen-gb%2Fcase%2F07-028106&data=05%7C02%7Cfoi%40scotland.police.uk%7C3f91dbe28da344f7a8c508dd146e63c9%7C6795c5d3c94b497a865c4c343e4cf141%7C0%7C0%7C638689186551920140%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=edNr11uPQlQAnP2ieSwsSSv3IThG050UyDEtaA6V%2FGo%3D&reserved=0)

**11-000105**

1. **Anonymous code for case**

The case is referred to with the following reference: 11-000105.

1. **Manner of death**

Suicide.

1. **During the original investigation, were any forensic techniques considered? What were they?**

DNA profiling from deceased and examinations of items recovered, mark enhancement considerations re: fingerprints.

1. **Since the original investigation, has the case been re-evaluated?**

Yes.

1. **If re-evaluated, what were the forensic techniques considered/used.**

DNA re-comparison, facial reconstruction technique (digital).

1. **Have the forensic techniques bought any significant leads to the case?**

No.

1. **Did forensic techniques lead to efficient investigations?**

Yes.

1. **During the entire investigation of the case, were any forensic experts consulted?**

Pathology (At postmortem examination), Biology.

**9. Were there any specific restrictions during the investigation, like time and funding?**

No.

**17-005622**

1. **Anonymous code for case**

The case is referred to with the following reference: 17-005622.

1. **Manner of death**

Sudden and unexplained (recovered from water).

1. **During the original investigation, were any forensic techniques considered? What were they?**

DNA profiling from deceased and examinations of items recovered, mark enhancement considerations re: fingerprints.

1. **Since the original investigation, has the case been re-evaluated?**

Yes.

1. **If re-evaluated, what were the forensic techniques considered/used.**

DNA re-comparison, facial reconstruction technique (digital).

1. **Have the forensic techniques bought any significant leads to the case?**

No.

1. **Did forensic techniques lead to efficient investigations?**

Yes.

1. **During the entire investigation of the case, were any forensic experts consulted?**

Pathology (At postmortem examination), Biology.

**9. Were there any specific restrictions during the investigation, like time and funding?**

No.

**06-026047**

1. **Anonymous code for case**

The case is referred to with the following reference: 06-026047.

1. **Manner of death**

Sudden and unexplained (recovered from water).

1. **During the original investigation, were any forensic techniques considered? What were they?**

DNA profiling from deceased and examinations of items recovered, mark enhancement considerations re: fingerprints.

1. **Since the original investigation, has the case been re-evaluated?**

Yes.

1. **If re-evaluated, what were the forensic techniques considered/used.**

DNA re-comparison, facial reconstruction technique (digital).

1. **Have the forensic techniques bought any significant leads to the case?**

Yes, facial reconstruction triggered a fresh public response.

1. **Did forensic techniques lead to efficient investigations?**

Yes.

1. **During the entire investigation of the case, were any forensic experts consulted?**

Pathology (At postmortem examination), Biology.

**9. Were there any specific restrictions during the investigation, like time and funding?**

No.

**11-007783**

1. **Anonymous code for case**

The case is referred to with the following reference: 11-007783.

1. **Manner of death**

Suicide by hanging.

1. **During the original investigation, were any forensic techniques considered? What were they?**

DNA and fingerprint comparison, including dental records.

1. **Since the original investigation, has the case been re-evaluated?**

Yes.

1. **If re-evaluated, what were the forensic techniques considered/used.**

Refresh of DNA comparison to assist identification of remains including Cybercrime examination of a recovered USB stick. Also consulted with two Professors of Criminology at Glasgow Caledonian University responsible for students, courses and casework, attended for in-person locus visit with SIO and original Crime Scene Manager, reviewed all remaining evidential productions, clothing and scene images etc., and tasked students to assist with e-fit and background research on open-source systems and social media platforms, sharing images nationally/internationally to assist in identification.

1. **Have the forensic techniques bought any significant leads to the case?**

No

1. **Did forensic techniques lead to efficient investigations?**

Yes, having satisfied that the deceased’s profile was not held on any DNA or fingerprint database nationally, encouraging research elsewhere such as National Crime Agency UK Missing Persons Unit analysts. E-fit images was prepared/shared yet did not provide identification.

1. **During the entire investigation of the case, were any forensic experts consulted?**

Yes. Pathologist, Biologist, Cyber Investigation and Analysts from NCA conducting research on Hermes database and adoption of known Prioritisation Matrix in respect of outstanding missing people to conduct comparisons with a view to making identification.

**9. Were there any specific restrictions during the investigation, like time and funding?**

Yes. Broad reach familial DNA research being the last remaining avenue open, proved to be a barrier due to cost involved being assessed as disproportionately high.

**07-028106**

1. **Anonymous code for case**

The case is referred to with the following references: 07-028106 and CR/0072115/07

1. **Manner of death**

Unascertained

1. **During the original investigation, were any forensic techniques considered? What were they?**

Leg and foot examined by the following specialists - pathologist, biologist, DNA scientist, forensic anthropologist and isotopic tests were conducted.

1. **Since the original investigation, has the case been re-evaluated?**

Yes, all lines of enquiry have been completed and reviewed.

1. **If re-evaluated, what were the forensic techniques considered/used.**

Forensic lines of enquiry have been exhausted at this time.

1. **Have the forensic techniques bought any significant leads to the case?**

Yes, isotopic testing identified regions deceased resided prior to death. A DNA profile was obtained from the leg and is currently held on national and international missing person databases.

1. **Did forensic techniques lead to efficient investigations?**

Yes.

1. **During the entire investigation of the case, were any forensic experts consulted?**

Yes, as per those specialists referred to when answering question 3.

**9. Were there any specific restrictions during the investigation, like time and funding?**

No.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

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