

COLD CASE HOMICIDE INVESTIGATIONS

- WHAT IS A COLD CASE: AN UNSOLVED INVESTIGATION THAT REMAINS OPEN PENDING THE DISCOVERY OF NEW EVIDENCE.
- COLD CASES ARE NOT TIME SPECIFIC.

- CLEARANCE RATES

- A HOMICIDE IS CONSIDERED CLEARED BY:

- ARREST

- DEATH OF THE OFFENDER

- JUSTIFIED

- NATIONAL HOMICIDE CLEARANCE RATE 61%
(2019 FBI UCR)

TOPEKA HOMICIDE TOTALS

2011-2020

179 HOMICIDES

145 CLEARED

81% CLEARANCE RATE

COLD CASES

- 1980-1999 30 (APPROXIMATION)
- 2000-2020 43

MISSING PERSONS

- MISSING PERSONS 2019 OR EARLIER 22
- SUSPECTED HOMICIDES 4 (MIN)

HOW COLD CASES ARE SOLVED.

- WITNESSES
- CONFESSIONS
- PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

NOTABLE UNSOLVED HOMICIDES

- 1978 SHIRLEY STEINER
- 1981 JACKIE HAY (MISSING PERSON)
- 1993 TROY KOEPKE
- 1994 ROXANNE ZWISLER
- 2013 QUADRUPLE HOMICIDE AT 1629 SW CENTRAL PK
- 2020 CRYSTAL ANDREWS/MERCEDES HOLFORD

OLD COLD CASES SOLVED IN KANSAS

- BTK KILLER (DENNIS RADER/10 MURDERS)
- CRIMES OCCURRED BETWEEN 1974-1991
- TIME IT TOOK TO SOLVE 31 YEARS

- GETER RHYMES, ARRESTED IN 2021
- CRIME OCCURRED IN 1985 IN JOHNSON COUNTY
- TIME IT TOOK TO SOLVE 36 YEARS

TOPEKA COLD CASE ARRESTS

1998

- THOMAS BERBERICH WAS CHARGED WITH THE 1979 MURDER OF JACK HANRAHAN, AGE 12. BERBERICH WAS AQUITTED.

2011

- DANA CHANDLER WAS CHARGED WITH THE 2002 MURDERS OF KAREN HARKNESS AND MICHAEL SISCO. CASE IS PENDING.

2014

- MONROE LOCKHART WAS CHARGED IN THE 2000 MURDER OF DAMON ANDERSON. HE PLEAD GUILTY.

- SEPTEMBER 2020

- YANEZ SANFORD CHARGED WITH THE 2016 MURDERS OF DOMINIC RAY, CAMRAH TROTTER AND HER UNBORN BABY. CASE IS PENDING.

- OCTOBER 2020

- JAVON SMITH CHARGED WITH THE 2017 MURDER OF
KIANNA HODGE. CASE IS PENDING.

- MARCH 2021

- CLAUDE KEARSE WAS CHARGED WITH THE 2019 MURDER OF DARIUS CALVERT. DARIUS CALVERT WAS ORIGINALLY A REPORTED MISSING PERSON. CASE IS PENDING.

MY RESPONSIBILITIES

- POSITION CREATED IN JAN/2020 BY D.A. MIKE KAGAY
- CIVILIAN POSITION
- ANALYSIS/SUPPORT TPD HOMICIDE UNIT

QUESTIONS