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## CASE OF INTEREST

### **Defendant Convicted for 1986 Murder Cold Case**

**DATE:** October 14, 2016

**CASE:** Diana Creech (Case #15F01268)

**PROSECUTOR:** Deputy District Attorney Valerie Brown, Homicide Unit

Diana Creech was convicted by a jury for the 1986 first-degree murder of Jimmy Lee Rowe.

On April 26, 1986, officers responded to a call of an abandoned pickup truck parked on the shoulder of westbound Business 80. They found 32-year-old Jimmy Lee Rowe crumpled on the passenger side floorboard. Mr. Rowe had been shot twice in the head. Latent prints were lifted from the truck, including a partially bloody print on the driver's side window, but no identification was made and the case went cold.

In 2012, the Sacramento Police Department reopened the case and a match was made between Diana Creech and the bloody finger print. Creech was found in South Carolina and interviewed. After initially denying any knowledge of the murder, Creech admitted that she and a boyfriend were hitchhiking with the intent to rob the first person who picked them up. Creech said they needed the money for crystal methamphetamine. Mr. Rowe picked the couple up and despite giving them his wallet, Creech's boyfriend shot him. Creech then drove Mr. Rowe's truck until it broke down, at which point they fled and left Mr. Rowe's body in the truck.

Creech faces a maximum potential sentence of 25 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for November 10, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 18 before the Honorable Cheryl Chun Meegan.