

CORONER'S REPORT – CASE SUPPLEMENT
E.G. PRIETO, Sheriff-Coroner

Investigator: Laurel Weeks

Case #: 5473-126-1984

Decedent: Michelle Danielle Roy (A.K.A. Jane Doe)

1 The remains were located on 08/02/1984 on the north side of County Road 32A, west of the
2 Webster Interchange outside of Davis. The remains were located by two men conducting metal
3 salvage in the area. Cause of death was determined to be multiple shotgun shots to head, neck
4 and right shoulder as determined by forensic autopsy. Manner of death was homicide. No
5 identification was located on the decedent. Attempts to identify the decedent at the time of
6 discovery included submission of an Unidentified Deceased Reporting Form (UDRF),
7 submission of the hands to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for fingerprints, dental charting and
8 an anthropological exam. Fingerprints were unable to be obtained due to the advanced
9 decomposition of the remains. Checks were made against missing person cases in Sacramento
10 and Yolo counties. No identification was established and the remains were released to Yolo
11 County Social Services for burial at the Woodland Cemetery. Various possible matches were
12 investigated over the years but did not result in identification.

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14 On 01/22/2003, a request was made to DOJ for a review of the case. The review generated a hit
15 on missing person Michelle Roy and on 01/31/2003 the missing person report was requested
16 from the Sacramento Police Department. On 04/30/2003, a hair sample from the unidentified
17 remains and a familial sample from Sharon Akins were submitted to DOJ by this office. Sharon
18 Akins was the mother of Roy, who went missing in May of 1984 from Sacramento. On
19 08/30/2004, DOJ completed testing and the mitochondrial DNA profile obtained from the hair
20 sample from the unidentified remains was found to be different from the mitochondrial DNA
21 profile of Sharon Akins indicating the unidentified remains could not be a biological child of
22 Akins. Sharon Akins was notified of the negative findings.

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24 Beginning in February of 2007 new searches of missing persons were initiated on this case and
25 an updated UDRF was submitted to DOJ. All new leads were investigated with negative results.
26 In 2008, the case was entered into the Doe Network site and in 2011 the case was entered into
27 National Missing and Unidentified Person System (NamUs). Possible matches were

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1 investigated, again with negative results. After consultation with DOJ, on 03/27/2013 the
2 remains were exhumed from the Woodland Cemetery in an effort to update the case and obtain a
3 full DNA profile to upload into CODIS. On 04/02/2013, the remains were submitted to
4 California State University at Chico (CSUC) Anthropology Department for forensic
5 examination. On 02/09/2014, the remains were submitted to forensic odontologist George Gould,
6 DDS, for new x-rays and dental charting. On 02/11/2016, skeletal samples to include a femur
7 and molar were then submitted to DOJ for analysis.

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9 On 12/14/2017, this office was contacted by DOJ reporting that a full DNA profile had been
10 obtained on the unidentified remains and that profile had matched to Sharon Akins, mother of
11 missing person Michelle Roy. Akins was listed as a previously excluded contributor. The reason
12 for the previous mitochondrial DNA profile exclusion was reportedly due to a contaminate
13 during the processing of the hair sample. On 12/15/2017, Yolo County Sheriff's Office Detective
14 Sgt. Kurt Zeiler and Sacramento County Detective Paige Kneeland were advised of the
15 identification on the cold homicide case. The decedent's mother, Sharon Akins, was notified of
16 the positive identification on 12/15/2017 by Sacramento County Chaplains. The decedent's adult
17 daughter and next of kin, Shalyka Harvey, was notified on 12/20/2017.

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19 The decedent, Michelle Roy, was last seen on 05/19/1984. Akins reported her missing on
20 06/29/1984. She had reportedly dropped off her three year old daughter at the child's paternal
21 grandmother's house and was never seen again. The case remains under investigation by the
22 Yolo County Sheriff's Office. The death certificate was amended to reflect the identification.
23 The remains were released to North Sacramento Funeral Home on 06/04/2018 for return to the
24 family.