



# COUNTY OF MONTEREY OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

## Press Releases

### **MICHAEL GLAZEBROOK SENTENCED TO LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE FOR THE 1981 MURDER OF SONIA HEROK-STONE**

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Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that Michael Scott Glazebrook, age 67, was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for the 1981 murder of Sonia Carmen Herok-Stone.

Herok-Stone, age 30 at the time of her murder, lived in Carmel with her four-year-old daughter. On October 15, 1981, she was found murdered in her home while her daughter was at school. She had been sexually assaulted and strangled to death with her own pantyhose. Herok-Stone had a broken left ring fingernail with blood beneath it, indicating she had scratched her killer before her death.

Glazebrook, then 25, lived across the street from Herok-Stone. He was initially identified as a suspect on October 16, 1981, when a detective conducting a neighborhood canvas observed that he had a three to four-inch vertical scratch down his right cheek. Glazebrook made inconsistent statements about when and how he got the scratch. He told the detective he got it cutting plexiglass in his garage, but he told his parents that he got it in a fight at Monterey Peninsula College.

Glazebrook was previously charged with Herok-Stone's murder in 1982, but the case was dismissed in 1983 after a jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict. The case was reopened in 2020. The renewed investigation included forensic testing that was not available at the time of the original trial. Criminalists with the California Department of Justice testified that DNA consistent with Glazebrook was found underneath Herok-Stone's broken fingernail and on a swab taken from her right breast.

In February 2023, a jury convicted Glazebrook of first-degree murder and found true a special circumstance allegation that the murder occurred during the commission or attempted commission of rape. The special circumstance made Glazebrook eligible for a sentence of life without the possibility of parole, which Judge Pamela L. Butler imposed today. She also presided over the trial.

This case was prosecuted by the Monterey County District Attorney's Office Cold Case Task Force,

which was established in 2020 to investigate, solve and prosecute cold-case homicides in Monterey County. Multiple other agencies within the county are also partnering with the Task Force on unsolved homicide cases. For more information, please visit <https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/district-attorney/cold-case-task-force>.

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