



Cold Case Project of Monterey County

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Photo: Christina Williams Memorial Site

The Cold Case Project of Monterey County Awards First Grants

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Monterey County, CA – The Cold Case Project of Monterey County (CCPMC) is proud to announce its first three grants to support critical cold case investigations in the region.

Launched on June 11, 2025, the CCPMC was established to support law enforcement agencies by funding advanced forensic testing and other modern investigative methodologies to help generate leads in unsolved cases, including those involving unidentified human remains.

While emerging forensic tools—such as DNA analysis and investigative genetic genealogy—hold immense potential to crack cold cases, their high cost often prevents agencies from utilizing them. Without financial support, many investigations stall indefinitely, leaving families and communities without the answers they deserve.

These initial grants will support ongoing efforts in two unidentified human remains cases managed by the Monterey County Coroner's Office and one unsolved homicide in Monterey County.

Law enforcement agencies seeking funding for advanced forensic services can submit a grant request at www.coldcasesmonterey.org.

To expand our impact, the organization has also established the Cold Case Project of Monterey County Fund at the Community Foundation for Monterey County. This allows local residents, businesses, and supporters to contribute directly to efforts aimed at solving cold cases and reuniting families with long-awaited answers.

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Together, we will give voice to the voiceless and hope to the heartbroken. Please visit us at www.coldcasesmonterey.org, sign up for our newsletter and follow us on social media to stay up to date on our progress.

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