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APRIL 1993 SEXUAL ASSAULT FOLLOW-UP ARREST

In April of 1993, the Tucson Police Department initiated an investigation into the brutal beating and sexual assault of an elderly female victim, who had been living at an assisted living facility located at 4310 East Grant Road. The victim, **93-year old Mary Ellen Scott**, was found in her room, having been savagely beaten and sexually assaulted, in the early morning hours of April 28, 1993. No suspects were identified at the time of the incident. Ms. Scott suffered significant injuries and was unable to provide a description of her attacker or provide any investigative leads. Ms. Scott passed away in November of 1993, never having fully recovered from the injuries she received during her attack.

Detectives from the Adult Sexual Assault Unit initially responded to further the investigation at the time of the incident. The scene was processed and various items of evidence were collected, including swabs from sources of potential DNA deposit. The DNA swabs were analyzed and an unknown male profile was developed. However, there were no matches found in the database at that time.

In April of 2011, the Tucson Police Department was advised that a match for the DNA profile obtained in this case had been located in the CODIS (**C**ombined **D**N**A** **I**ndex **S**ystem) database. The case was re-opened and assigned for follow-up investigation. The suspect, **48-year old Claude Ranger**, had been incarcerated from 2001 through 2007 for a drug-related offense and his DNA sample had been collected at the time of that incarceration.

The Tucson Police Department Adult Sexual Assault Unit in conjunction with the Pima County Attorney's Office Investigative Unit and Tucson Police Department Analyst support conducted an extensive amount of follow-up reference this investigation. A **Grand Jury Arrest Warrant** charging Mr. Ranger with **Sexual Assault, Aggravated Assault and Burglary** was obtained on October 4, 2011. Members of **Arizona Wanted (US Marshal)** were able to locate Mr. Ranger as he was leaving his residence in Phoenix, Arizona on October 12, 2011. He was transported to the Phoenix Police Department Headquarters, where a detective from the Tucson Police Department Adult Sexual Assault Unit responded to interview him. Mr. Ranger was

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subsequently charged with **1 count of Sexual Assault (Class 2 Felony), 1 count of Aggravated Assault (Class 3 Felony), and 1 count of Second Degree Burglary (Class 4 Felony)**. He was transported and booked into the Maricopa County Jail.



CLAUDE RANGER

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