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2020 Lost Creek Wilderness “John Doe” Identified



*Gregory Allan Woodford
(1989-2019)*

Fairplay, Colorado: On June 19, 2020 the Park County, Colorado Coroner’s office was notified by hikers that they had stumbled upon human remains while hiking off-trail near Hay Creek in Lost Creek Wilderness. A 17 member team consisting of people from Park County Sheriff’s Office, the Coroner’s Office, Search and Rescue, the Forensic Canine unit, anthropologists and the original witnesses, embarked on the journey to recover the remains. Attempts to identify the remains were unsuccessful and no missing person report was found.

In January 2022, Park County Coroner David Kintz, Jr. retained United Data Connect to analyze the remains and conduct investigative genetic genealogy. DNA extraction was performed by Bode Technology of Virginia. Gene By Gene, Ltd of Houston, Texas conducted whole genome

sequencing and provided the genetic profile of family matches to United Data Connect the last week of May 2022.

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the family of **Gregory Allan Woodford** and thank the family for their cooperation as we navigated through unknown family connections. Mr. Woodford had lived in Roanoke and Virginia Beach, Virginia.

We also want to thank the many people who tested at *FamilyTreeDNA.com*; without their contribution this identification would not have been possible. We wish to acknowledge Park County Coroner David Kintz, Jr. for entrusting United Data Connect with this case.



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Interested in Learning More about Investigative Genetic Genealogy?

Join us for a week long class in the Fundamentals of Investigative Genetic Genealogy. Classes are conducted at the Denver, Colorado Crime Lab. Students will receive a micro credential from the Global Forensic and Justice Center. <https://bit.ly/3Qg5jd3>

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Attendees will be able to identify the specific tasks required to analyze the DNA profile of a law enforcement case, how to prioritize the best cousin matches to your case, along with practice exercises building a private family tree which will lead to the identification of an investigative lead. Students will also be exposed to more than a dozen advanced tools which will assist them with their difficult cases.

This training includes a discussion of the ethical situations you may be faced with. Communication with matches and with your law enforcement agency will be covered in discussions about best practices to protect the privacy of your work product.

