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## The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation's Ohio Unsolved Homicides Initiative

The Ohio Attorney General's Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) can provide visibility and investigative resources to help local law enforcement agencies resolve unsolved homicides.

Through the website of the Ohio Attorney General's Office (at www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/ OhioUnsolvedHomicides), agencies can share details and photos related to unsolved homicides and solicit tips from the public.

BCI defines an unsolved homicide as any homicide remaining unsolved after it has been reported to law enforcement and all viable leads have been exhausted. Included are a questioned death whose cause is undetermined but thought to be a homicide, a suspicious missing-person case in which homicide is suspected and an unidentified-remains case.

When cold case assistance is sought, BCI can help local law enforcement agencies:

- Conduct a comprehensive case and evidence review with investigators, analysts and laboratory personnel.
- Identify evidence for additional forensic analysis and coordinate the use of advanced techniques such as familial DNA testing and investigative genealogy.
- Organize and digitize the case file and photos.

## Protecting $\star$ the $\star$ Unprotected



To request that an unsolved homicide be included in BCI's statewide database and featured on the Attorney General's Office website, call BCI at 855-BCI-OHIO (855-224-6446) or email OhioUnsolvedHomicides@ OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov and reference "Ohio Unsolved Homicides."

## Working to serve local law enforcement

The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation is committed to serving the law enforcement community and protecting Ohio families by providing accurate criminal records, reliable laboratory services and comprehensive investigative assistance.

Through its Investigations Division, BCI can provide law enforcement agencies

and prosecutors with a wide range of investigative support and resources. Special agents conduct cooperative investigations and, in certain cases when requested by local law enforcement, serve as lead investigators.



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