



NEWS RELEASE

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BARBARA LAFORGE HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION

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On October 4, 2007 the Lakeport Police Department released a "Request for Public Assistance" related to the Barbara LaForge homicide investigation. This release is currently posted on the Unsolved Cases page of our website at www.lakeportpolice.org

Over the past five years the Lakeport Police Department along with the assistance of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Lake County District Attorney's Office, the California Department of Justice and investigators from other agencies and organizations have continued to investigate this case.

In early October, 2007 the Lakeport Police Department and the Lake County District Attorney's Office Criminal Investigation Division officially created a multi agency task force to aggressively investigate this case. There are currently 9 investigators and 1 Secretary assigned to the task force. All of the assigned personnel are very dedicated and committed to this investigation.

In a very short time, the focused efforts of this task force have already produced results in that investigators are following up on several new leads which will include forensic examination of additional items of evidence. Investigators believe that current forensic technology will have a valuable role in these examinations.

We are committed to using every available resource to investigate this case. The department is confident that the task force will bring this case to a successful conclusion.

Anyone with information on this case is asked to contact the Lakeport Police Department at (707) 263-5491 or by email at laforgehomicide@lakeportpolice.org

**Kevin Burke
Chief of Police**