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"Baby Theresa turns 5"

April 29, 2014 marks the fifth anniversary since the body of a newborn girl was found in a garbage bag in the woods in the Town of Theresa. Since the discovery of Baby Theresa many leads have been exhausted and the mother of the child has yet to be identified.

According to Dodge County Medical Examiner P.J. Schoebel, "Autopsy findings indicated that Baby Theresa was a full term infant, weighing 8 pounds and 20½ inches in length who had suffered no trauma which would have resulted in her death. In addition a complete toxicology screen was performed and was negative for any drugs in her system".

The investigation has ruled out the possibility that residents close to where Baby Theresa was found were related to her. Baby Theresa was found on Lone Road less than one mile from STH 175 and less than three miles from U.S. 41 (across the Theresa Marsh).

The Wisconsin State Crime Lab, Madison has analyzed evidence recovered from the scene and have identified what is believed to be a DNA profile of the biological mother. The DNA profile is run through a national database of convicted felons and sex offenders to look for a match. A Jane Doe warrant for the crime of hiding a corpse has been issued. The warrant alleviates any statute of limitations requirements.

Members of the community graciously came forward to support Baby Theresa. The Lowell Cemetery Association provided a cemetery plot so Baby Theresa could be laid to rest. Cornerstone Funeral Home and community members donated money and items to make the burial possible. The investigation continues in hopes that the biological mother will come forward and give an explanation as to why Baby Theresa had to be tossed in a garbage bag and hidden in woods.

Sheriff Ninmann states, "The focus of the investigation is no longer about a homicide but for closure for the community. "

If anyone has any information about the identity of the biological mother of Baby Theresa, please contact Detective Vickie Brugger at 920-386-3715 or Medical Examiner PJ Schoebel at 920-386- 3941.

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