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# Memorandum

To: Tennessee Sex Offender Registering Agencies

Date: September 24, 2009

From: Jason Locke, Assistant Special Agent in Charge  
Criminal Intelligence Unit / Sex Offender Registry

RE: **DNA Collection of Registered Sex Offenders: Reminder**

The following message was received via NCIC yesterday. It is a reminder of the importance of DNA collection from registered sex offenders.

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\*\*\* SPECIAL ATTENTION HOMICIDE/SEXUAL ASSAULT UNITS \*\*\*

SEPTEMBER 23, 2009 MARKS THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF KYLA ANNAN'S MURDER IN DOWNTOWN RENO, NV. KYLA'S KILLER ENTERED HER HOME SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT, 9 DAYS BEFORE HER DEATH. THE KILLER WAS DISROBING AS HE WALKED INTO KYLA'S ROOM, BUT WAS SURPRISED TO FIND HER BOYFRIEND ASLEEP IN BED WITH HER. THE SUSPECT FLED, LEAVING BEHIND TWO SHIRTS.

KYLA'S KILLER RETURNED AND APPEARED TO ATTACK HER IN THE EVENING OR NIGHT HOURS, POSSIBLY WHILE SHE WAS CLEANING HER HOME. KYLA APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN FORCED INTO HER BEDROOM WHERE SHE WAS SEXUALLY ASSAULTED TO INCLUDE ANAL SEX. KYLA SUFFERED A BITE MARK TO HER RIGHT BREAST. KYLA WAS STRANGLED TO DEATH BY HAND.

A FULL SUSPECT DNA PROFILE (FROM SEMEN, BITE MARK, AND TOUCH ON THE NECK AT STRANGULATION SITE) WAS OBTAINED AND ENTERED INTO CODIS.

THE RENO, NV. POLICE DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING CONTACT, INFORMATION, AND ASSISTANCE FROM ANY AGENCY WHO HAS A SIMILAR MURDER OR SEXUAL ASSAULT. PLEASE CONTACT DETECTIVE RON CHALMERS AT (775)326-6374.

Studies and statistics clearly indicate that this most likely was not this offender's first sexual offense, nor will it be his last. There is a good chance he will eventually be apprehended and held responsible for this crime due to the DNA evidence obtained in the initial investigation. The question remains, "How many more victims will there be before he is identified?"



Many agencies across the state still have not sent in their sex offender lists to ensure all offenders who report to them have DNA on file. Please set aside time in the coming month to complete this vital and legally mandated task. In doing this, you could potentially identify the unknown offender mentioned above, or other unidentified offenders who have left DNA at crime scenes.

The Standard Operating Procedure for DNA collection for Sex Offender Registry purposes can be found at the Sex Offender Registry Web Site for Law Enforcement:

[http://www.ticic.state.tn.us/SEX\\_ofndr/SOR/sor7262004.htm](http://www.ticic.state.tn.us/SEX_ofndr/SOR/sor7262004.htm)

Click on “SOR Standard Operating Procedures”, then click on “DNA Collection 20090515”.

After reviewing the procedure, if you have any questions regarding DNA collection and/or DNA procedure, please contact the CODIS Unit directly: Shannon Brown [Shannon.Brown@tn.gov](mailto:Shannon.Brown@tn.gov) (615-744-4504), Jamison Richardson [Jamison.Richardson@tn.gov](mailto:Jamison.Richardson@tn.gov) (615-744-4498), or Jacquelyn Poarch [Jacquelyn.Poarch@tn.gov](mailto:Jacquelyn.Poarch@tn.gov) (615-744-4256).

All other questions related to the Sex Offender Registry should be directed to the Sex Offender Registry Hotline at 1-888-837-4170.

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