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Columbus Police Solves 1982 Cold Case Homicide

The Columbus Division of Police, with the help of genetic genealogy testing and research, has solved the investigation into who sexually assaulted and murdered 8-year-old Kelly Prosser.

Kelly was abducted while walking home from Indianola Elementary School September 20, 1982. Her body was discovered in a Madison County cornfield two days later.

Today, June 26, 2020 at 1:30pm, at 8118 Sancus Boulevard (Kimberley K. Jacobs Neighborhood Policing Center), Columbus Police Cold Case Homicide Detectives, along with Deputy Chief Greg Bodker who helped create, The 5th Floor-a podcast dedicated to cold cases, will speak with local media about how detectives were able to get answers in Kelly Prosser's case.

“All of these years of this case being open and numerous detectives working on it, it is satisfying to let the family know what happened to their little girl though it doesn't bring her back. There are cases that stick with detectives forever and this is one of those for all of us,” said Det. Dana Croom, CPD Cold Case Unit.

A statement from Prosser's family will be read at today's news conference.

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