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Welcome to Rosebud, the Victoria Rose Miller story. My name is Maxx-Anne Miller, the host for this podcast. This podcast is presented by the Boynton Beach Police Department. The topic of this podcast is the life and untimely death of Victoria Rose Miller.

Hello everyone. Welcome back. Today, we have Rob Eichorst. He is a Crime Scene Investigator with the Boynton Beach Police Department and we're going to be asking him some questions today.

M: How long have you worked at the Boynton Beach Police Department?

R: It's going on 24 years now.

M: When did you start your career in crime scene investigation?

R: I think it was early 2001 when I put in for the position of crime scene and got that position.

M: Was that here or at another police department?

R: That was here.

M: What is one thing that has always stuck out to you throughout this case?

R: One thing is that it hasn't been solved. When I initially looked at the reports and everything, I just felt that this was a case that's very solvable and, like I said, I'm just wondering why it wasn't solved yet. And also, the victim kind of stood out. Just her growing up and the troubles that she had and it pretty much fit the profile of a victim. Those are the few things that mainly stood out to me.

M: You've done a lot of work on this case, in particular. Is there any reason why or is there something that draws you to the case?

R: No. The case was in '96. I didn't start until January '97 at the police department. I was really unfamiliar with the case until one of our retired lieutenants who retired at the time, he was coming back doing work on a case as a reserve officer. He happened to bring the case to me and told me about it and mentioned that there's evidence and wanted to know if I wanted to look at the evidence and see if there was anything more we can do that hasn't been done. That was around 2005, I believe it was that he brought this case to me. I said sure, you know, a cold case, and I'm fairly new in the crime scene unit, I'd be glad to look at it and see what we could do. That's kind of where I began looking into the evidence and reprocessing things and pretty much staying on the case ever since.

M: Yeah 15 years is a really long time for one person to stay with the case for so long. So, you talked about this case being solvable. Do you have a particular reason why that you'd like to speak into?

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R: Back then, the detectives had put a lot of work into this case. They had formulated suspects and who they believed may have been involved and were on the right track at the time. I read into that, the first few times I read the reports. I read them over and over and over, trying to see if I could look outside the box from where they had been looking and I had seen some different avenues to look at. Their initial investigation was one of those avenues still, but there are other things that popped up in my mind that I focused on. I just feel that there's so many people, so many names that we have in the reports from back then, there's no doubt in my mind that a handful of those at least know what happened. It's just a matter of getting them to come forward and say something.

M: Do you believe or do you think that physical trace evidence will make or break this case in particular?

R: I don't know if it's going to make or break this case. Since this homicide in '96, there have been advances in the processing, so we know more now than we did back then. What we know now is going to lead us to interviewing the potential suspects or these people of interest that are in the reports, and interviewing them again. If one of them now speaks up to what had occurred, from our questioning and what we do know now, I would say that would be good detective work as far as interviewing them, but it will all go back to what we know about the evidence now because of the advancements.

M: Do you think that since technology and science has upgraded that it has helped this case?

R: Oh definitely. Definitely. And it's advancing every day. I mean, to this day right now, the lab is still looking at the evidence and applying their advancements to the processing, to the analysis, so tomorrow we may know more now than we do today.

M: Definitely true. Do you believe that only a few steps need to be taken to catch Vicky's killer?

R: I believe so. I believe so. I believe it's very close.

M: Well that's a good thing. What do you think it will take for people that know something to speak up?

R: That's a good question because everybody's different. Everybody on our list has a different personality, has a different upbringing, has different ideas. You've got to approach each person that we are unfamiliar with or we don't know their personality, you need to read them when you are face to face with them and ask the right questions. There may be people listening right now that know something and just come forward. Just come forward and say what you know. If you know something and you weren't involved, there's no reason you shouldn't come forward. If you were involved, come forward. Get this off your shoulders. There's some that probably try not to think about it as much and I'm sure there are some that everyday they're thinking about it because they know something and this case isn't closed, but it will be. Come forward now.

M: Yeah. For some people pressure might work, and for some people it's the fact that it's being brought back into public's eye. Do you think pressure would be a useful tool to get somebody to speak up or do you think it's becoming more obvious again?

R: Pressure always works at the right moment. Like I said, you just need to know who you're interviewing, what their possible involvement or knowledge may be of the crime, and approach it appropriately. I mean with the podcast, I'm sure if someone's involved, you can have one person

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listening to it and remember, ‘oh yeah I heard something about that’, ‘I heard so and so did it’, but they’re living their own life right now and they may not think twice about ‘I’m not saying nothing’. Then you may have someone who hears it and ‘oh yeah I hear so and so did say something that so and so did it’. It’s like nowadays with terrorism or anything or school shootings or whatever, you always say, if you hear something, say something. Well, if you heard something 20 years ago, 25 years ago, you can always say something now.

M: Definitely. Was there anything outrageous that detectives or investigators did to reenergize the case?

R: I’m sure prior to me getting involved in the case, the original detectives that worked it, the original officers that worked it, I’m sure they put their heart and soul into the case. I don’t know how they reacted to it or if they took it personal or how they were. But, there was a time when we had a sergeant, Sergeant Sheridan, I guess it was around 2010 maybe a little bit earlier, probably a little bit earlier around 2005, ‘06, ‘07 around there, he himself created a large poster that he printed that said “Who killed Vicky Miller?” in big letters. And he hung that in the detective bureau, and I hung there for quite a long time, many years. When you walked in, you couldn’t miss it, and you knew who Vicky Miller was.

M: Yeah that definitely helps people seeing it every single day. Seeing “Who killed Vicky Miller?”. I can imagine that stayed on somebody’s mind for a long long time.

R: Sure.

M: It’s been 24 years since Vicky’s murder. Can you explain how the amount of time helped and hurt the case?

R: You wish it would’ve been solved within that quote 48 hours, you know first 48, but not all cases are solved like that. Technology has changed. So back then, it should’ve been solved is my opinion. It should’ve been solved. I wish it would’ve been solved then we wouldn’t be sitting here today. But it’s been 24 years now, and there are things we know now that the detectives back then didn’t know. So yes, it has hurt that they didn’t have the technology back then, but it has helped a lot. We have access to that technology now a days.

M: Yeah and the fact that DNA technology, evidence has been brought up, and we’re able to retest and test things with newer technology, will give more certainty almost to who did it.

R: Right. Advancements in DNA alone in the normal processing, and now you’re always hearing about genealogy, you know, genetic DNA. And we’ve got cases were working at right now going in that direction on the genetic DNA. This is a perfect case for that, but I feel like it could be solved without that. If it leads to that, so be it. This case will be solved eventually.

M: Do you think Vicky’s killer had done it before and was experienced? Why or why not?

R: I don’t think he was experienced. I mean I think this was someone that she knew, someone involved that definitely knew her. More than one probably knew her. I should say probably, it’s my opinion that they did know her. We do know people who were definitely in contact with her at that time.

M: Do you think that Vicky sustained more injuries at the FOP lodge?

R: There is a possibility. There is a possibility. She did have one injury, in particular, that may or may not have occurred when she was at the FOP lodge, when she was dumped there. She may

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have sustained injuries being transported to that location, if she was still alive at the time which is a possibility.

M: It's a definite possibility. I never even thought about that, to be honest, so it's a good point to bring up. Based on your experience, do you believe that Vicky knew her killer or do you think that they were a stranger?

R: I don't believe they were strangers.

M: Do you believe there was more than one person involved or would it be difficult to tell?

R: In my opinion, from what I have come to learn from the reports and everything and just profiling the crime itself, it's very disorganized. You can tell by the injuries, the length of time it would've taken, it's really not easy to kill a person with blunt force trauma or sharp force trauma, it takes a little while. And you speak to killers sometimes that they were surprised that the person didn't die right away. It was several people, it just had to be several people. There's no doubt. If not for the homicide, the actual murder, but involved in transporting and disposing of the body. There had to be. There's no doubt more than one person involved and I'm sure several that know exactly what happened.

M: There's definitely. There were people at the party that night that might know something and different or other people that know.

R: Sure, people talk. People talk and at the same time they keep quiet.

M: Yeah, and I'm sure at the time of the death, people were scared, nervous, you know. Who would've done that to Vicky? Who's next, even possibly. Do you think that Vicky's killer could've killed again after killing Vicky or was it personally motivated towards Vicky?

R: It was personally motivated. Could they kill again? Sure, they could. Did they? I doubt it but if you kill once I'm sure you can kill again.

M: Is there anything else that hasn't been said that you would like to say?

R: Not really. Other than I just hope this podcast gets people to listen and for someone to come forward. You know like I said earlier, it's just a matter of time that it's going to be solved. Once it is solved, were going to know without a doubt, who knew what. Come forward whether you were a friend of hers, an acquaintance, if you were acquaintances with someone else that heard something from or who heard something from somebody else, let us know. Let us know and you never know where this is going to lead. Deep in my heart there's no doubt that this will eventually be solved. It may not be solved today, may not be solved tomorrow, may not be solved by the time I retire, but I hope once I'm gone, that detectives and crime scene investigators are still on this case, which I'm sure. But I fully believe it's going to be solved within the next few years.

M: Yeah, definitely.

R: When I say solved, I think it will be going to trial within the next few years and an arrest.

M: That's great. I hope so. Thank you so much for taking your time to talk to me and answer some of these questions. People are wondering what happened and there's only so much we can talk about, so your experience is very much appreciated and thank you.

R: Your work on this podcast is appreciated.

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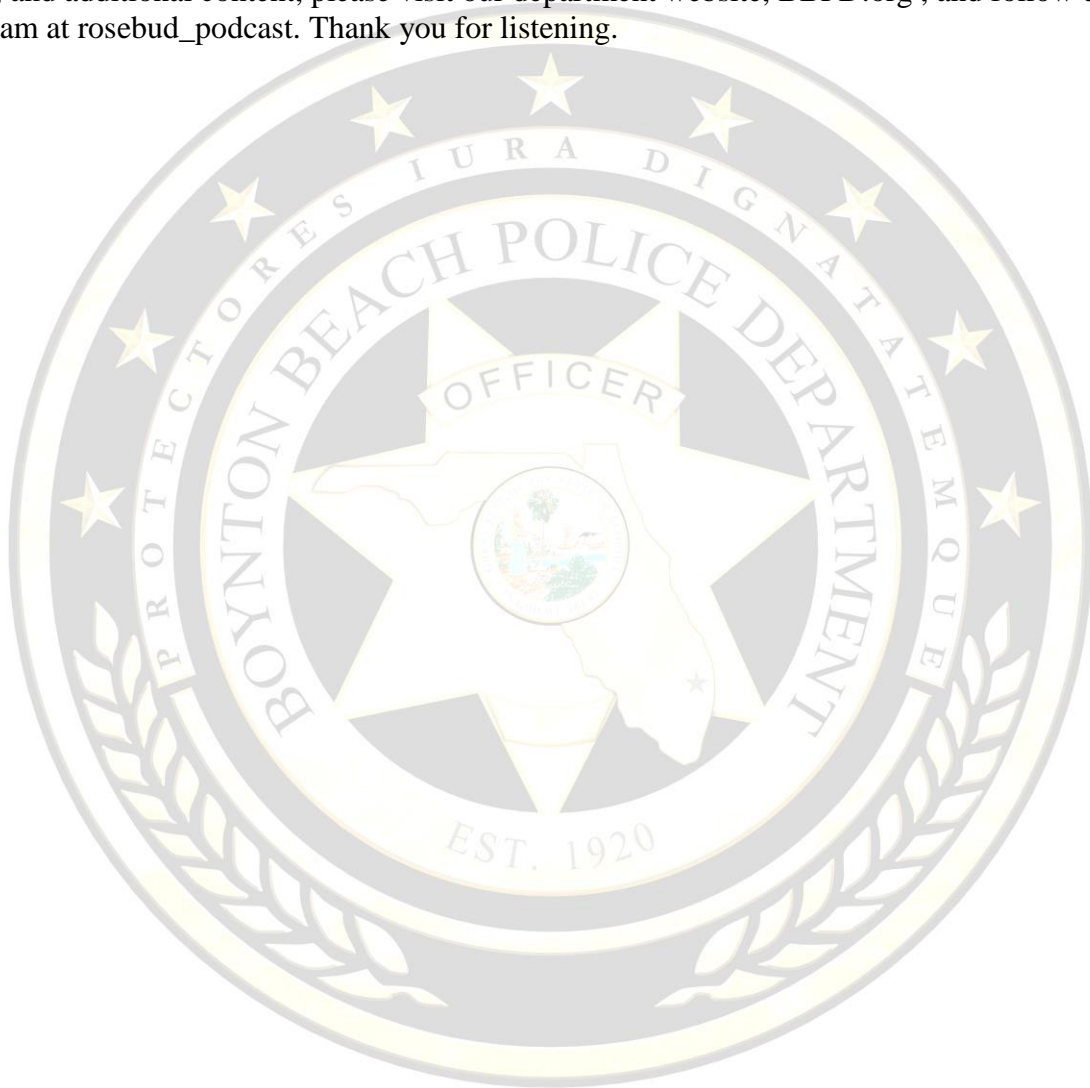
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