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THE EVELYN MILLER INVESTIGATION

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EVELYN MILLER,
AGE 5

Just after sunrise on July 1, 2005, Noel Miller returned home from work and discovered her five-year-old daughter, Evelyn, missing. Miller had left her two toddler boys and Evelyn in the care of her live-in boyfriend, Casey Frederiksen. After searching on her own, Miller called 911 and Floyd County deputies responded. Later that morning law enforcement

officers from surrounding counties, agents from the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation and hundreds of volunteers showed up to investigate and search for Evelyn. The story and search captivated the state. Five days later, two kayakers discovered the partially decomposed body of little Evelyn hung up on tree branches and partially submerged in the Cedar River, approximately one mile from her apartment. Autopsy results determined that Evelyn had been sexually assaulted and stabbed.

Agents worked diligently and exhaustively those first several months developing suspects and running down hundreds of leads. Case progress was hindered by the lack of cooperation from

Miller and Frederiksen, drug use, apathy from many of their associates and an extremely high number of Zone 3 death investigations which continually pulled agents away.



THEN DIRECTOR GENE MEYER AND THE
FLOYD COUNT ATTORNEY

In early 2006, Division of Criminal Investigation agents and the United States Postal Inspectors brought federal drug and child pornography charges against Frederiksen. He pled guilty and was sentenced to 14 years in prison. With Frederiksen serving time at the United State Penitentiary in Marion, Illinois, agents continued to build their case.

The investigation spanned ten years, three case agents and four different county attorneys. Much appreciated assistance was provided by agents from all zones, cyber-crime and gaming units, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Postal Service and K-9 scent detection teams. All added important pieces to the puzzle. The Division of Criminal Investigation Crime Scene Team and lab personnel scoured vehicles, apartments and houses for evidence and utilized all available testing protocols.



PROCESS OF SCENES BY THE DCI'S CRIME
SCENE TEAM

Seven years after Evelyn's death, Frederiksen was charged with first-degree murder and first-degree sexual abuse. On March 10, 2015, after five hours of deliberations, a Hamilton County jury found him guilty of both counts. Frederiksen is currently serving two consecutive life terms.