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Salt Lake County DA Files 1986 Cold Case Murder

Salt Lake City, UT—Salt Lake County District Attorney Sim Gill announced today that the Salt Lake County District Attorney Office, in collaboration with the Salt Lake City Police Homicide Squad, charged Thomas Pennington today with the 1986 "cold-case" murder of Patricia Ramirez.

On the evening of July 8, 1986 Patricia Ramirez left her residence. Ms. Ramirez never returned home. On July 13, 1986, a deceased female was found near 700 North Bonneville Boulevard in Salt Lake County. Detectives were able to positively identify the deceased as Patricia Ramirez.

Accompanying this press release is the Information which sets for the allegations and statement of probable cause.

Each person accused of an offense is presumed innocent unless and until adjudicated guilty in a court of law.

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