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OCSO TO PUT SPOTLIGHT ON COLD CASES

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office is beginning a new effort that will use social media to garner increased attention for agency cold cases involving murders and/or missing persons.

The first installment of a new initiative called "Cold Case Chronicles" profiles the slaying of 71-year old **Jewel Summerlin Melvin** of Crestview. Melvin was found savagely beaten to death inside her house west of the city in May 1998.



The Sheriff's Office will be doing similar video stories on other cold cases in coming months. The "Cold Case Chronicles" videos will be placed on the agency's **You Tube** and **Facebook** sites, as well as being linked through news releases on its website:

sheriff-okaloosa.org.

"Social media gives us a new avenue to not only focus public attention on old cases, but keep them in the public arena," said Sheriff Larry Ashley. "We continue to work these cases behind the scenes, but so often a public reminder that the case is not forgotten will also spark someone to come forward with information, or help them recall something significant that they may not have paid much attention to in the past. If and when that happens, we want them to contact us."

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPq07RZgyK8>

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