



MEDIA ADVISORY

- WHAT:** Press Conference: Sheriff Haley, Chief Poehlman, District Attorney Dick Gammick appeal to public for donations to fund DNA testing.
- WHEN:** Monday, February 4th at 1:30 pm
- WHERE:** Sheriff's Office in the Nevada Room (upstairs)
911 Parr Blvd Reno, NV 89512
- WHY:** To make a plea to the public for assistance funding the crime lab to test back logged DNA samples.
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The Washoe County Sheriff's Office Crime Lab has 2875 samples of DNA from convicted offenders that were collected due to a recent mandate. Testing these samples and comparing them to the DNA of the suspect in the Denison abduction could enable police to identify the suspect.

"There is no guarantee that the suspect's DNA is among the untested samples in our lab," stated Sheriff Michael Haley, "but if there is a chance that we have his DNA sitting in our lab, we want to process it to assist the Reno Police Department in identifying this suspect ."

The total needed is \$150,000. The Reno Police Department, The Washoe County District Attorney's Office and The Washoe County Sheriff's Office are each donating \$5,000 from seized forfeiture money.

That leaves \$135,000 necessary to complete this task and we are asking for help from the community. Press packets will be on hand with detailed information of the testing involved and how and where it will be completed.