

Regina v Richard Bennett

Hamilton killing solved by TrueAllele 9 years later

“I’m happy to see detectives are reaching out with this new technology and maybe some good will come out of it.”

Roger Page

Victim Jean Paul Page’s father



Crime On July 29, 2004, Jean Paul Page, 29, was found strangled and stabbed to death on the kitchen floor of his Hamilton apartment. A group of men attempted to rob Page of marijuana but found none. ATM surveillance video footage of men using Page’s bank card was the only lead.

Evidence Portions of the victim’s clothing were collected as evidence.

DNA The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services developed the DNA data from the evidence.

Match The lab’s manual analysis found a match between the evidence and the victim. The minor components of the mixture were inconclusive.

TrueAllele The data was sent to Cybergenetics for further analysis in 2012. On the same data, the computer’s statistic connecting the victim’s clothing with a cast-off sample of Richard Bennett was 50.6 thousand.

Cybergenetics Cybergenetics developed allele lists for the other contributors to the evidence for possible database comparison.

Outcome Mr. Bennet was arrested in 2013. He plead guilty to manslaughter and sentenced to 10 years less time served.

During the summer of 2004, a group of men broke into Jean Paul Page’s home looking for drugs. Page was bound, strangled, and stabbed to death. Video surveillance footage showed the men attempting to use Page’s bank card at two ATMs - his body was found six hours later.

The Hamilton Police Department obtained a cast-off sample from the suspect for comparison to the victim’s clothing. Cybergenetics TrueAllele analysis found a match between the evidence and suspect Richard Bennett.

TrueAllele also inferred profiles of other contributors in the evidence. “If we can use it, let’s use it,” said Page’s stepmother. These contributor profiles may be used for DNA database comparison, which can identify other persons of interest in the evidence.

“The police promised us this case would be solved,” said Roger Page, the victim’s father. “And they kept their promise.”

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