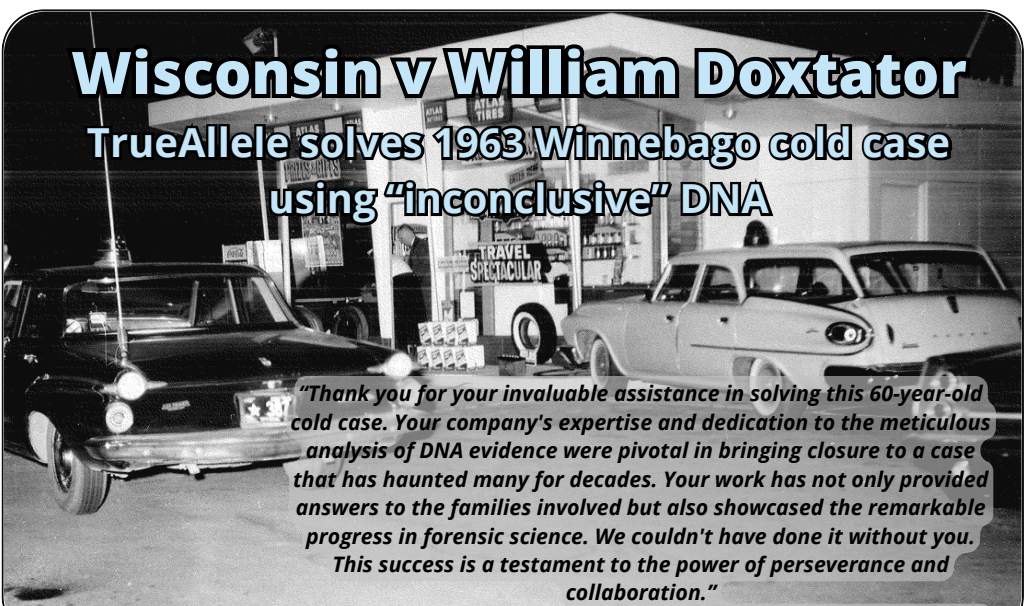


Wisconsin v William Doxtator

TrueAllele solves 1963 Winnebago cold case using “inconclusive” DNA



“Thank you for your invaluable assistance in solving this 60-year-old cold case. Your company's expertise and dedication to the meticulous analysis of DNA evidence were pivotal in bringing closure to a case that has haunted many for decades. Your work has not only provided answers to the families involved but also showcased the remarkable progress in forensic science. We couldn't have done it without you.

This success is a testament to the power of perseverance and collaboration.”

~Detective Lieutenant Chris Braman

Image from the Winnebago Co. Sheriff's Dept.

The DNA Cold Case Problem

On the night of June 13, 1963, a white car pulled up to an Enco gas station along an old Wisconsin highway, where Oshkosh station owner Wayne Pratt's body was found under a blanket in a storage room stabbed over 50 times.

After interviewing potential suspects, the case went cold due to the lack of physical evidence and eyewitnesses. The police had questioned 75 people and given 25 lie detector tests.

Winnebago County reopened the cold case in 2012, unsuccessfully getting conclusive results from the lab. In 2015, and again in 2023, a private forensic lab retested the items, finding a degraded low-level DNA mixture of several people. But the lab couldn't interpret this complex DNA data; the evidence remained inconclusive.

The TrueAllele Intelligence Solution

On April 3, 2024, the Sheriff sent Cybergenetics DNA data from the blanket. The company's powerful TrueAllele technology could use all the evidence data. TrueAllele successfully unmixed the degraded low-level three-person mixture into three component genotypes, statistically connecting suspect William Doxtator to the blanket.

Sixty years after the murder, TrueAllele had helped close the unsolvable DNA case.

Ask for a free TrueAllele screening of DNA data from your crime case.

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