

\$50,000 offered for information leading to arrest, conviction

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Someone out there knows something.

That's what investigators are banking on in the newly re-opened investigation of the 1985 murder of Ada Frances Senenfelder.

During a press conference Tuesday, a team of law enforcement officers announced that the case has been rejuvenated with a Spotlight on Crime team, along with a \$50,000 reward offered for information leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for her death.

"There are people out there who have very significant knowledge of this crime," said Winona Chief Deputy Tom Williams during the press conference. And, he added, those people need to come forward.

Investigators said that they plan on reinterviewing the more than 100 people who were originally interviewed in the case. "We'll likely be knocking on their doors in the very near future," said BCA investigator Dennis Fier.

In the last 20 years, the case has evolved because of new forensic science, allowing police to reexamine more than 60 pieces of evidence originally collected in the case.

The murder investigation was reopened in 1992, which police said brought out more information. Since then, the Spotlight team has been working through old evidence for the past several months.

Armed with some new forensic evidence, and anticipating the new interviews, investigators say they are confident the person(s) responsible will be brought to justice.

"It's a good case," said Fier. "We need to take that one more inch that we need to make this case suitable for prosecution."

County Attorney Chuck MacLean agreed. He said that if the team were able to share the case and evidence they have now, "You'd see how powerful it is."

Along with the more than 60 pieces of evidence, MacLean said that he has more than six three-inch binders of evidence, and that the team is committed to see the case through.