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"PRINCESS DOE" STILL UNIDENTIFIED AFTER 30 YEARS

For the past 30 years, a teenage girl has been missing. She disappeared in July of 1982 from a place she called home for well over a decade, and was never seen or heard from again.

She was found in the Cedar Ridge Cemetery in Blairstown, NJ on a sweltering hot summer morning, her face so badly bludgeoned and decomposed that she was completely unidentifiable. She lay in the morgue for nearly six months while media attention swirled around her discovery and law enforcement worked overtime to try to identify her. Finally, in January of 1983, she was buried in the same cemetery she was found. To this day, her identity has never been uncovered. However, her headstone bears the name "Princess Doe", a name given to her by former Lt. Eric Kranz, one of the first Blairstown police officers on the scene of her discovery.

This means that for thirty years, someone's daughter, sister, niece, or neighbor has been missing – but has not been missed. Though many possible matches have been considered over the years, the evidence proving that one of them is the actual Princess Doe has been inconclusive. Not one person in the past three decades has stepped forward and reported a girl missing who fits Princess Doe's description. In this day and age of CSI and sophisticated forensics, how can this be?

Former Blairstown resident Christie Napurano has utilized her own resources to help raise awareness about Princess Doe. In April 2012, Napurano's book, "The Untold Story of Princess Doe" was published. The

novel chronicles the life of a Long Island teenager who ultimately becomes the unidentified murdered girl, starting two years before her untimely demise. It offers a glimpse at her life (and death) and the many possible reasons why no one ever reported her missing. In addition to saving Princess Doe from an eternity of anonymity, Napurano hopes that her book will regenerate interest in the case, possibly bringing someone forward who has additional information that may lead to uncovering her identity.

Detective Lieutenant Stephen Spiers of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office has been the lead investigator on the Princess Doe case since 1998. He is hopeful that this is the year Princess Doe's identity will be revealed. "I have always believed that the only way to solve this case is to first uncover Princess Doe's identity," says Spiers, "And the only way to uncover her identity is to continue to raise awareness on the case itself. Miss Napurano's book could be instrumental in helping to identify Princess Doe."

Spiers, Napurano, and interested parties around the world are hoping for a long-awaited answer by July 15, 2012, which will be the 30th anniversary of Princess Doe's discovery. You can learn more about the case at www.whoisprincessdoe.com. Ms. Napurano has extensive knowledge about the Princess Doe case and is available for interviews via ISDN Comrex Matrix, telephone, or in person in the New York area. Detective Spiers also is available for comment.