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California Department of Justice Confirms DNA Results Positively Identify Juliani Cardenas

Patterson, CA- Officials with the California Department of Justice notified Stanislaus County Sheriff's detectives today that DNA samples submitted for testing in order to determine positive identification of four year old kidnapping – murder victim Juliani Cardenas, came back as a positive match to his mother Tabitha Cardenas.

Cheek swab samples from Juliani's mother Tabitha Cardenas were matched against samples taken during the autopsy of Juliani. Tabitha Cardenas was notified by detectives of the positive results.

The use of DNA is a technique that analyzes the unique attributes of a person's DNA. When properly conducted, DNA testing not only provides exclusionary evidence in criminal cases, but can also provide positive evidence of a person's identity without bias.

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