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Can You Help Solve This Cold Case? John Fairbank

On February 27, 2002, a friend reported that John Frederick Fairbank, age 55, had been missing since the summer of 2001 under suspicious circumstances. Detectives investigated Mr. Fairbank's life and associations, concluding that he died of homicidal means.



John Frederick Fairbank



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Mr. Fairbank lived on a large piece of rural property at 24830 SW Boones Ferry Road, near I-5 and the North Wilsonville exit. He was a solitary man and had very little contact with his extended family that lived out of state. His homestead was heavily wooded and difficult to search. Detectives speculate that his body was likely buried somewhere in the dense thicket, but it was never recovered. The property has now been sold and the house and an

outbuilding have been leveled.

A roommate, Daniel Earl Ingram, who would now be 48 years old, became a person of interest as he gave inconsistent statements to detectives. He also began selling personal property owned by Mr. Fairbank after he disappeared. Mr. Ingram was also known as Daniel Prosper.



Tractor of similar make and model to the one owned by Mr. Fairbank.

The investigation took many turns, but it is unique to detectives in part because of the interesting resources that were used to search his property. Using forensic



botanists to identify disturbed soil, metal detector club members, cadaver dogs, and a naturalist to study animal behavior and nesting activities that imply clandestine graves. Further, NecroSearch International used instruments commonly used in geophysics and geology to identify areas of disturbed soil. Because the property was disturbed by a nursery operation, useful data could only be collected from certain areas.

To this day, over 1,000 man hours have been spent physically searching the property for the remains of John Fairbank.

If anyone has information not already shared with detectives about the disappearance of John Fairbank, any of his relatives, or the sale of an older Ford tractor from the property in 2001 or 2002, please contact detectives at (503) 846-2500.