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Cold-case podcast led to murder charge



Tucker Simons attends a release and listening party in Franklinton, Louisiana, for his podcast, "Freeze Frame," which explores the cold case murder of his aunt, Donna Arceneaux. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY TUCKER SIMONS

Authorities told public 2017 death was a suicide

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When Donna Arceneaux's naked body was found in a small Louisiana town, the local sheriff's office soon told the public it was a suicide despite a coroner ruling it a homicide.

Now, more than eight years after the 40-year-old mother of three was shot to death, the current sheriff is crediting a podcast by one of Arceneaux's family members for helping secure an arrest.

"Freeze Frame," an eight-episode podcast released in 2024, examines Arceneaux's life, the possible suspects and why the case went cold.

"I would not even know about this case if it weren't for the podcast," Washington Parish Sheriff Jason Smith told USA TODAY. "When I started looking at it, I thought, 'We can solve this. This is

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Tucker Simons placed this billboard across the street from the Washington Parish [Louisiana] Sheriff's Office in order to draw attention to his aunt's cold case. It worked.

Real ID push grows as new TSA screening fees take effect

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The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles is encouraging residents to upgrade their driver's licenses or ID cards to a Real ID, especially those planning to travel by air, according to a community announcement.

Starting Feb. 1, air travelers without a Real ID or TSA-approved identification, such as a U.S. passport, will need to undergo additional identity security screenings at airports. This screening will cost \$45 and will only be valid for 10 days.

Currently, about 85% of valid Indiana IDs are Real ID compliant, according to the announcement. This means about

15% of Hoosier travelers could be subject to the new TSA ConfirmID program. Real ID compliant IDs can be identified by a star in the top right corner of the credential.

To get a Real ID, residents can visit a BMV branch and provide the necessary documents to prove their identity, lawful status, Social Security number and Indiana residency. A list of acceptable

documentation is available on the BMV's website.

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