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EPSO REVEALS SERIAL KILLER; ARREST MADE IN 1987 "COLD CASE" HOMICIDE

Today, Thursday, July 27, 2006, Robert Charles Browne was brought before District Court Judge Theresa Cisneros and pled guilty to the charge of First Degree Murder of Rocio Delpilar Sperry. The murder occurred on or about November 10, 1987, at an apartment complex in Colorado Springs. Sperry was 15 years old at the time of her death. This arrest comes as a result of communications initiated by Mr. Browne in 2002. Since that time, investigators with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Investigations Division have been communicating with Browne through letters and face to face interviews. Based on the information received from this communication, investigators developed enough information to determine that probable cause existed to charge Browne with the murder of Rocio Sperry.

Additionally, Robert Browne has provided details about numerous other murders throughout the United States, including nine in Colorado. Browne claims that he has committed up to 48 murders. These offenses occurred from about 1970 until he was arrested and charged with the Murder of Heather Dawn Church here in El Paso County in 1995. Heather Dawn Church was reported missing from her Black Forest area home in September of 1991. Robert Browne was arrested for her murder on March 28, 1995.

Sheriff Terry Maketa will hold a media conference today, at 2:00 p.m., to further discuss the Rocio Sperry investigation and Robert Charles Browne.

The conference will take place at the EPSO Law Enforcement Bureau, 101 W. Costilla St., downtown Colorado Springs.

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