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Coquille, Ore. Mother Asks Law Enforcement to Turn the Heat Up on her Daughter, [Leah Freeman's](#) Cold Case

Coquille, Ore., Oct. 27, 2009 – Cory Courtright continues her quest for justice in the murder of her daughter, [Leah Freeman](#), even as she faces another painful anniversary on Thursday, Oct. 29 – the day that would have been Leah's 25th birthday. Freeman's life was cut tragically short when, at fifteen years old, she disappeared while walking home in [Coquille, Ore.](#) the night of June 28, 2000. Her body was discovered in Fairview, a wooded town eight miles outside of Coquille, more than a month later on Aug. 3, 2000. After an autopsy was performed, it was determined that Freeman died from homicidal violence.

Nearly a decade after her death, the murder remains unsolved and Courtright is making a plea to local law enforcement, "I am simply asking Coos County District Attorney Paul Frasier to dedicate a cold case team to re-investigate Leah's murder. I don't feel like the agencies handling the case have ever been in sync and with all of the personnel changes at the Coquille Police Department I fear that crucial details of the investigation could very well have fallen through the cracks."

Courtright says she was aware of an active investigation before her daughter's body was found, but has heard very little about other developments in the case since that point in time. [Legal documents](#) that were released to the public several years ago detail the initial investigation, they can be found at <http://www.leahfreeman.com/documents.htm>. In June, [Coos County District Attorney Paul Frasier explained to local media](#) that while the case is considered "cold," investigators remain active following any and all tips they receive.

Courtright doesn't feel like this is enough, "They need to do more than follow-up on tips, they need to have a dedicated team go back and look through all of the files again, re-interview everyone involved and re-examine all of the evidence."

Anyone with information regarding Leah's murder is encouraged to contact the [Coquille Police Department](#) at (541) 396-2114, or [Coos Stop Crime](#) at (541) 267-6666. Courtright's family is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction.

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