

Press **EXCLUSIVE**

L.I. Flight Attendant's Murder Solved

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BOISE, IDAHO—Lynn Henneman, the subject of the last installment of the *Long Island Press*' "Long Island's Lost" series, is finally getting justice three years after her death—a murder most Long Islanders have forgotten.

On April 2, Boise police charged Eric Virgil Hall with 1st degree kidnapping, rape and 1st degree murder in connection with the death of 38-year-old Henneman, a Sag Harbor flight attendant who was in Boise for a layover.

"The results from the DNA testing are conclusive—Eric Virgil Hall is responsible for the brutal rape and

murder of this woman," Boise Police Chief Don Pierce said on Wednesday.

Hall, 32, was in police custody for the murder of Cheryl Hanlon, a 43-year-old Boise native who was found on a hillside in the city's North End. On March 20, police arrested Hall, and had suspicions that he possibly could have been Henneman's killer.

"We'll see what happens with Eric Hall," Boise Detective Dave Smith, told the *Press* last month, concerning the closing of Lynn's murder. "There's a lot of similarities."

Hall's DNA was tested, and the

results came back to match the sample found at the Henneman crime scene. Boise police had performed 156 DNA swabs on potential suspects (the most DNA swaps the state of Idaho has ever conducted in any one single case).

Smith, who kept a picture of Henneman in his daily planner, has kept in constant contact with Lynn's parents. Upon Hall's arrest for the Hanlon murder, he called them. "I told them to be cautiously optimistic."

Smith had reason to be optimistic about Hall after examining Hanlon's crime scene. Like Henneman, Hanlon

was strangled with a piece of her own clothing. Both were found partially clothed and both seemed to be victims of opportunity, rather than planned assaults. Both had murderers who made attempts to conceal the crime (Henneman was thrown into a river, Hanlon in a shallow grave). Both were beaten about the head and both had jewelry removed—Henneman had been wearing a gold sapphire ring with diamonds, which has not been recovered. ①



Lynn Henneman