

ABOUT

CRUZ

DELLASANTA

Cruz Dellasantas is originally from the East Coast and earned her B.A. in Anthropology and Justice Studies with a minor in Forensics from the University of New Hampshire. She recently relocated to Pocatello, Idaho to pursue an M.S. in Anthropology at Idaho State University, where she is working under the mentorship of Dr. Kirsten Mink and completing a forensic science certificate to further strengthen her training in laboratory methods and medicolegal practices.

Cruz has experience in forensic anthropology, human osteology, and investigative support. During her undergraduate studies, she served as a lab manager in the Forensic Anthropology Identification and Recovery (F.A.I.R.) Lab at the University of New Hampshire, assisting with skeletal analysis, documentation, and a range of research initiatives. She also participated in an international field school in Spain, where she excavated human remains and received advanced training in osteological and archaeological methods.

Additionally, she contributed to a multi-year research project examining no-body homicide cases across missing persons databases. Additionally, her investigative background includes an internship with the Concord Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division, where she observed casework, investigative procedures, and inter-agency collaboration.

Now a graduate student at Idaho State University and an intern with the Bingham County Coroner's Office, Cruz is committed to developing strong professional skills in medicolegal death investigation. She hopes to pursue a career in death investigation after graduation and is grateful for the opportunity to gain additional experience and training with the Bingham County Coroner's Office!

