

Grant County Health Department 2021



Public Health promotes and protects the health of people and the communities where they live, learn, work, and play.

Annual Report

GCHD – ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

Year End Report 2021

Authored by Peggy Bradley and Jeff Couch

GRANT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

The Environmental Division of the Grant County Health Department strives to promote and maintain a healthy environment for the residents and communities of Grant County.

Our responsibilities include overseeing the application, permitting and installation processes for residential on-site sewage system. We review on-site soil surveys submitted by Certified Soil Scientists, develop minimum requirements for each system, review submitted construction plans, complete pre-permit site verifications and inspect all systems upon installation.

We investigate environmental complaints involving contamination of surface water, reports of diseases caused by water-borne pathogens, reports of animal bites, hazardous material spills; which might be a threat to public health, unfit housing in the county, hotels, as well as many other miscellaneous environmental concerns. We regulate the operation of tattoo studios as well as public and semi-public swimming pools and spas in the county and conduct public workshops for community awareness sessions.

The Environmental Division also works closely with Grant County Area Plan to assist the residents of Grant County to obtain permits for their construction needs as well as to investigate complaints involving multiple issues.

In addition, we coordinate and work closely with the Marion City Building Inspectors, Marion Police Department, Grant County Sheriff's Department, Indiana State Police, Child protection Services and Adult Protective Services and assisted living facilities as well as Grant County EMA.

ENVIROMENTAL DIVISION

BREAKDOWN of SERVICES FOR 2021

SERVICES	2021	2020
Applications/Soil Reports Processed	79	75
Septic Permits Issued	74	62
New Septic Sites	22	27
Septic Replacement Systems	39	35
Septic System Repairs	10	14
Commercial Sites	0	1
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Septic Site Layout Inspections	69	62
Septic System Inspections	83	81
Septic Problem Assistance	4	2
Assistance with Contractor/or homeowner	15	3
Assistance with Soil Scientist	5	4
Wetness Check	7	4
Difficult sites with State Assistance	4	3
Dye Test	2	1

Breakdowns and Totals Continued:

Services	2021	2020
Area Plan Approval Letters	8	9
Bed Bugs	0	4
Clandestine Labs	0	0
Cockroaches	4	6
Follow Up Complaint	83	31
Mold	16	12
Public/Semi Public Pool Inspections	0	9
Railroad Car Inspection	0	1
Sewage	33	20
Tattoo Establishments Inspections	5	12
Unfit Housing	38	13
Housing posted uninhabitable	12	4
Mercury Spill	1	0

Animal Bite Reports

Bat	0	0
Cat	29	24
Dog	135	113
Raccoon	0	0
Pig	0	1
Donkey	0	1

Environmental Division Revenues

2021

Septic Permits

New	\$3,150.00
Replacement	\$4,750.00
Repair Only	\$600.00
Installer Registration	\$240.00
Certification Test	\$0.00

Tattoo Parlors

Includes:

Establishment (License)	\$500.00
Tattoo Individual (License)	\$320.00
Late Fees	\$75.00

Total Revenue

\$9,725.00

GCHD – ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

MEETING/TRAININGS

2021

Indiana Environmental Health Association Meetings (Monthly)

Indiana Environmental Health Association (Fall Conference)

LEPC (Monthly)

Certifications

ATL System

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IOWPA Certification

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Presby System

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Narcan

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Eljen Training

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GCHD – ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

The Environmental Division of the Grant County Health Department continues to receive numerous housing complaints. Many complaints are concerning mold, roach infestations, hoarding, and sewage leaks among other issues. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it has limited the Environmental Divisions way of conducting business. It has proven difficult at times to get homeowners, and landlords to take the necessary steps to correct violations. Clandestine Labs (Meth houses) in Grant County have gone down, but other illicit drugs are steadily on the rise.

We in the Environmental Division look forward to another productive year in 2022; continuing to stay current with the newest technologies and proactive in all areas of our healthy environment for the citizens of Grant County by maintaining high standards in all areas that we inspect, while abiding by the County Ordinances, State Rules/Regulations, coordination and working with other agencies.

We are asking everyone to respect our environment, because it is the only one we will ever have.



Inspector Dean



Inspector Scott

GRANT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

FOOD DIVISION

2021 Annual Report

Dean Small

Scott Kikendall

We are pleased to submit the annual report of our past year's accomplishments within the food division. We encourage the community to take a moment to read our annual report, sharing information about the important work the food division does to assure food safety success in Grant County. Featuring in detail the duties and services executed in 2021.

Duties executed by the Food Safety Inspection Officers (FSIO's)

Inspect and advise entities about the sanitation requirements for restaurants, taverns, Marion General Hospital, schools, bed & breakfast, convenience and grocery stores, farmer markets, refrigeration trucks, mobile food trucks/vans, Micro Markets and concession stands at fairs and festivals throughout Grant County.

FSIO's issue food licenses to profit and non-profit entities, investigate food-borne illness cases and other complaints which may require the submission of food and/or fecal samples to the Indiana State Department of Health or a local lab (including water samples). Additionally, the FSIO's coordinate and facilitate educational presentations and trainings upon request from establishments, organizations, and the community.

Memberships/Certifications

- 1) Dean and Scott are both endorsed as Certified Food Handlers.
- 2) Dean & Scott are on the list for "standardization" training – ON HOLD currently per IDOH
- 3) The FSIO's are members of the Indiana Environmental Health Association (IEHA) NE Chapter.
- 4) Dean and Scott are members of the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Commission-Grant County)
- 5) Dean and Scott are members of the HCC (Health Care Coalition-IDOH)
- 6) Dean is Assistant Preparedness Coordinator and active in preparedness.

Services conducted in 2021:

- **License Issued** – 525 which include Brick & Mortar / mobile vendors / Non-Profits serving public 15 + days a year.
- **Total inspections** – approximately 858 (Does not reflect all complaints, power outages, plan reviews, walk-thru and COVID 19 complaints)
- **Follow-up inspections** – Total approximately 1% (same as last year)
- **Complaints**- approximately 110 (both businesses related and COVID)
- **Warning Letters** – 3
- **Closed Facilities** – 1

- **Hepatitis A Case – 0**
- **COVID19 Reports /Cases – approximately 40**
- **Plan Reviews –14**
- **Consultations/Walk-Thru Inspections – 29**
- **Civil Penalties per Food/County Code Fines-4**
- **New Facilities –Dollar General (Swayzee), Dollar General (Van Buren), OBI’s BBQ, Ashley’s Ice Cream, Arrow Nutrition, Gas City Brewery, Makayla’s Family Restaurant (Fairmount), PT Pub, The Best Mill, McCallister’s, Popeyes, Dollar Tree (North), Dairy Queen (Gas City), Happys Discount Store,**
- **Closed Facilities – Rosie’s Little Italy, Hot Spot Café, Pony Express, Lazy Lions / Oasis, Pops Snacks**
- **Fires, Floods, and Power Outages – (January thru December)**
 - Fires- 3
 - Power Outages- 3
 - No Water- 1
 - Boil Advisory- 1
 - Floods- 0
 - Water Samples Failed-0
- **USDA FOOD PROGRAMS MONITORED for the STATE**

2021 Fairs & Festivals

Spotted Cow – IWU (April)
 Music Festival-IWU (April)
 Mama Pearson’s (Spring & Fall event)
 Great American Car Show at Matter Park (May)
 Gas City First Fridays (May, June, July & Aug)
 Concerts in the park – Gas City (June, July, Aug, Sept)
 Concerts in the park – Fairmount (June, July, Aug)
 Concerts in the park – Marion (June, July, Aug, Sept)
 Abate Hog Roast (June)
 Strawberry Festival in Upland (June)
 Juneteenth (June)
 James Dean Spring Car Show (Fairmount) (June)
 Grant County 4-H Fair, (June)
 4th of July Celebration (Marion, Gas City, Fairmount) (July)
 Brandt’s Harley Davidson Concerts (July)
 Swayzee Farm Days (July)
 Popcorn Festival in Van Buren (August)
 Labor Day Celebration in Upland (September)
 Labor Day Celebration in Gas City (September)
 Matthews Covered Bridge Festival (September)
 James Dean in Fairmount (September)
 Ducktail Run in Gas City (September)
 River Bike Rally in Jonesboro (September)
 Mississinewa 1812 (October)
 Gas City Lights Parade (November)

Farmer's Market Inspections

Courthouse Square
Upland Train Depot
Gas City- Good Neighbor Pharmacy parking lot
Fairmount-Grain / Grill parking lot

Continuing Education for Inspectors

IEHA monthly meetings- (Jan-June & Sept-Dec)
IEHA / ISDH / PREPAREDNESS Educational Seminars (April & September)
Preparedness COVID19
Preparedness District 6 Meetings (monthly)
Preparedness 800 Radio Drills (bi-monthly)
LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Commission) (Quarterly)
Pipeline seminar-Preparedness
Mississinewa 1812 vendor training (July)

Additional Information

The Foods Division brought in \$45,275 in revenue through licensing fees and civil penalties.

New businesses opened in 2021 with fewer businesses closing which increases plan & reviews, consulting and the overall number of inspections. Restaurants and food establishments adjusted to the new normal. One of the biggest challenges experienced was the employee shortage and the inability to get stock in and stay stocked.

Respectfully,

Dean Small and Scott Kikendall

GCHD – Nursing Division

Annual Report 2021

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Authored by: Jane Hampton, RN

GCHD – Nursing Division

Annual Report 2021

The following report reflects services provided by the Nursing Division to the community. Our primary goal is to continue to improve public health by providing health education, immunizations, affordable, friendly and convenient services to residents of Grant County.

Each staff member plays a vital role in the day to day functions of the Nursing Division. Teamwork is one of our strengths. We all work well together. Please find a list of our Staff Members below:

Dr. Wm. David Moore.....	County Health Officer
Jane Hampton, RN.....	Public Health Nurse
Diedre Hamilton, LPN.....	Comm. Disease Nurse
Deidre Miller.....	Receptionist/Billing Clerk

Grant Paid Positions:

Julie Brady, RN.....	Part time Public Health Nurse
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Nancy Spencer, RN	
Beverly Penrod, RN	
Patti Soultz, RN	
Ruth Ann Pilgrim, RN	
Wanda Morgan, APRN	Covid-19 Clinic Vaccinators, Part-time
Carol Cly, RN	
Joannie Justice, EMT	
Jeff Willhite, EMT	
Lliam Rosencrans, EMT	

Brady Bosley	
Janet Hatton	Covid-19 Clinic Registrars, Part-time
Beverly Richards	

Kenneth Jackson, EMT Tech	
Lora Rosencrans, EMT	
Justen Mantz, EMT	Covid-19 Testing Clinic
Angela Blackmon	
Izik Brummett	

IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM-BILLING

We receive Vaccines for Children (VFC) government funded vaccine from the ISDH for indigent, uninsured or underinsured children age 18 and younger. We also provide, through the ISDH Adult Provider Program, a limited amount of vaccines for those 19 and older who qualify. We are required to follow the ISDH guidelines. We have private stock vaccine that we use when someone has insurance or pays cash. Currently, we accept Medicare, Medicaid, most Anthem Blue Cross-Blue Shield plans, Cigna, Sagamore, TRICARE, United and Encore. We are now credentialed and accept Lutheran Preferred to expand our services.

We collected \$45,259.16 in the nursing division for the 2021 calendar year, \$17,218.31 of that was for vaccine fees; \$28,040.85 of that rolled over into our immunization fund.

Blood Pressure Checks/Glucose Testing/Cholesterol Screening

Hepatitis A Vaccine

- ❖ The vaccine begins for children at 12 months
- ❖ This vaccine is recommended for travelers and food service employees because it is a food borne illness. It is now mandatory for kindergarten age students through High School to receive this vaccination in the State of Indiana.
- Total given: 161
- We encourage all persons – 12 mo. and older who have not previously received this vaccine, to get this 2-dose series. A first dose is given and a second follows in 6 months.

Hepatitis B Vaccine

- ❖ This vaccine is for people with high risk jobs including, but not limited to health care employees, police, wastewater treatment, etc. This vaccine begins with a dose at birth and is a requirement in schools. This is a 3-dose series.
- ❖ Total given: 81

- **Twinrix** is a combination Hepatitis A & B vaccine. It is a three-shot series and we charge \$100.90 per shot.
- ❖ Total given: 2

Meningitis

- ❖ This vaccine is a school requirement for children entering into 6th & 12th grades.
- ❖ Total given: 250

Meningitis B

- ❖ This vaccine is now recommended for Freshman College Students.
- We offer Bexsero and Trumenba. They both are a 2-dose series. Bexsero is given a month following the first dose, as Trumenba is given six months after the first dose.
- ❖ Total given: 20

Pneumonia Vaccine

- ❖ Pneumonia 23 vaccine is given to anyone who has a prescription from their Physician.
- ❖ Total given: 2 Adults

Flu Vaccine

- ❖ Flu vaccines become available October 1st of each calendar year until June 30th the following year
- We expanded our services as we offered flu vaccines during the Covid vaccination clinic.
- We also set-up drive through flu clinics for local businesses and school employees.
- We offered several presentations and the cost varied depending on vaccine type
 - Intramuscular for those 6 months and older
 - Flu Block (for those with egg allergies) 18 and older
 - High Dose for those 65 years and older
- Total given: 612

Lead Testing

- Indiana State Code requires all elevated blood lead levels to be reported to the health department, by the health care providers who perform the screenings. This is because elevated blood lead levels have serious physical and mental consequences and young children are much more vulnerable to this damage. The public health nurse's responsibility is to educate patients and health care providers about the importance of intervening in cases where blood lead level is elevated. The interventions take different forms, depending on the blood lead level. The obtain information from the parent, while the inspectors inspect the home. When a child's lead level is confirmed as elevated over 5mcg/dL, a case investigation is begun. If the blood level is above 10 mcg/dL, a home inspection and home educational visit are required by state code. Grant County does not have a certified home inspector, so we rely on the ISDH to provide inspectors. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, home visits were significantly behind last year, but home visits and risk assessments have been conducted for most of the children identified as having elevated blood lead levels, and their levels are being tracked to assure that they go Making contact with some families proves quite challenging, as home addresses and phone numbers change and follow up visits with doctors have often fallen behind, due to Covid-19. Efforts continue to make contact families and health care providers and to arrange visits and education for families.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORT- Submitted by Diedre Hamilton, LPN

Throughout 2021 Covid-19 continued to be the primary focus of the Health Department. On January 11, 2021 we started the Covid vaccine clinic, administering Moderna by certain age groups. Once guidelines begun changing, we were able to offer Pfizer and Janssen vaccines as well. My role has been administering Covid vaccinations and providing education on both the vaccine and virus. I run daily numbers of positive cases and deaths in our county, and report those to the Grant County Emergency Management Agency, Health Officer and Commissioner.

I continue to do case investigations on other communicable diseases in the county. Also, I took on a new role as Tuberculosis (TB) Nurse. We had an increase in Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI) cases this year with one active extrapulmonary case. This extrapulmonary case originated during surgery from a contaminated tissue donor and is part of a multi-state outbreak.

Hepatitis C continues to be at the top of the list of communicable diseases in Grant County. It is largely due to IV Drug use.

TB Program

- We offer TB skin tests for \$10.00. We continue to be a low-cost option for students and employees who are required to have this test every year. In efforts to help accommodate businesses within the community, we travel and administer employee TB testing on site when requested.

❖ Total given: 209

We follow ISDH protocol when taking care of active TB patients which includes giving medications by way of DOT

- If a patient has a positive Tuberculosis (TB) skin test, the next step is to order a Chest X-ray. If the X-ray is negative, then it is considered “Latent Tuberculosis Infection” or LTBI. The ISDH provides free treatment for all LTBI patients. The Rx meds are ordered through Purdue University then distributed and followed up on by the Health Department. There are two options for treatment. The first option is 9 months of self-administered INH 300 mg daily. The second option is a 12-week DOT “Direct Observe Therapy” once weekly. The medications are INH 900mg, Rifapentine 900mg, B6 50.

❖ Total cases/reports

- 1 Active TB patient
 - 1 DOT therapy
- 12 LTBI patients
 - 5 LTBI declined treatment
 - 7 LTBI treated
- 4 LTBI completed treatment

Chlamydia/Gonorrhea Testing

- Total test given: 5

COVID-19 Vaccines

As vaccines were developed to protect against Covid-19, the Health Department quickly mobilized to create a clinic to meet this need. The entire Health Department and EMS teamed up in January and formed a Covid-19 vaccination clinic. This clinic was offered free to the community. In January, the Indiana State Department of Health set guidelines which prioritized various groups

such as essential workers, immune compromised patients and the elderly. The vaccines became available to educators and to increasingly younger groups, as the months passed.

Until June, Moderna was the only vaccine administered at the Health Department. Clinics operated five days per week and the council chambers were used as a vaccination space. The number of daily vaccines ranged from more than 100 most days in the first several months to around 20, by June.

In June, we began administering the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine, as well. The Marion General Hospital Covid-19 vaccination clinic closed in June, and our clinic took over all of the community-based vaccinations in the county. Our daily vaccination numbers returned to 75-100 per day, with a drop in August, until the booster shots were introduced. Grant funds were used to hire part time staff to man the vaccination clinics, so that the full-time staff could begin to catch up on regular work-loads, which had been delayed due to the pandemic.

Through the summer and fall, our department ran off-site Covid-19 vaccination clinics at Marion High School, Oak Hill High School, Saint Martin Community Center and several assisted living communities.

In September, our Health Department opened a drive-up testing clinic, also with grant funding. This testing clinic continues to operate, providing both rapid testing and PCR testing to the community.

HEALTH DEPT. NURSING STAFF TRAININGS/MEETINGS

Training for our Nursing Division staff was quite limited in 2021, due to the heavy commitment of our time to the demands of the pandemic and the restrictions on large group gatherings. We have participated in on-line training sessions and classes, as well as the numerous on-line meetings required for communication in our community. These included

- Weekly state Health Department briefings/education sessions of Local Health Departments
- Weekly state Health Department briefings/education sessions of School Leaders
- Every other week briefings/education sessions for the Grant County Business Community
- Emergency Management Organization meetings
- Monthly Suicide Prevention Committee meetings

We anticipate more frequent training opportunities in 2022. We plan to fill our part time public health nurse position, and will provide training for this position, as well.



Grant County Health Department
Vital Records Division
2021 Annual Report



Tara Street – Lesa Dillon – Morgan Lee

Beginning November 30th, 2020, the Grant County Complex was closed to the public until April 20th, 2021. During the closure, birth and death records were issued by mail only. Beginning January 11th, the Grant County Health Department started offering the COVID-19 Moderna Vaccine in the Grant County Council Chambers. All departments including vital records were called to help run the vaccine clinics, on top of our regular jobs. The County Complex eventually reopened to the public on April 20th, with the vaccine clinics still in full swing. Staff had to manage walk-in customers, mail, and phone calls on top of helping run the vaccine clinic. The vaccine clinics eventually migrated into the nursing office in the middle part of June.

DRIVE (Database Registration of Indiana Vital Events) went live January 1st with numerous setbacks and technical difficulties. Local health departments along with doctors and funeral homes had to adjust to this new system (a whole new way of entering and filing birth and death records.) Towards the end of 2021 DRIVE had become much more user friendly for all and is on the uphill climb of working better.

On July 25th, Morgan delivered a baby girl and started her maternity leave immediately after. Julie Hoch filled in part time for Morgan to help Tara and Lesa with the daily flow of birth/death registration, mail, phone calls, and walk-in customers. Morgan returned to work September 11th.

Lesla continues to work part-time in the Vital Records Division to cover the office during absences of the full-time staff due to vacations, illness, trainings and meetings. This allows the vital records office to remain open during times that it would otherwise have to be closed. Lesa also assists the Foods Division with filing,

mailings, and many clerical duties. This invaluable position is funded through the Indiana Local Health Maintenance Fund grant.

For the year of 2021, the suicide and overdose rates were noticeably higher than previous years which raises great concern. We have created a table to better compare these numbers over the course of the past few years.

	Fatal Overdose	Suicide
2021	52	17
2020	29	6
2019	12	6
2018	23	12
2017	26	14

Along with suicide and fatal overdoses, COVID-19 remained a great concern for our county and the nation. For the year of 2021, there were 56 total deaths with COVID-19 as the main cause. This number will not correspond with the IDOH dashboard as the dashboard counts Grant County residents regardless of place of death.

The Vital Records Division took in \$116,130 in 2021. Indiana Code requires that \$2.25 for each certified death certificate issued, be deposited into the Indiana Coroners Continuing Education Fund. The deposit for 2021 was \$9,725.75

2021 was a challenging year at times working in the middle of a pandemic, but we continued to power through to provide quick, efficient, and kind service to our customers to meet their needs. We look forward to the new and exciting challenges 2022 will bring.





2021 BIRTH STATISTICS



Total Births Registered 519

Legitimate 158

Illegitimate 361

Males 247

Females 272

Home Births 8

Twins 9 sets

There were NO Fetal Deaths for the Year of 2021

Paternity Affidavits Filed:	By Hospital at Time of Birth	263
	At Health Department	11
Certified Copies of Paternity Affidavits Issued		37
Affidavit of Amendment Processed		7
Court Order Determining Parentage Processed		29
Court Ordered Legal Change of Name Processed		24
Court Ordered Gender Change to Birth Record Processed		4
Corrections by Notification Processed		4
Adoptions Processed		54
Certified Birth Certificates Issued		3,034
Birth Certificate Protective Plastic Sleeves Sold		506



2021 Death Statistics



Total Deaths Registered	886
Fetal Deaths	0
Neonatal Deaths (Birth to 1 Month)	1
Infant Deaths (1 Month to 1 Year)	1
Children 1 to 9 Years of Age	1
Adolescents 10 to 19 Years of Age	3
Adults 20 to 29 Years of Age	27
30 to 39 Years of Age	29
40 to 49 Years of Age	31
50 to 59 Years of Age	73
60 to 69 Years of Age	153
70 to 79 Years of Age	199
80 to 89 Years of Age	241
90 to 99 Years of Age	119
100 Years of Age and Older	8
Total Certified Death Certificates Issued	4,302
Government Copies of Certified Death Certificates Issued	36
Death Verifications Provided to VANIHCS	156

Coroner Cases

Accident	67
Homicide	5
Natural Causes	187
Suicide	17
SIDS	0
Undetermined	3
TOTAL	279



Genealogy

Record Searches Requested:

Walk-In 3

E-Mail 14

In an interesting detour from the ever-consuming COVID-19, in late April 2021 our Vital Records office was contacted by David Denmark a detective with the Miami Dade Police Department, Homicide Bureau, Cold Case Division requesting our assistance in locating information about family members of Angela or Miriam Chapman thought to be born in Grant County in 1976. After searching, some creative thinking and a little luck we were able to help him locate information about the parents and siblings of Ms. Chapman. The news article below details the story.

Police find next of kin for former Indiana woman slain by serial killer Samuel Little

Jon Webb Evansville Courier & Press published May 3, 2021

In the days before her death, Miriam “Angela” Chapman talked a lot about going home. She had arrived in Miami a few months earlier, moving into a motel in a shoddy part of town. Right away, the manager noticed her laugh. It would kick up out of nowhere, even when things weren’t funny.

Like some other young women in the area, she worked the bars as a sex worker. But as the winter of 1976 brightened into spring, she dreamed of getting out. Of climbing on a bus and heading home to Indiana.



“She said she was going to start saving a little money and go home (to her family),” the manager told the Miami News in 1976. “And I don’t think it was just talk, either. She sounded like she meant it.” When he didn’t see her for a few months, he thought she’d done just that. But on May 16 that year, a married couple discovered Chapman’s body while walking near an abandoned industrial park in the Everglades. She had been strangled. She was 25 years old.

Her killer remained a mystery until 2019, when Samuel Little — a man the FBI calls the “most prolific serial killer in U.S. history” — listed Chapman as one of his 93 purported victims. Detectives in Miami have since closed the case. But there was one more piece of important business: finding her next of kin.

Now police believe they have done that. Before now, all Miami-Dade detectives knew about Chapman was her name, birthday, and that she had family in Indiana. But The Fall Line — a podcast that focuses on cold cases in the Southeastern U.S. — dug up more information this fall, when it released a four-part series on Little’s victims.

That information was passed on to Miami-Dade detective David Denmark, who spoke with the FBI’s vital statistics program, as well as the Grant County Health Department in Marion earlier this month. That eventually led him to Miriam’s next of kin.

David Dengler was born and raised in New Mexico. During the summers, his parents would usher him to Illinois to see family. It was there, as a young boy, that he may have met his uncle, Wayne Chapman: his mother’s half-brother, and Miriam’s father.

But before the call from Denmark, he didn't even know Miriam existed. And he certainly didn't know how she died.

"I was shocked. When I first got the phone call from my daughter about the detective looking for (my mom), I thought there was no way she was related," he said last week. "There are a lot of Chapmans around."

Miriam was "a lot of Chapmans" herself. Part of the reason detectives had trouble finding her family was because she often gave authorities fake names and false backstories. According to a Miami Herald story from 2019, investigators even had two different social security numbers for her.

Denmark said the lying may have been "unintentional." Media accounts from the time of her death made constant mention that she suffered from a mental disability. But Denmark said he was certain authorities have found Miriam's family after a two-year search.

For Dengler, the revelation was "upsetting," even though he didn't know Chapman. After getting that initial call from his daughter, he spent an evening reading all he could about Miriam's life — and her death.

"She does sound like she was a lost soul," he said.

Samuel Little's victims

If Little's confessions are true, he killed 92 more. He was only convicted of four before he died in jail in 2020.

A new documentary series tries to tell the stories of his victims. "[Confronting a Serial Killer](#)" debuted April 18 on Starz, chronicling author Jillian Lauren's interviews with Little before his death. It also profiles women who survived Little's attacks, only to see prosecutors refuse to pursue serious charges against him.

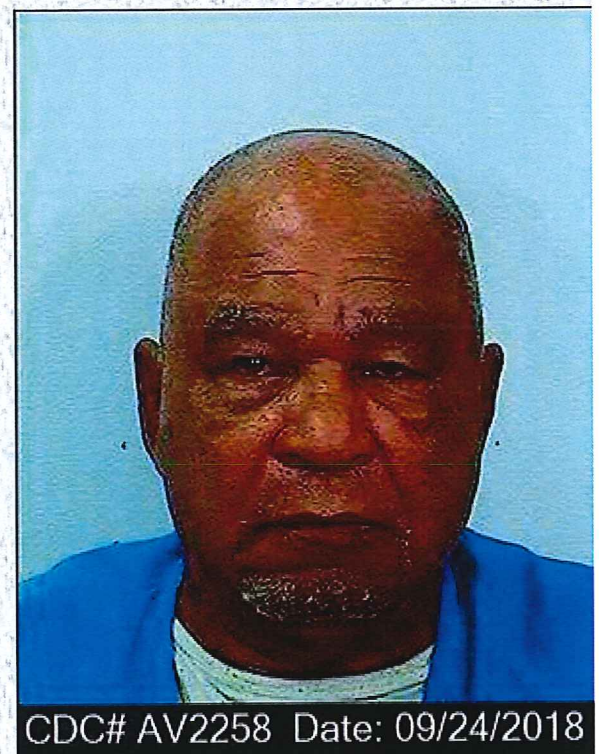
He preyed on sex workers and poor people languishing on the margins of life. People, he believed, no would miss.

Chapman was finally identified. Others, though, haven't been as lucky.

When Little started his spree of confessions, officials asked him to put his painting skills to use and craft portraits of victims who have never been identified.

You can find them on the [FBI's website](#). Their faces are both cartoonish and realistic. They stare straight ahead. Some smile, while others wear stoic looks.

Little provided the city where they were killed and a few vague details. But other than that, those portraits are all we know about them.



~ Administrative Notes ~

2021 continued to be a challenging whirlwind of all things COVID-19. Flexibility and fluidity were required to provide vaccinations and testing to our citizens, navigate the everchanging guidelines, provide clear and concise information to our public, businesses and schools while continuing to provide health department services in the midst of the building shut-down through the first four and on half months of the year. In the midst of the COVID chaos we were also dealing with staff shortages due to staff being required to quarantine or isolate at home as the result of being COVID positive and/or exposed.

The 2021 Health Department annual budget was prepared and submitted to the county auditor in June with budget hearings held by the County Council in August. The budget was finalized and approved at the October County Council meeting.

The 2021 Local Health Maintenance Fund Grant & Indiana Local Health Department Trust Grant applications were prepared and submitted in October with approval for both being granted in December. Annual reports are required with these grants and both were prepared and submitted in a timely manner.

Two COVID Vaccination grants were applied for and awarded to the health department to fund set-up, staffing and costs of clinics to provide free COVID vaccinations to any Indiana resident who desired one. The vaccine clinic was operational as of January 11th and ran thru the entirety of 2021. The first grant provided funds for supplies, equipment and two part time employees to assist with the vaccination clinic. All health department staff were required to work in the clinic, which operated 5 days a week, thru mid-June while also assuring the duties and responsibilities of their individual divisions were carried out. The second grant provided funding to hire several part-time staff for the vaccination clinic which allowed health department staff to shift their focus back to their individual divisions. The vaccination clinic schedule went to 3 days a week in mid-June.

A COVID testing grant was also applied for and awarded which provided funding set-up and staff a drive-up COVID testing clinic. The clinic opened on September 2nd and operates five days a week and one Saturday a month. This clinic is fully staffed with part-time grant funded employees.

2021 Health Board members include:

- Dr. Chad Leighty – Board President
- Dr. Jeffrey Bragg
- Kathy Glickfield
- Dr. Barbara Ihrke
- Dr. Denise Pearson
- Dr. Philip Renfroe
- Brandy Swanner

Health Board meetings were held on January 25th, March 15th followed by Executive Session, May 17th, July 19th, September 20th, and November 15th.

The Grant County Health Department is blessed to be staffed with a team of dedicated, hardworking employees who are to be admired for their tireless efforts throughout this pandemic. Dr. Moore is a leader who provides unconditional support and consistent encouragement to grow in our service, knowledge and character. I look forward to 2022 and the opportunity to see what this team can do next!

Administrative Annual Report respectfully submitted by Tara Street

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2021 Revenue

	Birth & Death	Nursing	Foods	Environ-mental	Interest	Total collections
January	\$8,356.00	\$2,177.04	\$7,735.00	\$460.00	\$0.16	\$18,948.20
February	\$7,813.00	\$966.50	\$315.00	\$360.00	\$0.07	\$9,454.57
March	\$8,760.00	\$909.88	\$600.00	\$670.00	\$0.06	\$10,939.94
April	\$10,297.00	\$1,852.07	\$1,705.00	\$830.00	\$0.45	\$14,684.52
May	\$8,995.00	\$1,280.19	\$2,805.00	\$600.00	\$0.08	\$13,680.27
June	\$11,430.00	\$3,197.39	\$1,380.00	\$805.00	\$0.07	\$16,812.46
July	\$11,280.00	\$2,464.72	\$1,365.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.11	\$16,609.83
August	\$10,460.00	\$6,724.29	\$3,280.00	\$1,040.00	\$0.07	\$21,504.36
September	\$9,545.00	\$2,591.30	\$3,270.00	\$800.00	\$0.08	\$16,206.38
October	\$10,871.00	\$4,065.78	\$440.00	\$1,050.00	\$0.34	\$16,427.12
November	\$9,040.00	\$5,191.78	\$7,660.00	\$615.00	\$0.06	\$22,506.84
December	\$9,283.00	\$13,838.22	\$14,720.00	\$995.00	\$0.13	\$38,836.35
TOTAL	\$116,130.00	\$45,259.16	\$45,275.00	\$9,725.00	\$1.68	\$216,610.84