

Judge recused from hearing

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KENNEWICK — A judge set to hear a request for DNA testing on bomb materials left over from a 1974 Franklin County Courthouse bombing has recused himself from the case.

According to officials with the Benton and Franklin Counties Superior Court, Judge Alex Ekstrom advised parties in the case that he was in the Franklin County prosecutor's office during a previous request for testing.

The first-degree murder conviction of Ricky Anthony Young, 64, was based on two partial fingerprints that purportedly belonged to Young. The Prosser man has insisted for decades he had nothing to do with the slaying.

Innocence Project Northwest has picked up Young's case and is requesting DNA testing of 24 pieces of evidence preserved by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office.