

"FORENSIC FILES" FEATURES EVANS CAPITAL MURDER CASE

The criminal case of a Spartanburg man awaiting execution will be featured on national television tomorrow night (May 15).

"Forensic Files," is airing "DNA Dragnet" an episode on the successful murder prosecution of Fredrick Evins. The television show airs at 10 p.m. on TruTv (Channel 65 for Charter cable customers).

Evins received a death sentence in 2004 after he was found guilty of raping and murdering Rhonda Ward Goodwin a year earlier. He is currently incarcerated on death row in Ridgeville.

Evins was also charged with the 2002 murder of Damaris Huff near her Duncan Park home. Investigators charged Evans with both murders after DNA collected at both crime scenes was matched to him.

The show features interviews with Solicitor Trey Gowdy, city and county police investigators and a family member of Ward Goodwin.

Erin Wilt, associate producer for Forensic Files, said the sequence of events in the investigation heightened their interest in the Evins case.

"It is always interesting when evidence from a second murder helps solve an older one," Wilt said.

The upcoming show marks the third time a crime from the 7th Judicial Circuit has been featured on "Forensic Files." The previous cases included the successful prosecutions of convicted murderers Jonathan Vick and Jonathan Binney. Vick received a life prison sentence in 2006 for the murder, sexual assault and kidnapping of a Roebuck beauty saloon owner. Binney received a death sentence after he was found guilty of sexually assaulting his infant daughter and killing a woman in Cherokee County.

"I have nothing but good things to say about Solicitor Trey Gowdy and his staff," Wilt said. "It is clear to us they are doing a wonderful job. Otherwise we would not have a reason to be there."