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COLD CASE CORNER

On behalf of the residents of Prince William County, the Cold Case Unit requests your assistance.

If you have any information regarding the following, please contact us. The victims of these crimes await justice, and their families, friends, and loved ones need closure.

We recognize that individuals may have information which may led to the successful resolution of these cases -- often without being aware of its full significance. Still others may have concerns about publicly coming forward. In any instance, we can address your concerns if you contact the Police Department at (703) 792-5123 or send an email to policedept@pwcgov.org.

You can also contact us on our tipline at (703) 792-7000 or submit a webtip to pwcva.gov/policetip.

If you prefer, you can write to the following address with information or other materials:

Prince William County Police Department
ATTN: Cold Case Unit
5036 Davis Ford Road
Woodbridge, VA 22192

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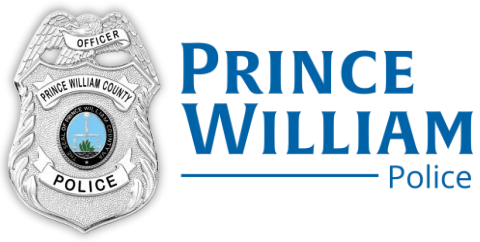
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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION MURDER

PAUL DAVID DIGON

Age at the time of incident: 20

Date of incident: December 4, 1973

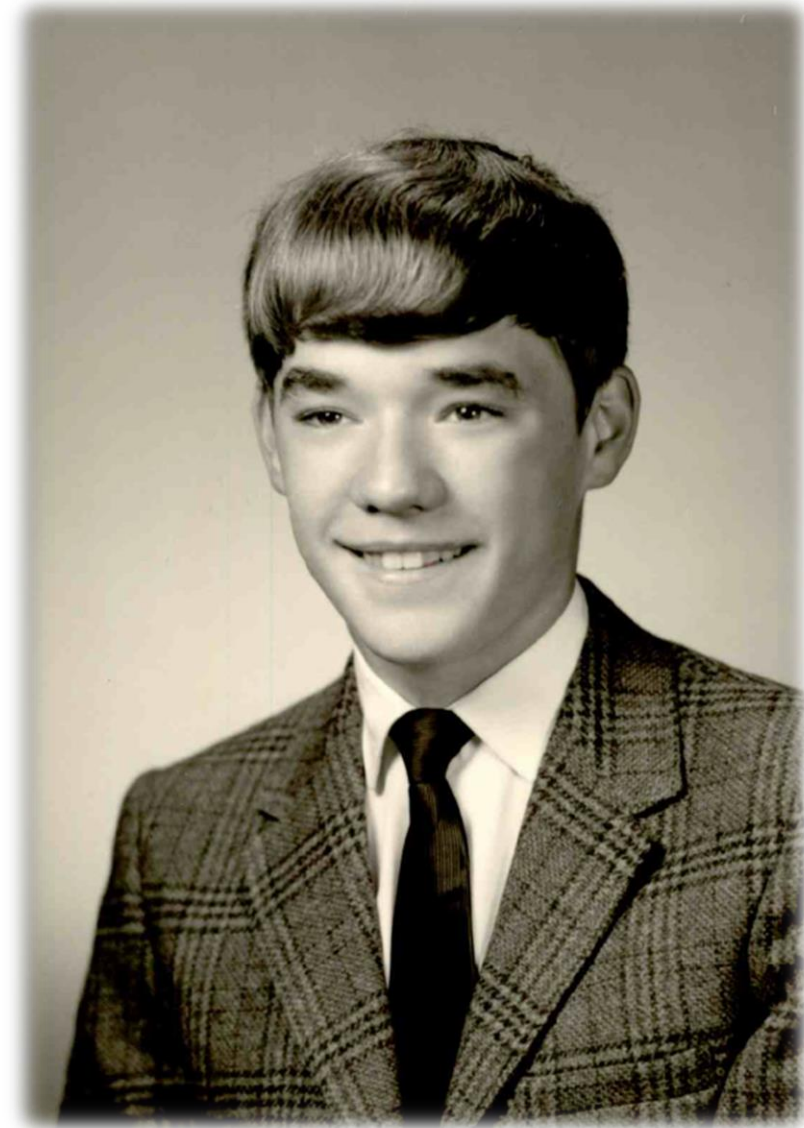
Synopsis of incident: On December 3, 1973, Paul was visiting family in Hollsopple, PA when he left to travel back home to Oxon Hill, MD. He was in the Coast Guard. On December 4, 1973, his body was later found in a pond off Groveton Rd. in Manassas near I-66. An autopsy revealed he died from a gunshot wound.

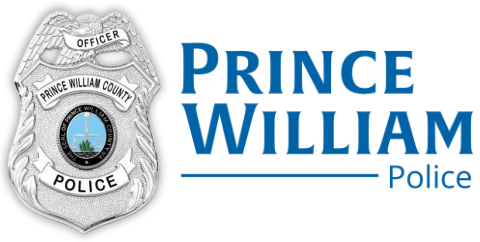
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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MURDER

MELVIN LEROY DEANS

Age at the time of incident: 33

Date of incident: December 27, 1973

Synopsis of incident: On December 18, 1973, Melvin was last seen leaving the Druscilla Hotel in Triangle heading to his place of employment. On December 27, 1973, his body was found in a wooded area near the dead end of Oregon Ave. in Woodbridge, near where he worked. An autopsy revealed he died from gunshot wounds.

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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MURDER

NANCY MARIE RYAN

Age at the time of incident: 17

Date of incident: June 8, 1974

Synopsis of incident: On May 14, 1974, Nancy was reported missing from 10801 Main St. in Fairfax, VA. Her body was later found on June 8, 1974 in the woods near 8119 Devlin Rd. in Bristow. An autopsy revealed she died from a gunshot wound.

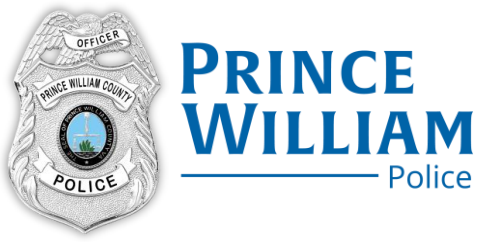
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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MURDER

KAREN ROSE SCARBROUGH

Age at the time of incident: 17

Date of incident: June 24, 1978

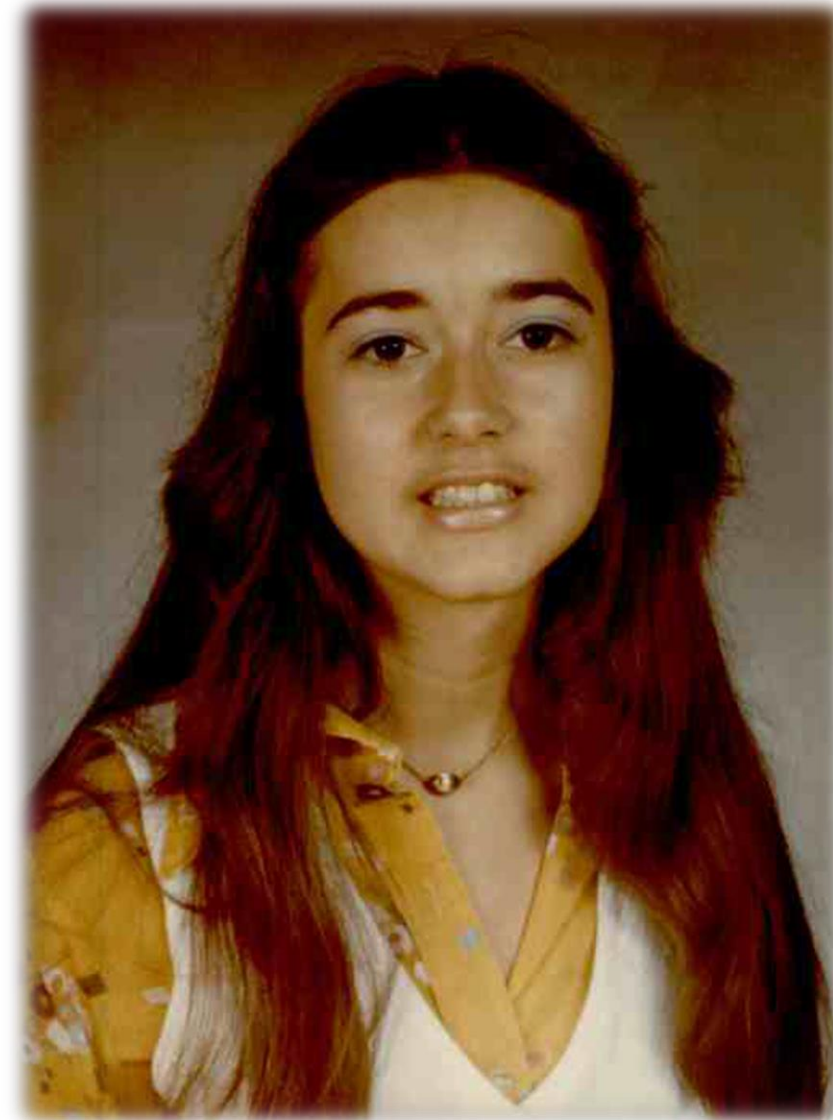
Synopsis of incident: On June 24, 1978, in an incident dubbed “The Dale City Triple”, Karen, along with two other woman, Sharon Lake and Deborah Frank, were found dead in a Ryland Homes sales trailer in Woodbridge at approximately 6:45 p.m. Karen had just graduated from high school and started her first job at the location. An autopsy revealed all three women died from a gunshot wound.

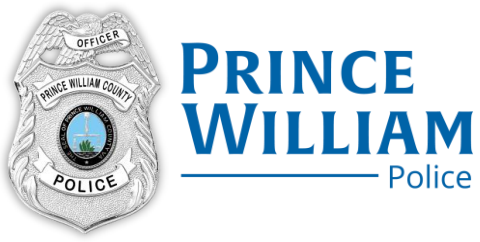
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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MURDER

SHARON INBODEN LAKE

Age at the time of incident: 25

Date of incident: June 24, 1978

Synopsis of incident: On June 24, 1978, in an incident dubbed “The Dale City Triple”, Sharon, along with two other woman, Karen Scarbrough and Deborah Frank, were found dead in a Ryland Homes sales trailer in Woodbridge at approximately 6:45 p.m. Sharon lived in Dale City and was helping Deborah find a home. An autopsy revealed all three women died from a gunshot wound.

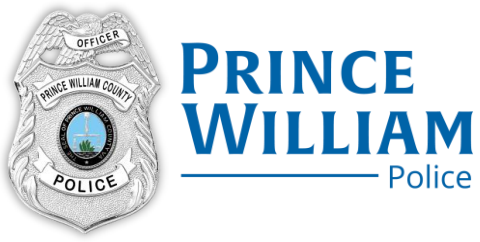
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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MURDER

DEBORAH WERNER FRANK

Age at the time of incident: 23

Date of incident: June 24, 1978

Synopsis of incident: On June 24, 1978, in an incident dubbed "The Dale City Triple", Deborah, along with two other woman, Karen Scarbrough and Sharon Lake, were found dead in a Ryland Homes sales trailer in Woodbridge at approximately 6:45 p.m. Deborah was visiting Sharon and looking for a home in preparation of moving to the area. An autopsy revealed all three women died from a gunshot wound.

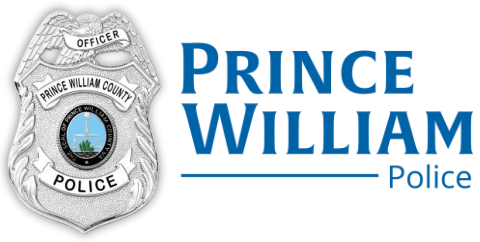
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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MURDER

ELWOOD STERLING STRADER

Age at the time of incident: 57

Date of incident: January 23, 1981

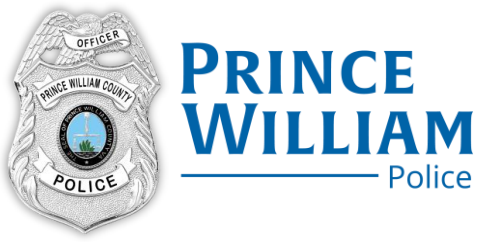
Synopsis of incident: On January 23, 1981, the body of Elwood was found in the driveway of his residence at 1416 Horner Rd. in Woodbridge. He was known to carry large sums of money and was believed to have approximately \$5,000 on him before the incident. An autopsy revealed he died from gunshot wounds.

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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MURDER

JUDITH LYNN RUE

Age at the time of incident: 26

Date of incident: August 18, 1982

Synopsis of incident: On August 18, 1982, Judith was last seen at the Prince William Hospital's Health Office at approximately 11:00 a.m. Her body was found later that day around 3:00 p.m. on a dirt road near 6700 Davis Ford Rd. in Manassas. An autopsy revealed she died from strangulation.

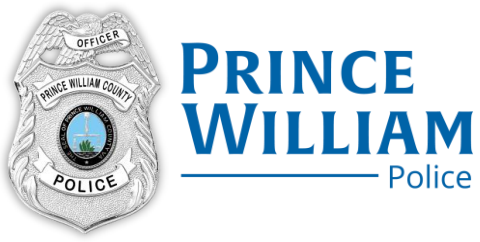
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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MURDER

WILLIAM HENRY BROOKS, SR.

Age at the time of incident: 67

Date of incident: Between February 26-27, 1983

Synopsis of incident: On February 27, 1983, William's body was found by a friend in the living room of a small home behind 8933 Wellington Rd. in Manassas. An autopsy revealed he died from a gunshot wound.

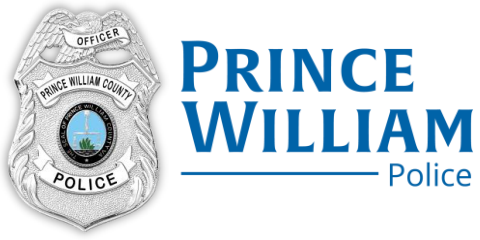
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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MURDER

JOHN DOE, UNIDENTIFIED

Age at the time of incident: possibly 20's

Date of incident: September 19, 1984

Synopsis of incident: On September 19, 1984, the body of an unidentified Asian man was discovered by a local resident near the ramp from Joplin Rd. to I-95 in Triangle. Several known missing persons were compared to the victim without success. The victim found to have a series of numbers tattooed on his fingers. An autopsy revealed he died from strangulation.

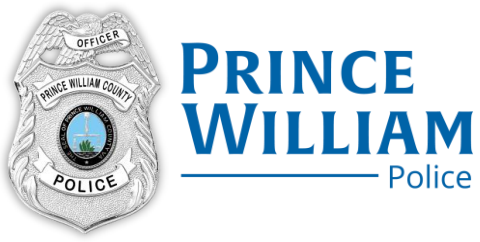
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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MURDER

LISA RENEE TRIGGS

Age at the time of incident: 15

Date of incident: May 21, 1986

Synopsis of incident: On May 21, 1986, Lisa was last seen in front of the Giant food store located at Center Plaza on Dale Blvd. in Dale City. On May 24, 1986, her body was found in the wooded area behind the Dale City Recreation Center on Minnieville Rd. An autopsy revealed she died from blunt force trauma.

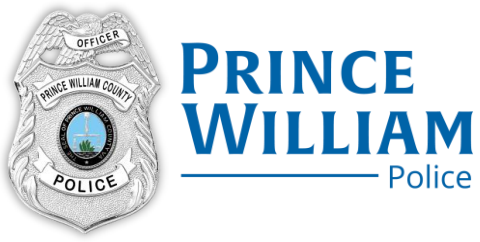
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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MURDER

CRAIG TAYLOR CAVINESS

Age at the time of incident: 26

Date of incident: March 24, 1988

Synopsis of incident: On March 13, 1988, Craig was reported missing to police in Montgomery Co., MD. His car was found abandoned in Washington D.C. On March 24, 1988, police later found his body in a wooded area near 14716 Minnieville Rd. in Woodbridge. An autopsy revealed he died from gunshot wounds.

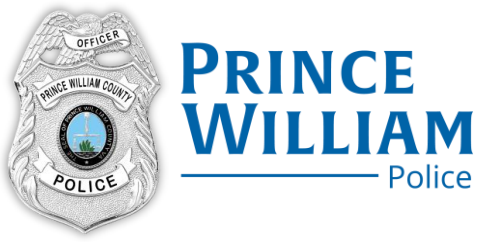
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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MURDER

JAMES SULLIVAN MARSHALL

Age at the time of incident: 27

Date of incident: August 16, 1988

Synopsis of incident: On August 16, 1988, James appeared to have been shot at his apartment at 3602 Quantico Terrace Dr. in Triangle. He then fled to 19122 Fuller Heights Rd. in Triangle where he was found. He was transported to an area hospital where he died from his injuries. An autopsy revealed he died from a gunshot wound.

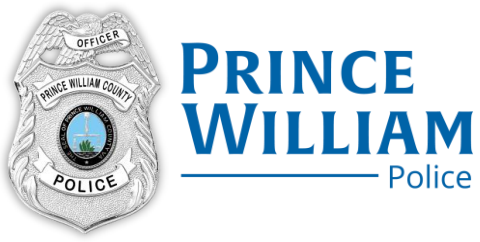
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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MURDER

DIANA LYNN HOULE

Age at the time of incident: 31

Date of incident: August 14, 1989

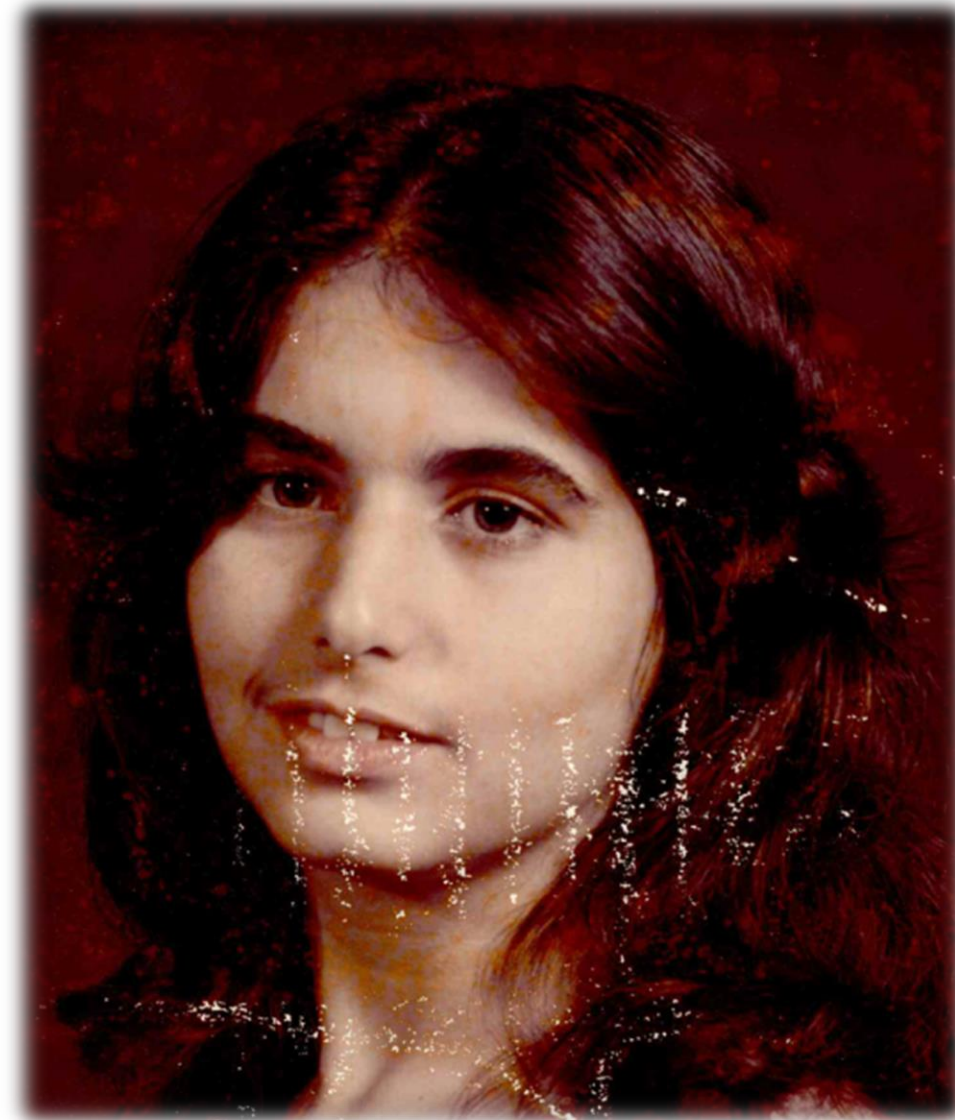
Synopsis of incident: On August 14, 1989, Diana's decomposed body was found in her apartment at 4390 Whitmer Dr. #3 in Woodbridge. Investigators at the time believed that she died on or about August 1, 1989. An autopsy revealed she died from blunt force trauma.

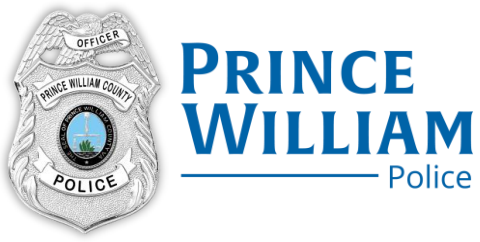
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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MURDER

DINA SAPOZHNIKOV

Age at the time of incident: 54

Date of incident: June 28, 1994

Synopsis of incident: On June 27, 1994, Dina was reported missing in Fairfax Co., VA. On June 28, 1994, the investigation led detectives to a friend's residence at 1825 Giles Ct. in Woodbridge where Dina was found dead along with a friend, Aleksandr Kishinevski. An autopsy revealed both victims died from a gunshot wound.

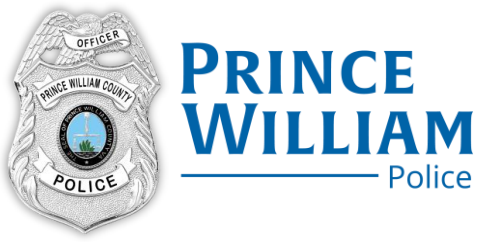
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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MURDER

ALEKSANDR KISHINEVSKI

Age at the time of incident: 36

Date of incident: June 28, 1994

Synopsis of incident: On June 28, 1994, police in Fairfax Co. responded to Aleksandr's residence at 1825 Giles Ct. in Woodbridge to search for Dina Sapozhnikov, who had been reported missing the previous day. He along with Dina, were both found dead inside the home. An autopsy revealed both victims died from a gunshot wound.

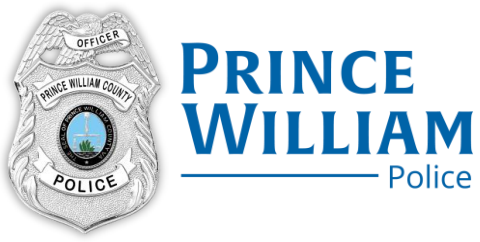
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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MURDER

ZISKA IYABO RODGERS WILLIAMS

Age at the time of incident: 19

Date of incident: May 3, 1996

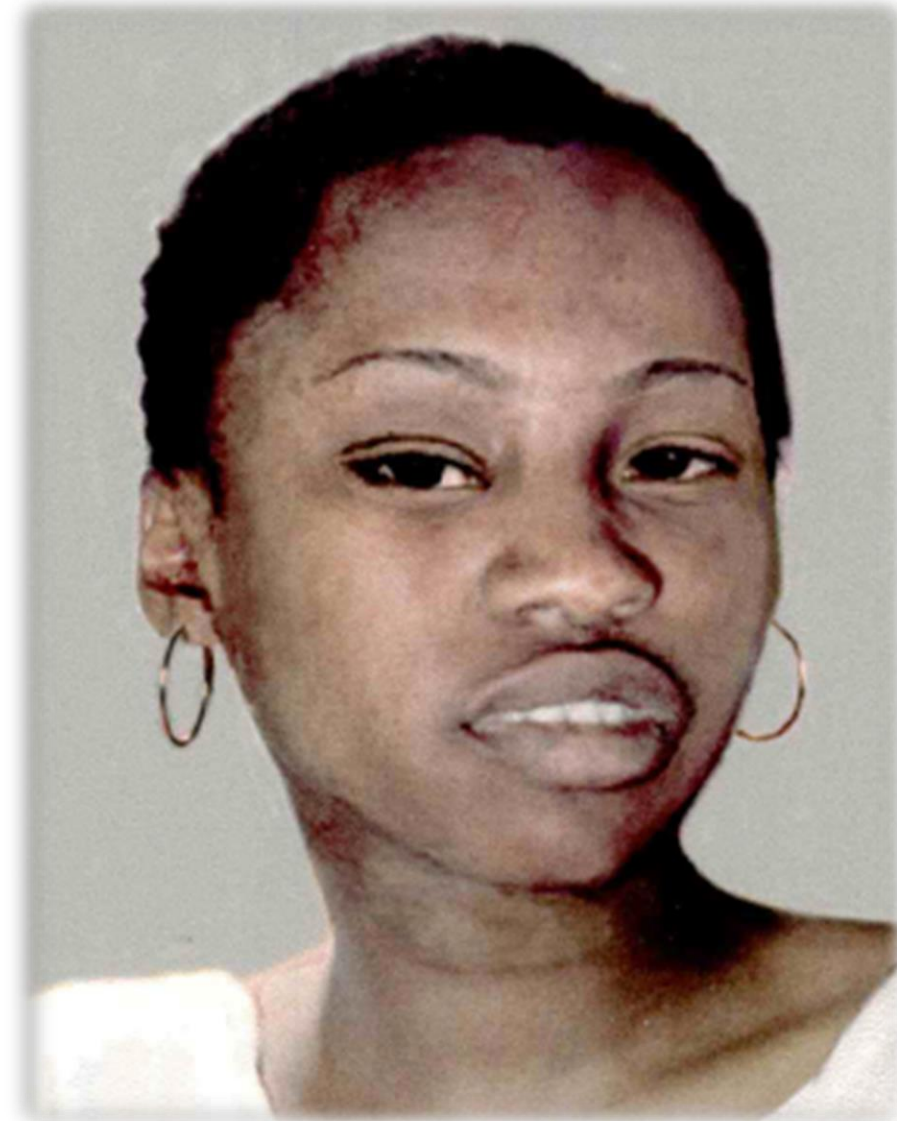
Synopsis of incident: On May 3, 1996, an unidentified body was found on Hunter Pl. in Woodbridge. On May 15, 1996, the body was later identified as Ziska's after a photo appeared in the paper. She had been reported missing in Washington D.C. on May 7, 1996. An autopsy revealed she died from stab wounds.

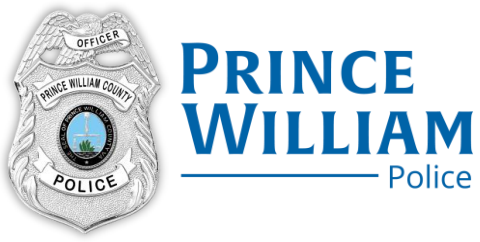
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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MURDER

RUSSELL RAYMOND MARTIN

Age at the time of incident: 52

Date of incident: April 12, 1999

Synopsis of incident: On April 12, 1999, Russell's body was found in his residence at 4424-B Forestburg Ln. in Triangle lying on the floor bloody and unresponsive. An autopsy revealed he died from blunt force trauma.

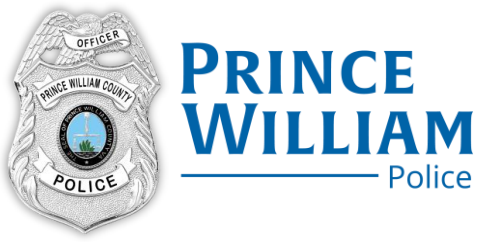
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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION MURDER

VERNON HOOVER NIELSEN

Age at the time of incident: 69

Date of incident: July 6, 1999

Synopsis of incident: On July 6, 1999, Vernon's body was found in the sleeping area of his truck at 15481 Farm Creek Dr. in Woodbridge. He had parked at the location overnight when he arrived early to make a delivery. An autopsy revealed he died from a gunshot wound.

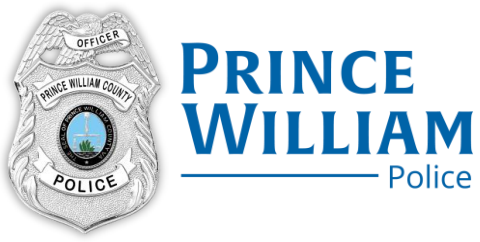
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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MURDER

JOHANNES ANTHONIUS DEHART

Age at the time of incident: 62

Date of incident: September 28, 1999

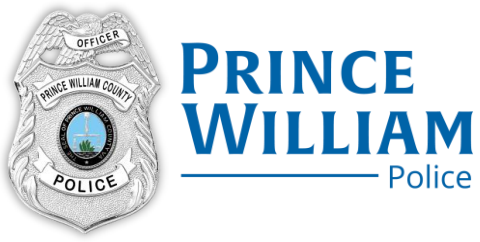
Synopsis of incident: On September 28, 1999, an unidentified body was found in a creek behind 9325 Mace St. in Manassas. A composite was created, and the victim was identified as a tourist from the Netherlands. Johannes entered the country on September 17, 1999 in Atlanta. An autopsy revealed he died from blunt force trauma.

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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MURDER

OSCAR MARADIAGA

Age at the time of incident: 39

Date of incident: May 29, 2005

Synopsis of incident: On May 29, 2005, Oscar's body was found in a creek near a homeless camp located in a wooded area along Rosemary Dr. near Sage St. in Manassas. He reportedly had an argument with another individual prior to walking from the camp to the area of the creek. An autopsy revealed he died from drowning and blunt force trauma.

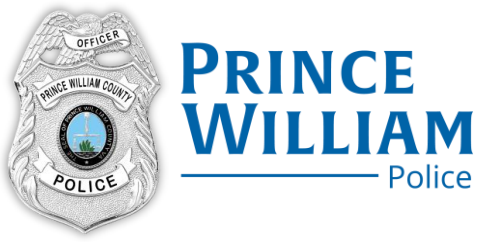
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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MURDER

ROSA NERIDA GARCIA

AKA NERIDA ROSA GARCIA

Age at the time of incident: 23

Date of incident: August 25, 2005

Synopsis of incident: On August 25, 2005, Rosa, aka Nerida, was found hanging inside her residence at 7975 Deward Ct in Manassas. There was a suicide note and the scene appeared as if she took her own life. An autopsy later revealed the death was a homicide.

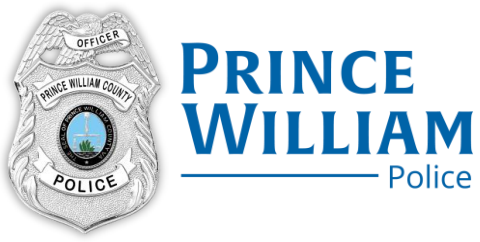
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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MURDER

ABRAHAM ISAAC ROQUE

Age at the time of incident: 6 months

Date of incident: January 31, 2006

Synopsis of incident: On January 31, 2006, Abraham stopped breathing while in the care of his babysitter at 14950 Madison Ct. in Haymarket. It is unknown if the injuries suffered by the victim occurred while in the custody of the babysitter or while he was with his parents at 13289 Catharpin Valley Dr. in Gainesville. An autopsy revealed he died as a result of being shaken violently.

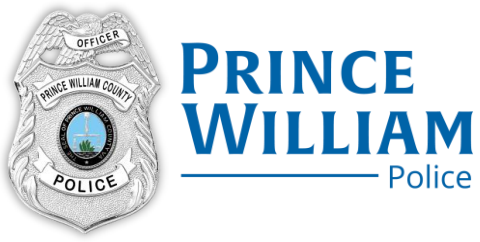
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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MURDER

RAHSAAN GREGORY MACK

Age at the time of incident: 25

Date of incident: July 2, 2007

Synopsis of incident: On July 2, 2007, Rahsaan was found on the ground in front of 18140 Kilmer Ln. in Triangle. He was reportedly on his way to the building to visit relatives. An autopsy revealed he died from gunshot wounds.

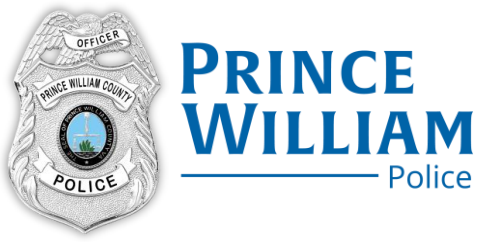
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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MURDER

PABLO CRUZ GAMEZ

Age at the time of incident: 31

Date of incident: March 15, 2009

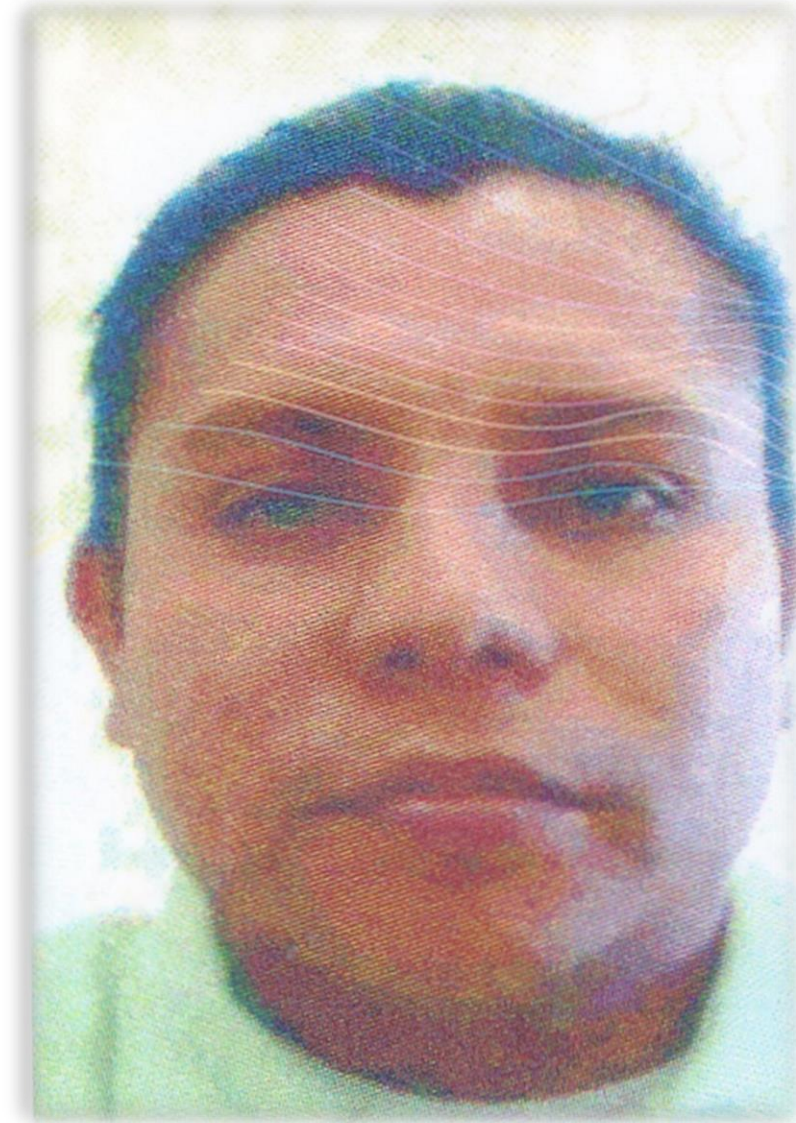
Synopsis of incident: On March 15, 2009, Pablo's body was found in the woods behind 13976 Jefferson Davis Hwy in Woodbridge. An autopsy revealed he died from blunt force trauma.

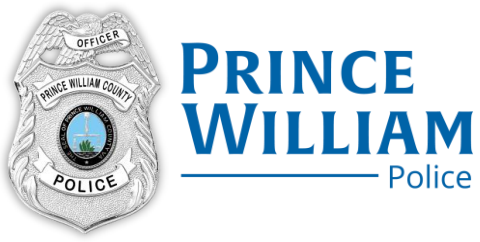
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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MISSING PERSON

BRENDA SUE DAVIDSON

Age at the time of incident: 14

Date of incident: March 4, 1974

Synopsis of incident: On March 4, 1974, Brenda was reported as a runaway. She attended Fred Lynn MS and was caught stealing at a store a few days prior. Brenda was reportedly seen at different locations after her initial disappearance but hasn't been seen or heard from since. She resided in the Gleaton Trailer Park in Woodbridge.

REF case #: C104755 / 15-059644

Brenda is a white female, 5'5"-5'7", 135-150lbs., with brown hair and possibly green eyes.

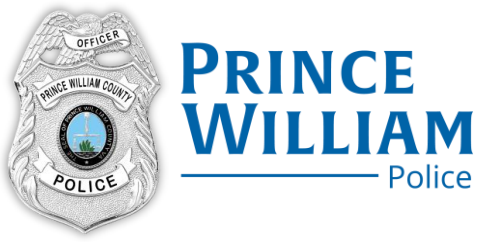
Last seen wearing maroon-colored pants and a black waist length coat or jacket.

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MISSING PERSON

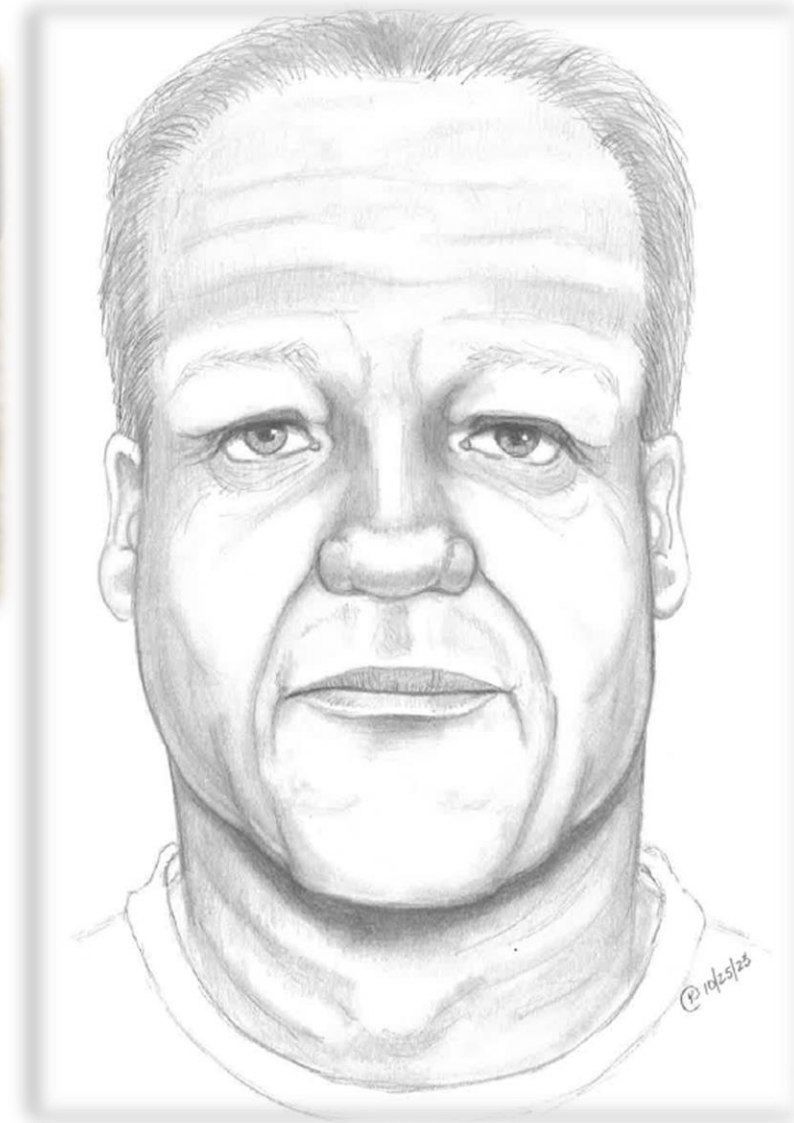
BRIAN AUBREY BREEDEN

Age at the time of incident: 44

Date of incident: June 17, 2005

Synopsis of incident: On June 17, 2005, Brian was last seen paying a bill at the Culpeper Treasure's Office. Brian was involved in a fraud investigation around the same time and has not been seen or heard from since. He had residences on Picadilly Cir. in Culpeper, River Rd. in Occoquan, and Jennings St. in Woodbridge and had ties to the area.

REF case #: 15-4012012

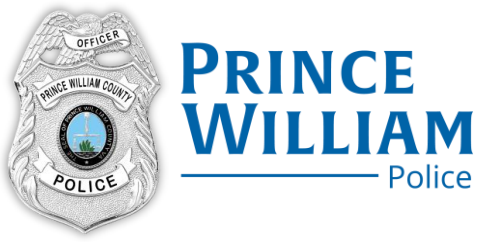


Brian a white male, 5'6", 140lbs., with brown hair, green eyes, and a scar on his abdomen.

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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MISSING PERSON

SHANE RYAN DONAHUE

Age at the time of incident: 23

Date of incident: March 22, 2010

Synopsis of incident: On March 22, 2010, Shane was last seen leaving his parents home at 14323 Aden Rd. in Nokesville. He was reportedly going to his residence nearby at 12008 Aden Rd. in Nokesville; however, he never made it to the location and was never heard from again.

REF case #: 10-050509

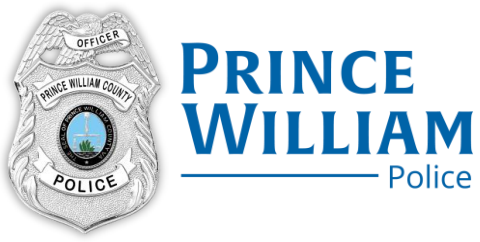
Shane is a white male, 5'11", 180lbs., with brown hair and brown eyes.

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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MISSING PERSON

MICHAEL ANTHONY JOHNSON

Age at the time of incident: 24

Date of incident: April 1, 2015

Synopsis of incident: On April 1, 2015, Michael was last seen leaving the Inns of Virginia on Annapolis Way in Woodbridge. He left behind his property and has not been seen or heard from since his disappearance.

REF case #: 15-052554

Michael is a white male, 5'11", 140lbs., light-skinned with brown hair, green eyes, and a skull tattoo on his chest.

He was last seen wearing a white t-shirt, blue jeans, gray & blue hooded jacket, and blue & white sneakers.

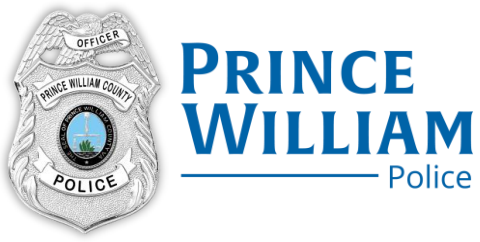
Blood type: O Positive



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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MISSING PERSON

ROBERT STERLING MCCARTHY

Age at the time of incident: 33

Date of incident: February 20, 2020

Synopsis of incident: Robert was last seen by his girlfriend at her residence on Prince Cole Ct. in Manassas after an argument. He is a recovering substance abuser, and his last bank transaction was for a ride-share to Baltimore, MD on Feb. 28, 2020. Since then, no communication with Robert has occurred. It was reported Robert would travel to Baltimore to purchase narcotics and was seen in Baltimore the last time he went missing. Robert may also go by the name "Sterling Turner".

REF case #: PD200008680

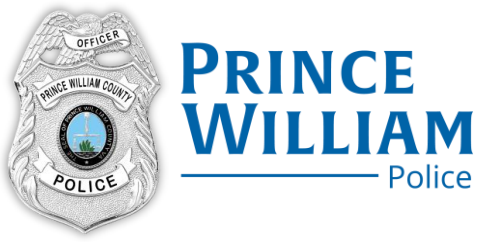
Michael is a white male, 5'10", 200lbs., with black hair, brown eyes, and a goatee. He has a tattoo of the state of Maryland on his right shoulder and walks with a limp to his right leg.

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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
MISSING PERSON

SHERRY LYN QUINN

Age at the time of incident: 17

Date of incident: September 5, 1980

Synopsis of incident: Quinn was last seen by family members in Dale City. She stated that she was going to go over to an acquaintance's house to get her belongings. Weeks later, a family member received a collect phone call from Sherry thought to be made from Texas. Sherry was known to hitchhike and had several previous instances of traveling long distances hitch hiking. Case formally opened in 2021.

REF case #: PD210009277

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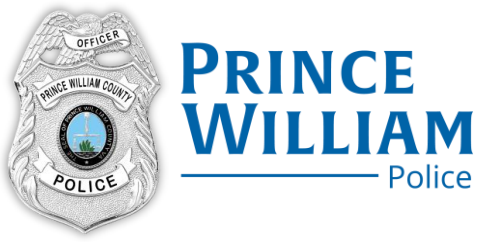
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Sherry is a white female, 5'3", 120lbs., with brown hair and brown eyes.





COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
UNDETERMINED

PATRICIA ANN MOORE

Age at the time of incident: 10

Date of incident: October 10, 1970

Synopsis of incident: On July 15, 1970, Patricia went missing from 7359 Clifton Rd. in Clifton, VA. She was reportedly walking to visit a friend who resided on Maple Branch Rd. On October 10, 1970, her skeletal remains were found in a wooded area just north of Old Colchester Rd. in Woodbridge. The cause and manner of death were undetermined.

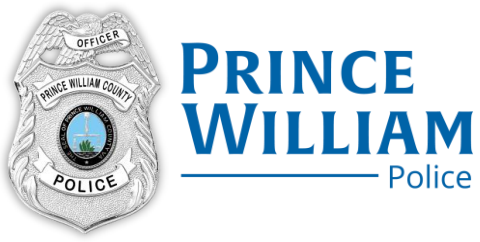
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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
UNDETERMINED

LINDA MAE ARCHER

Age at the time of incident: 56

Date of incident: January 4, 2005

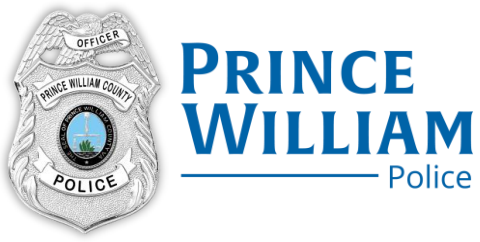
Synopsis of incident: on January 4, 2005, Linda was reported missing after she had not been seen since October 2004. On May 14, 2010, her skeletal remains were found at a vacant property near Prince William Pkwy and Minnieville Rd. in Woodbridge. The cause and manner of death were undetermined.

REF case #: 10-098644, cross ref #05-001836

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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
UNDETERMINED

CYNTHIA JOAN GASTELLE

Age at the time of incident: 20

Date of incident: February 11, 1982

Synopsis of incident: On April 3, 1980, Cynthia was last seen at her residence in Takoma Park, MD. She was expected to go to two job interviews; however, never returned home. Her skeletal remains were later found on February 11, 1982 near 1100 Mountain Rd. in Haymarket. The cause and manner of death were undetermined.

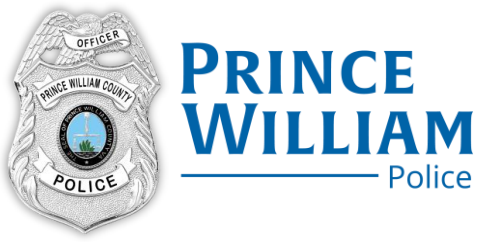
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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
UNDETERMINED

ERICA DAWN MAYNOR

Age at the time of incident: 25

Date of incident: March 23, 2011

Synopsis of incident: On March 23, 2011, Erica's body was found in a burning dumpster located beside apartment building #1301 on Bayside Ave. in Woodbridge. An autopsy revealed she was deceased prior to the fire. The cause and manner of death were undetermined.

REF case #: 11-049517

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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
WARRANTS ON FILE

JOSE EFRAIN GUZMAN

Age at the time of incident: 47

Date of incident: February 7, 2005

Synopsis of incident: On February 7, 2005, Jose's body was found in a wooded area near 16018 Thoroughfare Rd. in Gainesville. He was last seen at a bar with three suspects in Sterling, VA. An autopsy revealed he died from blunt force trauma. The investigation led to warrants being obtained for three men who reportedly fled the country. Warrants remain active.

REF case #: 05-018504

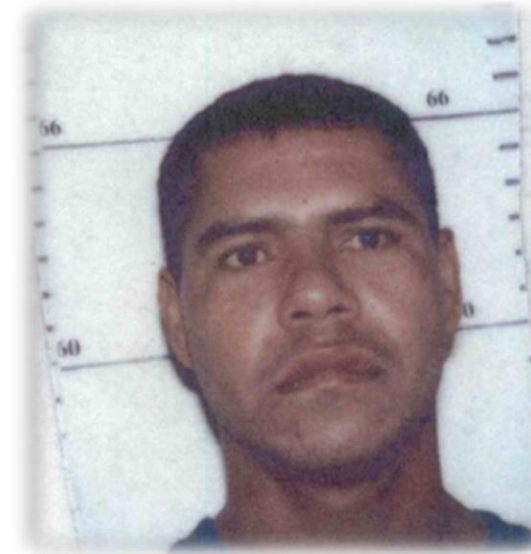
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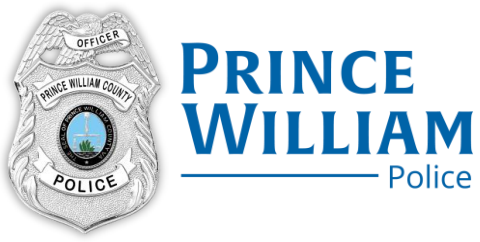
Roger Alexander Mendez Lopez



Eberto DeJesus Ulloa Vallecillos



Rigoberto Otero Aguilar



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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
UNIDENTIFIED

JOHN DOE, UNIDENTIFIED

Age at the time of incident: between 40 & 50

Date of incident: May 12, 1990

Synopsis of incident: On May 12, 1990, the decomposed remains of an unidentified man were found in the wooded area behind 13500 Fitzhugh Ln. in Woodbridge. An autopsy revealed that he died from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

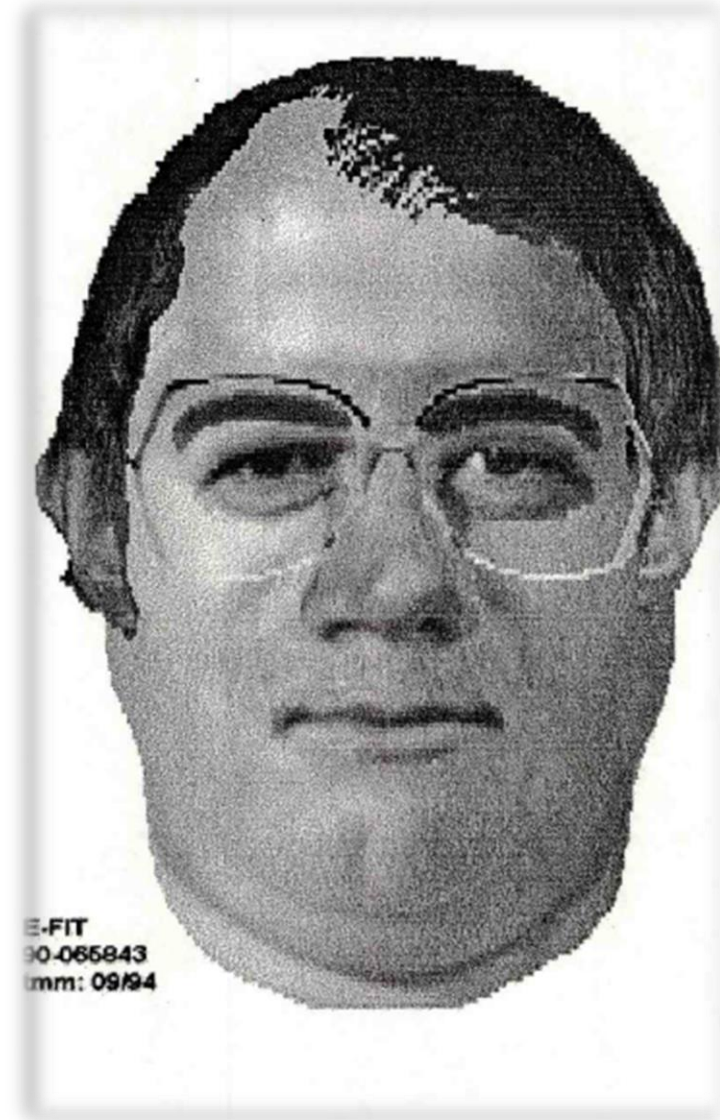
REF case #: 90-65843

The deceased was a white male, 5'10", 197lbs., his hair was brown with gray streaks, and he had a thin mustache with beard whiskers.

His blood type was ABO.

He was found wearing a size 36 navy blue, work-style pants and a white buttoned-down shirt with blue vertical stripes over a dark orange or brown buttoned down collared shirt.

He was also wearing a size 9 ½ white pair of Reebok brand shoes and a pair of purplish tint plastic framed glasses.



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COLD CASE INVESTIGATION
UNIDENTIFIED

JOHN DOE, UNIDENTIFIED

Age at the time of incident: between 30 & 40

Date of incident: July 29, 2002

Synopsis of incident: On July 29, 2002, the decomposed remains of an unidentified man were found in the wooded area behind a commercial business in the 8100 block of Sudley Rd. in Manassas. The cause and manner of death were ruled undetermined.

REF case #: 02-110833

The deceased was a white male, possibly Hispanic, 5'7"-5'8" with brown hair.

He was found wearing an "Eddie Bauer" long-sleeve green button-down shirt, "Rustler" jeans with a 30" length/29" waist, "Hanes" dotted print briefs, and size 11 "Route 66" brown ankle-high hiking style boots.

Items in his possession included a black comb, 2 Giant brand AA batteries, a foam cover for stereo headphones, and misc. coins. A folding pair of scissors, and Giant Food Bonus Club card tag, and CVS Care tag were also found on a keychain.



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