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MEDIA RELEASE



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TOPIC: Santa Cruz Police Launch Cold Case Webpage
December Marks 41st Anniversary of the UNSOLVED HOMICIDE - Case: 75-186030

INFORMATION:

The Santa Cruz Police Department has launched a new webpage dedicated to Cold Cases. We are aimed at taking the forces of communication and community engagement to a new level to solve cold cases in the City of Santa Cruz.

December 22nd marked the 41st Anniversary of this UNSOLVED HOMICIDE - Case: 75-186030

The victim, Deborah Jean Cargill, lived in Campbell, CA. She was 19 years old at the time she was kidnapped and killed. On 12/21/1975 at approximately 4:30PM just as she was parking her vehicle in the parking lot of the Albertsons grocery store, located at Hwy 9 and Bollinger in the City of San Jose, (where she worked) she was contacted and led away by an unknown male suspect. Her body was found on 12/22/1975 in the San Lorenzo River near the train trestle.

SCPD is always looking for new information on cold cases. Now, we are using social media and our website to reach more audience and share cold case details. The [Santa Cruz Police Cold Case webpage](#) and social media post include photos and review facts about unsolved murders under active investigation by the Cold Case Investigator.

“Our goal for the Cold Case webpage and the investigative efforts, said Chief Vogel, is to bring attention to these cases, so they are not forgotten. The Investigations Unit is committed to bringing justice and a degree of closure to the victim’s families.”

SCPD is hoping to have the [Santa Cruz Police Cold Case webpage](#) shared as widely as possible. Even someone with second or third-hand information about what happened may hold the missing piece of the puzzle that helps us to crack the case, solve a mystery, and bring justice to the victim’s family and her friends.



About SCPD Cold Case Detective Ron Truhitte



To solve a decades-old murder you have to be curious and dedicated in the search for the truth.

How do you solve a cold case?

“The only way to solve a decades-old murder is through hard work, thorough analysis of the evidence, and examining and re-examining old witness interviews.”

Why the dedication to cold cases?

“I am an advocate for victims. My primary mission is to bring peace to the family and friends of those that were tragically killed. And, as I do, SCPD recognizes the importance to the community of solving cold cases and bringing those accountable to justice.”

[SCPD Cold Cases](http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/departments/police/cold-cases) are featured on <http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/departments/police/cold-cases>

If you have information about any of these unsolved murders, contact SCPD through our anonymous tip line 831-420-5995 or SCPD Investigations 831-420-5820. Email Ron Truhitte at RTruhutte@cityofsantacruz.com

For additional information, contact: Joyce Blaschke

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Anonymous tips can also be sent to the police department through our Tip Line (831) 420-5995, or from our Website; www.santacruzpolice.com . Tipsters can also submit an anonymous tip via our smartphone app or from an SMS text. Visit our Website for instructions.

Photo 1 of Deborah Jean Cargill



Photo 2 Deborah Cargill (in pink coat)



Photo 3 of Deborah Cargill

