May 14, 2019

Via Email

Blaine Pardoe
Bpardoe870@aol.com

Re: FOIA Request No.: 2019-FOIA-04182

Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is in response to your above referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following:

In 1971 the Metropolitan Police released a photograph of murder victim Brenda Woodard's clothing on a mannequin to the press. This was released to the public to generate leads. I respectfully submit a request for a photograph of that mannequin in the victim's clothing.

Per a search conducted by Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) personnel, no photograph responsive to your request was located; however, the following link was posted on the MPD website: https://search.usa.gov/search?query=Brenda+Woodard&affiliate=dc_mpdc&emb=1.

Be advised, the homicide of Brenda Woodard was handled by the Prince George's County Police Department. You may also wish to contact that police department for additional information.

Please know that, under D.C Official Code § 2-537 and 1 DCMR § 412, you have the right to appeal this letter to the Mayor or to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. If you elect to appeal to the Mayor, your appeal must be in writing and contain “Freedom of Information Act Appeal” or “FOIA Appeal” in the subject line of the letter, as well as, on the outside of the envelope. The appeal must include (1) a copy of the original request; (2) a copy of any written denial; (3) a statement of the circumstances, reasons, and/or arguments advanced in support of disclosure; and (4) a daytime telephone number, an e-mail and/or U.S. mailing address at which you can be reached. The appeal must be mailed to: The Mayor’s Correspondence Unit, FOIA Appeal, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 407, Washington, D.C. 20004. Electronic versions of the same information can instead be e-mailed to the Mayor’s Office of Legal Counsel at foia.appeals@dc.gov.

Further, a copy of all appeal materials must be forwarded to the Freedom of Information Officer of the involved agency, or to the agency head of that agency, if there is no designated Freedom of Information Officer there.
Failure to follow these administrative steps will result in delay in the processing and commencement of a response to your appeal to the Mayor.

Sincere regards,

[Redacted]

FOIA Specialist
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office
Metropolitan Police Department
Good Afternoon Ms. Rubjerg,

Please find attached, the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) final response regarding FOIA Request No.: 2020-FOIA-04858.

Kind Regards,

[Redacted]

FOIA Specialist
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office
Metropolitan Police Department
300 Indiana Avenue, NW Room #4153
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 727-3721
[Redacted]@dc.gov

“We are here to help”

For the latest information on the District Government’s response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), please visit coronavirus.dc.gov.
Via E-Mail: [Redacted]

April 17, 2020

Alexyss Rubjerg
[Redacted]
Milwaukee, WI 53211

Re: FOIA Request No.: 2020-FOIA-04858

Dear Ms. Rubjerg,

This is in response to the above referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following:

*I am looking for the case files/autopsies on the victims of the Freeway Phantom; Carol Denise Spinks, Darlenia Denise Johnson, Brenda Faye Crockett, Nenomoshia Yates, Brenda Denise Woodward, Diane Denise Williams. I am a writer trying to look deeper into their cases and see what I can find, please help me out by giving me access to these records.*

It has been determined that the information you are seeking is part of an ongoing criminal investigation. The release of this information could interfere with enforcement proceedings by revealing the direction and pace of the investigation. It could also lead to attempts to destroy or alter evidence, reveal information about potential witnesses who could then be subjected to intimidation as part of an effort to frustrate future investigative activities, or could place witnesses in danger. For these reasons information about this incident is exempt from disclosure pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-534 (a)(2), (a)(3)(A)(i) and (a)(3)(C).

With regards to your request for “autopsies”, please be advised that the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is not the custodian of “autopsies”. You may submit your FOIA request to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) online via the DC Government Public FOIA Portal at [https://foia-dc.gov/palMain.aspx](https://foia-dc.gov/palMain.aspx). Alternatively, you may submit your FOIA request in writing to:

Beverly Fields, Esq.
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
401 E Street, S.W.
Suite #6100
Washington, DC 20024
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Regards,

[Redacted]
FOIA Specialist
Freedom of Information Act Office
Metropolitan Police Department
300 Indiana Avenue, NW, Rm 4153
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 727-3721
Submit New Request

Requester Details
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**Amie Davis**
Bridge to Justice, Inc.
113 Shipp Circle
Hiram, GA 30141
adavis@bridgetojustice.com

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I am looking for any and all available information regarding the Freeway Phantom murders involving the following victims:

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Attached Request Description

| Attach Consent Here | Description Document |

Fee Information
| Amount Willing to Pay | $0 |
| Willing to Pay All Fees | No |
| Fee Waiver Requested | Yes. Fee Waiver Statement.docx |
| Fee Waiver Request Reason | See attached |

Data Types
| Data Formats | Audio, Documents (letters memos reports manuals etc.), Emails, Other, Structured Data (database records spreadsheets), Video Files |

| Data Formats |
CERTIFICATION OF SEARCH FOR FOIA REQUEST BY STAFF

1. [Name], certify that

1. I am the Administrative Sergeant for the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD).

2. I am assigned to ISB, CID, Homicide Branch Unit.

3. Pursuant to a request from the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office for MPD, I/my staff conducted a search for documents (paper or electronic), e-mail and text messages from any electronic device (including any personally-owned devices) used to conduct government business, photographs, audio tapes, and/or video tapes, related to FOIA Request No. 2019-FOIA-04182, on April 9, 2019.

4. In conducting the search, I/my staff used the following search terms:

   Brenda Woodard, Freeway Phantom

5. I/My staff searched the following (check all that apply):

   □ All paper files of my unit;
   □ All storage areas within or adjacent to my unit, or otherwise assigned to my unit;
   □ All administrative electronic mailboxes assigned to my unit and their archives;
   □ All electronic files of my unit contained on the MPD network;
   □ All electronic files of my unit contained on any:
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□ Thumb Drive (______________________________________________________).

□ External Hard Drive (______________________________________________).

□ Other portable electronic storage device (______________________________).

□ Other: ____________________________________________________________.

6. All files likely to contain records responsive to the subject FOIA request were searched.

Select one.

☐ 7a. I/My staff did not locate any documents and/or email messages related to the above-referenced FOIA Request.

OR

☐ 7b. I have/My staff has submitted electronic copies of all documents related to the above-referenced FOIA Request and an index of such documents to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office for the Metropolitan Police Department on __________________________.

8. I understand and acknowledge that I have an ongoing duty to produce all documents related to the above-referenced FOIA request to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office.

April 10, 2019

Date

Sgt. [Redacted]

Digitally signed by Sgt [Redacted]
Date: 2019.04.10 13:54:27-06'00
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Date Documents Sent

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Hello [Name]

I am requesting from the MPD information regarding "The Freeway Phantom" serial murder cases during the period April 1971 through September 1972. Please provide any audio, video files, documents (letters, memos, reports, manuals, etc.) or structured data (database records, spreadsheets). In addition, due to the issues with the request form, I would like to request any of the same documents from the Chief Medical Examiner's Office. I am attaching my ID, as the request form would not allow me to attach it.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please notify me asap.

Thank you,

[Name]

On Wed, Aug 1, 2018 at 2:58 PM, [Name] (MPD) [Name]@dc.gov wrote:

Hello Ms. [Name]

We did not receive your FOIA request, I can see that you have created a profile, but your request history is blank. You can respond to this email stating the records you are requesting and I will process your request.

Thank you

[Name], FOIA

Metropolitan Police Department

300 Indiana Ave NW RM 4153

Washington, DC 20001
“We Are Here to Help”
Good evening,

These cases are open. Neither the Maryland or DC cases have been solved.

Have a great weekend.

Sergeant [redacted]
Criminal Investigations Division
Homicide Branch, Operations
Metropolitan Police Department
101 M Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

[redacted]@dc.gov
(Office)
202-299-3434 (Main)
202-442-8010 (Fax)
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On Apr 23, 2021, at 19:48, [redacted]@dc.gov wrote:

Good evening,

FOIA has received a request relating to the Freeway Phantom. To enable FOIA to make an adequate response to the requester, I wanted to check to see if this is still considered an open investigation?

Your assistance is appreciated.

Thank you and have a good weekend.
We need everyone in our community to pre-register for a vaccination appointment by going to vaccinate.dc.gov or calling 1-855-363-0333. Already vaccinated or pre-registered? Reach out to friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors and help them pre-register. Together we can save lives and end this pandemic. #DCHOPE
Good Afternoon

Please find attached a draft of a final response letter for your review and approval.

This is an Open Investigation, with a referral to OCME.

Kind regards,

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My name is Lainie Justi and I am an Associate Producer for People Magazine Investigates on Investigation Discovery. I'm currently looking into the Freeway Phantom case for an episode of our series.

The Freeway Phantom was a serial killer in the DMV area who was active from 1971-1972. His victims names were Carol Denise Spinks, Darenia Denise Johnson, Brenda Fay Crockett, Nenomoshia Yates, Brenda Denise Woodard, and Diane Williams. I do not have any case numbers. I am hoping to begin the process of obtaining all available records related to these murders.

In addition to court records, documents, and anything entered into evidence, we are hoping to secure copies of all available audio files, video files, photographs, etc. including 911 calls, interrogation/interview footage, and crime scene photos.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

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Blaine Pardoe
Amssville, VA 20106
Bpardoe870@aol.com

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**Request Information**
**Description**
I am looking for a photograph of Robert E. Askins. He was arrested multiple times in Washington DC, the last time being in the 1970's. I know that a photo exists of him - it may be in the files related to the Freeway Phantom killings. Askins is dead - he died in prison. I desire a digital or good hard copy of him. You should have booking photos of him on file. I have been told by former officers that one exists of him.

**Date Range for Record**
**Search:** From 01/30/1952
**Search:** To 07/30/1980

**Fee Information**
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**Data Types**
**Data Formats** Video Files, Documents (letters memos reports manuals etc.)
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Student
Loyola University Maryland

Phone

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Preferred Delivery Mode
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Request Information
Date Range for Record Search: From 04/25/1971
12/31/1972

I am requesting any and all files pertaining to the Freeway Phantom murders that took place in Washington D.C between 1971 and 1972 including files on the victims, suspects, persons of interest, and evidence reports. The victims and dates their bodies were found are as follows:
1. Carol Denise Spinks - 5/1/1971
2. Darlena Denise Johnson - 7/19/1971
4. Nenomoshia Yates - 10/1/1971
5. Brenda Denise Woodard - 11/16/1971
6. Diane Dinnis Williams - 9/6/1972

Suspects and persons of interest include:
1. members of the Green Vega Gang (John Davis, Morris Warren, Paul Fletcher, Paul Brooks, Melvin Gray)
2. Robert Elwood Akins
3. Jessie Tobin
4. George Bullock
5. Dennis Allen Dixon
6. Donald Nathan Tyler
7. Roger Allen Wanzer

Evidence analysis reports or files pertaining to:
1. green synthetic fibers found on the victims' bodies
2. DNA evidence found at crime scenes
3. hair found on the victims' bodies
4. any additional physical evidence related to the murders

Detailed Request Description

Fee Information
Amount Willing to Pay $50
Willing to Pay All Fees Yes
Fee Waiver Requested Yes
Fee Waiver Request Reason

Any and all requested files would aid me in researching/investigating the Freeway Phantom murders. Obtaining these information on these murders could possibly result in new leads in this case since the murders began in 1971 (50 years ago).

Data Types

Data Formats

Documents (letters memos reports manuals etc.), Structured Data (database records spreadsheets)
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Amie Davis
Bridge to Justice, Inc.
113 Shipp Circle
Hiram, GA 30141
Phone [redacted]
adavis@bridgetojustice.com

Requester Default Category: Educational or Non-Commercial Scientific

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Requester Category: Educational or Non-Commercial Scientific
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Request Information
Date Range for Record Search: From 04/01/1971
Date Range for Record Search: To 09/30/1972

I am looking for any and all available information regarding the Freeway Phantom murders involving the following victims:
Carol Denise Spinks - 4/25/1971
Darlenia Denise Johnson - 7/8/1971
Brenda Faye Crockett - 7/27/1971
Nenomoshia Yates - 10/1/1971
Brenda Denise Woodard - 11/15/1971
Diane Denise Williams - 9/5/1972

Detailed Request Description

Attach Consent Here
Description Document

Fee Information
Amount Willing to Pay: $0
Willing to Pay All Fees: No
Fee Waiver Requested: Yes, Fee Waiver Statement.docx
Fee Waiver Request Reason: See attached

Data Types
Data Formats: Audio, Documents (letters memos reports manuals etc.), Emails, Other, Structured Data (database records spreadsheets), Video Files
Submit New Request

Requester Details
To modify requester details, please update your requester profile or email FOIA.Support@dc.gov for assistance.

Justin Blount
Producer
People Magazine Investigates
3780 Wilshire Blvd
Ste. 210
Los Angeles, CA 90010
Phone: [Redacted]
justin.blount@finchprod.com

Requester Default Category: News Media

General Request Information

Select a FOIA Office
MPD - Metropolitan Police Department
URL: https://mpdc.dc.gov/page/open-government-and-foia-mpdc
NOTE: If requesting police records regarding yourself, provide the date, time, and place of the incident/accident/arrest/911 call, and the Central Complaint No., if available.

Select a Request Type
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Request Information

Date Range for Record Search: From
01/01/1939

Date Range for Record Search: To
01/01/1980

Description Document
We are requesting mug shots from individuals who were considered suspects in the 1971 Freeway Phantom case in the DC area. These suspects were already had prior records and spent time in jail so we know there are mugshot photos. Below is who were are specifically looking for:


and

Morris Warren- He was arrested in connection of the Green Vega Rapists in the early 70's. He was also a suspect in the Freeway Phantom case.

Detailed Request Description
IMG_6165.jpg

Attach Proof of Identity Here

Attach Consent Here

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Amount Willing to Pay
$0

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Metropolitan Police Department

Central Complaint No.

Incident Date

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Place of Incident

Fire & Emergency Medical Svcs

Incident No.

Incident Date

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Place of Incident
Donald Kaufman  
Metropolitan Police Department  
300 Indiana Avenue, NW  
Room 4153  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Sir,
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My daughter and I are bestselling true crime authors and are exploring whether these cases might warrant us writing a book. Our books on cold cases generate new tips and leads for authorities, and we would anticipate that our coverage of these cases would do the same.

I understand that these are open cases, but they are from the 1970’s and previously information has been released to the press from the files. We understand some material may be held back for investigative purposes. Even the initial crime scene reports would be of interest to us.

If the volume is great, we can arrange to visit your offices and do a review on-site, saving you copy time.

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Blaine Pardoe

Amissville, VA 20106  
Bpardoe870@aol.com
Washington Police Department  
Chief Cathy Lanier  
300 Indiana Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chief Lanier,

My name is Blaine Pardoe and my daughter and I are true crime authors. We are currently working on a book on the Freeway Phantom cases from the early 1970’s in Washington DC. We could use your help with our research.

We have talked to several former investigators and know that your department has lost most of the evidence and much of the investigatory files. We filed a FOIA to request redacted copies of the crime scene reports or any materials that you have. After 47 years, there is little risk of us corrupting any investigation you have. By now, most witnesses are dead, along with most suspects.

The FBI provide us with a wealth of material on the case, but your department blocked our FOIA with Prince George’s County, Maryland as well, citing they were working the case. I am sure they follow-up on leads when they come in, but I seriously doubt this case is prosecutable at this stage. Over ten years ago, in 2002 the FBI released information on the 1975 Jimmy Hoffa case. Yet your department refuses to cooperate with our requests. I’m sure this is an administrative rule, but it need not be reviewed and reconsidered.

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What we are asking for two things. One, a reconsideration of our request for the case files on the Freeway Phantom cases. Two, we would like the name of your contact in the Cold Case Team who we can ask questions of. Police Departments that have worked with us (Michigan State Police, the Battle Creek Police Department) have found this gives them a degree of control and insight as to what will be printed in the book.

Our goal is get the information out the public on these cases in hopes that it will lead to closure. It has been nearly five decades...I hope you feel the same way we do, it’s worth a shot.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service.

Sincerely,

Blaine Pardoe

1551 Freeman Drive

bpardoe870@aol.com
540-937-9886
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February 28, 2019

Via Email

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Per a search conducted by personnel assigned to the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), the search determined in accordance with MPD’s Homicide’s then-retention schedule (25 years for closed and solved homicides), these files were purged in the year of 1978, therefore, no photographs were located in response to your request.

Please know that, under D.C. Official Code § 2-537 and 1 DCMR § 412, you have the right to appeal this letter to the Mayor or to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. If you elect to appeal to the Mayor, your appeal must be in writing and contain “Freedom of Information Act Appeal” or “FOIA Appeal” in the subject line of the letter, as well as, on the outside of the envelope. The appeal must include (1) a copy of the original request; (2) a copy of any written denial; (3) a statement of the circumstances, reasons, and/or arguments advanced in support of
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Failure to follow these administrative steps will result in delay in the processing and commencement of a response to your appeal to the Mayor.

Sincere Regards,

[Redacted]

FOIA Specialist
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office
Metropolitan Police Department
CERTIFICATION OF SEARCH FOR FOIA REQUEST BY STAFF

1. [Redacted], certify that

1. I am the [Redacted] for the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD).

2. I am assigned to Office of Communications

3. Pursuant to a request from the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office for MPD, I/my staff conducted a search for documents (paper or electronic), e-mail and text messages from any electronic device (including any personally-owned devices) used to conduct government business, photographs, audio tapes, and/or video tapes, related to FOIA Request No. 2018-FOIA-00950, on 11/28/17.

4. In conducting the search, I/my staff used the following search terms:
Freeway Phantom Killings
Freeway Phantom
Carol Spinks
Darlenia Johnson
Nenomoshia Yates
Brenda Woodward; Diane Williams

5. I/My staff searched the following (check all that apply):

☐ All paper files of my unit;
☐ All storage areas within or adjacent to my unit, or otherwise assigned to my unit;
☐ All administrative electronic mailboxes assigned to my unit and their archives;
☐ All electronic files of my unit contained on the MPD network;
☐ All electronic files of my unit contained on any:

☐ CD (__________________________________________);

☐ DVD (__________________________________________).
Certification of Staff
Page 2 of 2

☐ Thumb Drive (__________________________). Location of Device
☐ External Hard Drive (__________________________). Location of Device

☐ Other portable electronic storage device (__________________________). Name of Device Location of Device

☐ Other: _____________________________________________.

6. All files likely to contain records responsive to the subject FOIA request were searched.

Select one.

☐ 7a. I/My staff did not locate any documents and/or email messages related to the above-referenced FOIA Request.

OR

☐ 7b. I have/My staff has submitted electronic copies of all documents related to the above-referenced FOIA Request and an index of such documents to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office for the Metropolitan Police Department on ______________________. Date Documents Sent

8. I understand and acknowledge that I have an ongoing duty to produce all documents related to the above-referenced FOIA request to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office.

11/29/17
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**METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPT., WASH., D.C.**

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On above date and time an unidentified negro female was found alongside 295 Northbound approx. 500 yds south of Swintand Parkway in an unconscious condition by

Body to D.C. Morgue by Morgue Crs. 704

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**OFFICE LIABILITY**

**REPUBLIC**

LD Crusier 151 on scene.
LD Investigators Crusier 262 on scene.
Homicide Crusier 312-311 and 318 on scene.
Det. Sgt. [redacted] of Homicide on scene.
Mr. [redacted] of the Coroner's Office on scene.

Sgt. [redacted] of C& R notified at 1550 Hrs.
Subject identified as Carol Sprinks
pronounced dead by Dr. [redacted] at 1510 Hrs.
on 5-1-71 on scene.

May 2 9:42 PM '71

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INCIDENT REPORT
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPT. WASH., D.C.

1. COMPLAINT NO. 207-705
2. STREET ADDRESS Unknown
3. COMPLAINT NAME: Doe, Jane, Ageless
4. HOME PHONE

5. WHERE EMPLOYED - SCHOOL ATTENDING
6. BUS. PHONE

7. SEX: F RACE: N DOB: Unknown
8. CRIME OR INCIDENT: Death Report

9. LOCATION OF CRIME/INCIDENT: 295 N. B St. S. Suitland Parkway in un
10. WEAPON, TOOL, FORCE OR MEANS USED (Describe)
11. METHOD USED: N/A

12. PERSONNEL: N/A
13. CLASSIFICATION/OF

14. SEAT: 48
15. DIST: 60-1
16. SEAT: 601
17. N.: 937

18. OCCUPATION: N/A
19. EMPLOYED: N/A

20. VEHICLE USED - TAG NO. STATE & YR 

21. MAKE/ YEAR/ MODEL/ COLOR 

22. CODE: C-OWNER C-COMPLAINANT P-PARENT/GUARDIAN R-REPORTING PERSON

23. NAME (Lang., First, Middle)

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30. TREATED BY: N/A

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On above date and time an unidentified Negro female was found alongside 295 Northbound approx. 600 yds south of Suitland Parkway in a unconscious condition by

Body to D.C. Morgue by Morgue Cus. 704

T. T. NUMBER 61-2
DATE & TIME THIS REPORT
4-1-71 1:30 A.M.

STATS: CASE DISPOSITION
OPEN CLOSED SUSPENDED
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T. T. DEPT.

PD 283 - REVISED 3/71
Capt. [redacted] and Lt. [redacted] on scene. Cruiser 219 on scene.

Sgt. [redacted] and Sgt. [redacted] on scene.

ZA Cruiser 151 on scene.

CID Investigators Cruiser 262 on scene.
Homicide Cruiser 312-311 and 318 on scene.

Det. Sgt. [redacted] of Homicide on scene.

Mr. [redacted] of the Coroner's Office on scene.

Sgt. [redacted] of C-C-R notified at 1530 hrs.

Subject identified as Carol Spinks pronounced dead by [redacted] at 1510 hrs.

On 5-1-71 on scene.

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DESCRIPTION
From April 1971 to September 1972 six young African-American girls were abducted from their neighborhoods in Washington, DC and murdered. Their bodies were found in both the District of Columbia and in Prince George’s County, Maryland. The suspect in these murders has been called “The Freeway Phantom” by the media. The Major Case/Cold Case Unit of the Metropolitan Police Department, in conjunction with the Prince George’s County, Maryland Police Homicide Unit is seeing the public’s help in solving these cases.

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Police Plead for Public’s Help
In Search for Freeway Killer

By Charles A. Krause
Washington Post Staff Writer

Metropolitan police investigating the so-called Freeway Phantom murders blame the public for their inability to find the killer or killers of seven Washington girls found strangled over the past 17 months along area expressways.

“We’re pleading for the public to come through,” Det. Louis R. Richardson of the police homicide division, who is in charge of the investigation, said yesterday. “I’m positive somebody knows something in each and every case.”

There were striking similarities in both the lives and deaths of the seven girls: all were black, five lived in the same section of the city, aged 12 and 16, all were last seen walking alone in the early evening or night and six were found near the District line along Prince George’s expressways. The seventh victim was found near Waldorf, Md. in Charles County.

The seven victims were:
Carole Denise Spinks, 13, killed April 25 or 26, 1971.
Angela Denise Barnes, 14, killed July 13, 1971.
Darlena Denise Johnson, 16, killed July 8 or 9, 1971.
Brenda Fay Crockett, 10, killed July 8, 1971.
Brenda Denise Woodard, 18, killed Nov. 14, 1971.
Diane Williams, 17, killed Sept. 5, 1972.

Police believe that however similar the circumstances surrounding the deaths, at least two and possibly more killers are responsible.

Richardson said he is now reviewing the fourth time “thousands” of pages of files relating to the seven killings, trying to find links that may have been overlooked.

For example, Richardson said he has discovered that one of the victims was found dead near where her mother worked about the time her mother would have finished work. Richardson believes that a close friend or relative who knew this information may have convinced the girl to get in his car on the pretext that they would then pick up the victim’s mother.

This kind of information is significant, the detective said, because most of the victims apparently entered their killer’s car voluntarily.

“We have a strong feeling that these girls knew the assailant or a close friend of the assailant,” Richardson said.

Richardson said he is certain that someone observed each of the victims as they entered the killer’s car. “What they saw is what we want to know,” he said.

Two detectives will now be assigned to each case, he said, treating each as an individual killing. “Maybe the detectives can communicate more clearly with the victims’ families,” he said. “These cases could be isolated.”

Richardson said people do not want to become involved because they fear retaliation, either from neighbors who may think they are police informants or because “they are afraid the killer may come and get them.”

But Richardson said it was in the public’s interest to help the police find the killer or killers. “As long as they are out there,” he said, “you don’t know who the next victim is going to be.”
INCIDENT REPORT
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPT, WASH., D.C.

18. COMP. OCCUPATION - MRS. EMPLOYED:
Unknown
19. DESCRIBE LOCATION OF INCIDENT:
Public Space

20. VEHICLE USED - TAG NO. STATE & YR:
N/A
21. MAKE YEAR MODEL COLOR:
N/A

CODE: Q - OWNER C - COMPLAINANT
P - PARENT/GUARDIAN R - REPORTING PERSON

22. NAME (Last, First, Middle):

23. IF ANIMAL BITE, GIVE INOCULATION NO.

24. LICENSE NO.

25. IF IMPounded DATE AND TIME:

26. IDENTIFY SUSPECTS BY NUMBER, NAME, ADDRESS, SEX, RACE, AGE, HEIGHT, WEIGHT, EYES, HAIR, ETC. IF ARRESTED GIVE ARREST NUMBER AND CHARGE, IF ARMED GIVE KIND, SIZE, COLOR, ETC.

27. NATURE OF INJURY AND LOCATION ON BODY:
N/A

28. IF HOSPITALIZED - WHERE?
DC Morgue

29. TRANSPORTED BY:
Morgue Crus. 704

30. TREATED BY:
N/A

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COMPLETE ALL APPROPRIATE ITEMS. USE SPACE BELOW TO (1) CONTINUE ABOVE ITEMS AS NECESSARY, INDICATING ITEM NUMBER AT LEFT. (2) BRIEFLY DESCRIBE INCIDENT AND ACTION TAKEN. (3) DESCRIBE EVIDENCE OR PROPERTY AND INDICATE DISPOSITION. (4) IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED USE CONTINUATION REPORT.

ITEM NO.:

On above date and time an unidentified Negro female was found alongside 295 Northbound approx. 500 yds south of Suitland Parkway in a unconscious condition by

Body to D.C. Morgue by Morgue Crus. 704

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Date & Time this Report was Made

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4-1-71 1700

RECOGNITION PHOTOS:

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Capt. [REDACTED] and Lt. [REDACTED] in Cruiser 219 on scene.

Sgt. [REDACTED] and Sgt. [REDACTED] in Cruiser 217 on scene.

T.D. in Cruiser 151 on scene.

L.D. Investigators in Cruiser 762 on scene.

Homicide, Cruisers 312-311, and 318 on scene.

Det. Sgt. [REDACTED] of Homicide on scene.

Mr. [REDACTED] of the Coroner's Office on scene.

Sgt. [REDACTED] of C.R. notified at 1530 hrs.

Subject identified as Carol Sinks pronounced dead by Dr. [REDACTED] at 1510 hrs.

On 5-1-71 on scene.
Good afternoon,

I was unable to locate any correspondence or files in our shared drive specifically for Brenda Woodard; however, I did find information posted on our website.

Additionally, we have had request in regards to the Phantom Freeway (Woodard is listed as a victim).

I’ve attached the latest responses in reference to the Phantom Freeway. See link to photo and releases from our website below.

https://mpdc.dc.gov/publication/%E2%80%9Cfreeway-phantom%E2%80%9D-homicide-victims

https://search.usa.gov/search?query=Brenda+Woodard&affiliate=dc_mpdc&emb=1

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Best,

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Subject: New FOIA request 2019-FOIA-04182 (Pardoe)

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Request for Documents for Request # '2019-FOIA-04182'. Your response due date is: 4/10/2019 12:00:00 AM

Message from SENDER:

The attached FOIA request has been assigned to your unit. Brief Description: Request for a photograph allegedly released to the press by MPD in 1971 of Ms. Brenda Woodard, a murder victim. Please see request for more details.

FOIA Request No: 2019-FOIA-04182

FOIA Specialist: [Redacted]

Due Date: April 17, 2019

INSTRUCTIONS

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Good Afternoon,

Of the 6 homicides attributed to the Freeway Phantom, only 2 bodies cases were investigated by our homicide office. The Brenda Woodard homicide was handled by PG County Police. Our certification form is attached.

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Good Morning,

This case file is contained within 4 boxes. We will need time to search the boxes for the photo requested and research if the photo was actually released to the public.

Thanks

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Message from SENDER:

The attached FOIA request has been assigned to your unit.

FOIA Request No: 2019-FOIA-04182
FOIA Specialist: [REDACTED]

Due Date: April 15, 2019

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This week is National Crime Victims’ Rights Week. If you or someone you know has been the victim of a crime, please call or text the DC Victim Hotline at 1-844-4HELPDC or visit https://dcvictim.org today for support, information, and referrals.
Barring an unseen emergency, I’ll be here.

Detective [Name]  
Homicide Squad  
DC Metropolitan Police Department  
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[Email] @dc.gov (e-mail)

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Thank you for your prompt response, we will try to get to your office between 1 and 1:30. Will that be good for you?

Good Morning.

I’m always happy to help. I’ll be in the office and available to assist you during much of today. I’m located just one floor below you at HQ in room 3001.

Detective [Name]  
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Good Morning Det. [name]

I hope this e-mail finds you well. I am emailing with regards to the above listed subject FOIA request.

I was advised by Insp. Parker that I should coordinate with you on availability as to when myself and the assigned FOIA Specialist to the above referenced request can go through the boxes maintained in your office?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you and enjoy your day.

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Take 5 Minutes to nominate an exemplary DC Government employee or team for the 17th Annual Cafritz Awards (DEADLINE is NOV. 30)!
Good Morning,

The cases pertaining to the Freeway Phantom Homicides remain open however the police report(s) were destroyed per our retention schedule and no electronic records of the report(s) exist. Please note, only 2 of the 6 cases occurred within Washington, DC (Spinks/Johnson) the other victims were found in PG County. Additionally, these case files are contained within several boxes.

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The attached FOIA request has been assigned to your unit.

**FOIA Request No:** 2019-FOIA-06488

**FOIA Specialist:** [Redacted]

**Due Date:** July 24, 2019

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Thank you very much for your prompt response.

Please continue to stay safe.

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Yes Ma'am the case remains open.

Good morning Homicide,
FOIA has received a new request for Phantom Freeway Murders. The last we were informed it was an open investigation, can you please confirm the status of this investigation?

Thank you,

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