

# Murdered and Forgotten

## ----- Full 6-Minute Package -----

----- ANCHOR 1 -----

IT'S A SAD, STRANGE MYSTERY ... KIND OF A REVERSE COLD CASE.

THE RAPES AND MURDERS OF TWO YOUNG MOTHERS.

INVESTIGATORS KNOW WHO THE KILLER IS BUT, EVEN AFTER 38 YEARS OF TRYING ... EVEN WITH LOTS CLUES AND EVEN WITH THE BEST OF MODERN SCIENCE ... THEY DON'T KNOW WHO THE VICTIMS ARE.

----- ANCHOR 2 -----

SO TONIGHT, WE'RE GOING TO TRY A DIFFERENT APPROACH.

IN THE SPIRIT OF VICTIM ADVOCACY ... WE'RE TRYING SOMETHING LIKE CROWD-SHARING.

OUR OLIVIA LaVOICE HAS CREATED A STORY WE'LL MAKE AVAILABLE TO EVERY TELEVISION AND RADIO STATION, EVERY NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE ... EVERY BLOG AND EVERY PODCAST IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES.

BUT YOU'LL SEE IT HERE FIRST.

WE WARN YOU THOUGH ... NO ONE HAS RECOGNIZED THESE WOMEN FROM ARTISTS' RENDERINGS. TONIGHT, YOU'LL SEE ACTUAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF THEM IN THE MORGUE.

OLIVIA?

----- OLIVIA -----

WHEN YOU HEAR ABOUT THE DNA ... AND THE FINGERPRINTS ... AND THE TATTOOS ... YOU'LL BE AMAZED THESE POOR WOMEN HAVE NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED.

BUT THEY HAVEN'T.

WE HOPE TO USE THE POWER OF THE INTERNET IN THIS CASE.

SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE KNOWS THESE WOMEN.

-----TAKE PACK-----

THE SCORCHING HEAT SMOTHERED KERN COUNTY IN THE SUMMER OF 1980 ... JUST BEFORE THE ALMOND HARVEST.

ON JULY 15<sup>TH</sup> ... THE BODY OF A WOMAN IS FOUND BLOODY AND BATTERED IN THIS ORCHARD ... ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF DELANO... SHE HAD BEEN RAPED AND STABBED TO DEATH ...

THREE DAYS LATER ...

DETECTIVES IN VENTURA COUNTY FIND A WOMAN'S BODY SPRAWLED IN THE WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT.

SHE TOO HAD BEEN RAPED AND STABBED TO DEATH - 5 MONTHS PREGNANT WITH A SON.

YEARS PASS ...

NO KILLER FOUND AND NO NAMES FOR THE VICTIMS ... THEN - TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY DNA TECHNOLOGY CRACKS BOTH COLD CASES ... CONNECTING BOTH CRIME SCENES ... TO ONE MAN...

Anybody that has to put their arms up to protect themselves from a flurry of stab wounds, that's pretty brutal. Someone was pretty angry with these girls when he killed them.

POLICE SAY THEY KNOW THE PERSON WHO WAS THE LAST TO SEE THESE WOMEN ALIVE ... WILSON CHOUEST.

DNA LINKS CHOUEST TO THE RAPES AND STABBINGS – TODAY, HE PREPARES TO GO ON TRIAL FOR THREE MURDERS, INCLUDING THAT OF THE UNBORN BABY BOY...

BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT THIS STORY IS ABOUT.

WE'RE FOCUSING ON THE VICTIMS ...

IT APPEARS - AFTER NEARLY FOUR DECADES - NO ONE EVEN KNOWS THEY WERE MURDERED. FRIENDS, FAMILY... NOBODY HAS COME FORWARD.

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TWO JANE DOES.

DELANO JANE DOE.

YOUNGBLOOD (2008): This is a real person. A young lady that was brutally murdered in 1980 and no one even knows who she is.

Olivia: To not get any leads is that ...

Steve: That's unusual.

D: We have more about her than we do on most Does, and yet we've not really had a single inquiry about her.

WESTLAKE JANE DOE.

Undersheriff Gary Pentis, Ventura County: "Somewhere there was a child in 1980 where their mother didn't come home."

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MOST MISSING PERSONS REPORTS TAKEN IN CENTRAL CALIFORNIA DECADES AGO HAVE SINCE BEEN DESTROYED.

Dawn: It's just hard for me to believe that somebody doesn't wonder every day what happened.

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**STAND UP: THIS IS WHERE THE CASE BECOMES PERSONAL FOR MANY ... INVESTIGATORS SAY BOTH WOMEN PREVIOUSLY HAD GIVEN BIRTH. CHILDREN – NOW MOST LIKELY IN THEIR 40'S - IF THEY'RE ALIVE ...**

**WHO RAISED THEM?  
WHERE ARE THOSE CHILDREN NOW?**

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Steve: We could tell at both scenes that those victims weren't killed at the scene, they were killed elsewhere and then brought to the locations.

MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS AND WILSON CHOUEST ISN'T SAYING ANYTHING.

DURING THE FOUR MONTH WINDOW HE WAS OUT OF JAIL/ PRISON IN 1980-HE WAS STAYING IN LEMOORE, KINGS COUNTY, ABOUT 95 MILES FROM BAKERSFIELD.

INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN LEMOORE AND THE 60 MILES TO DELANO - CHOUEST FOUND DELANO JANE DOE ... KILLED HER AND DUMPED HER IN THE ORCHARD BEFORE RETURNING HOME TO LEMOORE ...

DAYS LATER-HEADING BACK OUT TO FIND WESTLAKE JANE DOE.

S: I believe our Westlake girl was killed a long way from where she was dumped because she had virtually no blood in her body when we found her.

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NEITHER VICTIM HAD A PURSE OR ID...

BOTH WERE VERY SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE...

EITHER HISPANIC OR NATIVE AMERICAN...

BOTH WERE PETITE-ABOUT 115 POUNDS. BETWEEN 5-FOOT-1 AND 5-FOOT-4.

WESTLAKE JANE DOE IS BELIEVED TO BE A LITTLE YOUNGER THAN DELANO JANE DOE - LIKELY IN HER TWENTIES.

POSTMORTUM EXAMINATIONS SHOWED BOTH WOMEN WERE WELL GROOMED. THEIR CLOTHING WAS CLEAN ...

WESTLAKE JANE'S UNBORN BABY WAS WELL NOURISHED AND PATHOLOGISTS BELIEVE THERE HAD BEEN ADEQUATE PRE-NATAL CARE.

SHE ALSO HAD EXTENSIVE DENTAL WORK.

DELANO JANE DOE HAD SCREWS AND THIS METAL ROD IN HER LEFT LEG ... FROM A PRIOR SURGERY... HER TEETH WERE ALSO DISTINCT...

Dawn: she was missing all her top teeth. Her bottom teeth her lower teeth are all in good order, so I'm not quite sure what would have led to the removal of her top teeth.

INVESTIGATORS CAN SEARCH DENTAL RECORDS ONLY IF THEY HAVE A KNOWN PERSON'S DENTAL RECORDS TO COMPARE.

**STAND UP: DOCTORS ... DENTISTS ... CHILDREN ... THESE WOMEN WERE KNOWN TO SOMEONE ... EACH LIKELY CAME FROM KERN COUNTY OR THE CENTRAL VALLEY. AND, NEITHER SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN IN TROUBLE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT...**

S: Their fingerprints aren't coming up and if they'd been to jail, they'd be fingerprinted.

DNA ISN'T MUCH HELP EITHER.

THE DATABASE LAW ENFORCEMENT USES – CODIS -- HOLDS DNA OF CONVICTED FELONS. THERE WERE NO MATCHES FOR EITHER WOMAN.

FURTHER TESTING ON THE DNA OF WESTLAKE JANE DOE'S UNBORN BABY - TO SEE IF THE BABY IS RELATED TO ANYONE IN THE CRIMINAL DATABASE - YIELDED NO RESULTS....

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Dawn: she had very distinctive tattoos. Because in 1980 not a lot of women had tattoos and certainly not colored ones.

DELANO JANE DOE- HAD CLUES TO HER IDENTITY RIGHT ON HER BODY - SOMETHING THAT SETS HER APART FROM OTHER DOES FROM DECADES AGO.

M: they are professionally done

olivia: I heard it was pretty rare for women to have tattoos like that back in 1980

M: she either had to have run with hippies or bike club.

SEATTLE ...THE PLACE SHE ONCE CALLED HOME?

OR, A NAME THAT COULD HOLD CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE IF DELANO JANE DOE IS NATIVE AMERICAN...

Steve: I think those tattoos are key. The name Shirley I think is key. And who would type Seattle on their arm? What does that mean?

MANY POLICE DEPARTMENTS WE CONTACTED BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND KERN COUNTY HAVEN'T DUSTED OFF ANY FILES RELATED TO THESE WOMEN IN MANY YEARS...

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S: I got into this job to help people. Sending these girls home, I think that's the most important thing. They need to be with their families. Not in a potter's field.

ON CAM:

----- Olivia -----

'THEY NEED TO BE WITH THEIR FAMILIES.'  
WE COULDN'T HAVE SAID IT BETTER.

SO WE'RE GOING TO TRY SOMETHING NO ONE HAS TRIED BEFORE.

JIM?

----- ANCHOR 2 -----

WHAT WE'RE GOING TO TRY IS SOMETHING LIKE CROWD-SOURCING.

FIRST, WE AREN'T GOING TO COPYRIGHT OLIVIA'S STORY.

WE'RE GOING TO OFFER IT ... FREE ... TO EVERY TELEVISION STATION IN CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, OREGON AND WASHINGTON.

IF IT WOULD BE AWKWARD FOR THEM TO HAVE OLIVA IN THEIR NEWSCASTS, WE INVITE THEM TO EDIT HER OUT AND RUN THE INFORMATION WITHOUT HER.

OUR SISTER STATION TELEMUNDO VALLE CENTRAL HAS CREATED A SPANISH LANGUAGE VERSION FOR ANY STATION THAT WANTS THAT.

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WE'VE CREATED A WEBPAGE WITH EVERY SCRAP OF INFORMATION ON THIS CASE.

WE'LL MAKE THAT PAGE AVAILABLE TO ANYONE WHO WANTS IT – EVERY NEWSPAPER, RADIO STATION, WEBSITE ... ANYONE.

WE'VE CREATED A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT AND ARE OFFERING IT TO EVERY TV AND RADION STATION THAT WANT IT.

HERE AT CHANNEL 17, WE PLEDGE TO RUN THAT PSA EVERY DAY A DAY FOR A YEAR.

AT LEAST.