



MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Cold Case Squad – Homicide

SOLVED COLD CASES

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Cold Case Squad was formed in 2006 and is staffed with one senior detective. Extensive research took place in order to establish the number of unsolved cold cases under the Sheriff's Office jurisdiction.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Cold Case Squad is responsible for all cold case investigations along with assisting MCSO detectives, County and District Attorneys, as well as other law enforcement agencies within Montgomery County and the State of Texas. The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Cold Case detective is progressive and forward-thinking, utilizing numerous resources, databases along with the use of county, state, and private laboratories and recently Parabon Snapshot – DNA Phenotyping. Cold Case detectives follow the course of events and the facts as they develop while maintaining old fashion police work ethics and the belief that all cold cases are solvable.

Anyone with information regarding a cold case is asked to contact Montgomery County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-392-STOP (7867) or www.montgomerycountycrimestoppers.org or contact the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Cold Case Squad directly at 936-760-5820.

1979

Case # 79-16610

Murder of Lesia Michelle Jackson

September 7, 1979 – Lake Wildwood Subdivision, Conroe, Texas



SYNOPSIS: Lesia Jackson was 12 years of age and resided with her parents inside the Lake Wildwood Subdivision off FM 1485 in Conroe. She had attended Washington Jr. High. Lesia Jackson had been swimming in the subdivision lake with friends and relatives about her same age. Lesia Jackson was last seen walking alone on Creek Bend Street in the direction of her residence. Her relatives arrived at Jackson's home a short time later and her parents inquired about her absence. A search of the neighborhood began and lasted through the evening. The following day, Lesia's eyeglasses were found at the intersection of Creekwood and Deep Forest within the subdivision. On September 13, 1979, an oilfield worker found Lesia Jackson's remains in a heavily wooded area along a pipeline off Exxon Road in Conroe. This scene was approx. 5 miles from Lake Wildwood. An autopsy determined that Lesia Jackson had been sexually assaulted and murdered.



SOLVED: In 2021 MCSO Cold Case Detectives used new forensic technology called M-Vac to process Lesia's clothing. An unknown male profile was extracted and uploaded into the DNA database known as CODIS. In 2022, a DNA match occurred and the suspect was identified as Gerald Dewight Casey. A search for Casey revealed he was deceased, executed by lethal injection on April 18, 2002 for a Capital Murder committed in Montgomery County in 1989. Additionally, a blood sample from Casey obtained in 1989 was an exact DNA match for the evidence found by M-Vac and confirmed Casey as Lesia's murderer.



1983

Case # 83-1989

Murder of Teresa Brignoni

February 21, 1983 – Ollerton Street, Conroe, Texas



SYNOPSIS: Brignoni (28 yoa) lived on Ollerton Street, Conroe, Texas, with her fiancé. On February 21, 1983, at approx. 8:30 pm, she visited her mother in Laporte, Texas and departed for Conroe at about 9:15 pm. Brignoni was last seen driving her blue 1981 Datsun 200SX. On February 23, 1983, her fiancé reported her as a Missing Person. On or about February 27, 1983, the MCSO began receiving calls about an abandoned vehicle at the end of South Lake Shore Drive in the McCrae Lakes Subdivision off FM 1484 in Conroe. MCSO Deputies subsequently checked the car, discovered that it belonged to Brignoni, and found Brignoni's dead body in the trunk. An autopsy revealed that she had been suffocated. There was no evidence of sexual assault or robbery.

SOLVED: On February 26, 2019 MCSO Cold Case Detectives obtained an arrest warrant for **Noel Leon King Jr.** for the murder of **Teresa Brignoni** and he was arrested on February 27, 2019 by MCSO SWAT without incident. On March 22, 2019 **Noel Leon King Jr.** died while out on bond for this charge.

1983

Case # 83-4835

Murder of Laura Marie Purchase

March 17, 1983 – I-45 at League Line Road, Conroe, Texas



SYNOPSIS: At approx. 3:00 am, an MCSO Patrol Deputy observed a fire burning just inside the woods along the northbound service road of I-45 at League Line Road. The dead body of an unidentified white female was found within the fire, which had recently been set. An autopsy determined that she had died from strangulation and the fire set with an accelerant.

Self-professed Serial Killer Henry Lee Lucas subsequently confessed to the crime, along with several others in Montgomery County, in 1983.

Lucas had confessed to approx. 600 murders, with about 200 cleared across the United States. In 1986, the victim was later positively identified as Laura Marie Purchase after fingerprints were matched. Purchase was last known to have been in Houston, Texas on March 5, 1983, living with a man named “Howard” or “Howie” who played in a band called “Malibu”. Lucas died in prison in 2001, after his death sentence was commuted to life. Lucas had recanted his confessions and it is believed that he is not responsible for most of the crimes he confessed to.



SOLVED: In 2008, MCSO Cold Case Detectives submitted DNA for testing of semen from Purchase’s body, eliminating Lucas and his partner in crime, Otis Toole, from the DNA. In 2021 MCSO Cold Case Detective arrested Thomas Elvin Darnell at his home in Kansas City, KS after his DNA matched the unknown DNA profile found on Purchase’s body. Darnell died in custody in July of 2021.

1984

Case # 84-19417

Murder of Brenda Maureen Hackett

September 9, 1984 – FM 2854 3 miles west of I-45, Conroe, Texas



SYNOPSIS: Brenda Hackett was 24 years of age, lived in a rented home off Roy Harris Loop (Conroe), and worked at Club Daniels in Conroe as a server. On September 9, 1984, at approx. 4:23 pm, Brenda Hackett phoned her mother from a payphone at Safeway located at 1100 West Dallas Street, Conroe. On September 10, 1984, at approx. 3:00 pm, a passing train observed a body in “Contrary Creek” located alongside the railroad trestle next to FM 2854 approx. 3 miles west of I-45. MCSO Deputies responded and found the dead body of Hackett lying partially in the water. She had been sexually assaulted and strangled with a pair of pantyhose. On September 13, 1984, Hackett’s dark green 1967 Ford Mustang was found abandoned on Arnold Street, just behind the Cross- Roads Shopping Center where Hackett had made her last known phone call. The car contained Hackett’s purse and shoes and had been observed parked at that location on September 10, 1984, at approx. 4:30 am.

MCSO Cold Case Detectives recently had DNA testing conducted on semen collected from Hackett’s body, which resulted in an unknown male DNA profile being obtained.

SOLVED: In 2012, MCSO Cold Case Detectives linked deceased serial kidnapper / rapist **Jerry Michael Ward** to Hackett’s murder by DNA. Ward had been sentenced to die in the electric chair for a 1965 kidnapping / murder case out of Harris County; however, he was commuted to life after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the death penalty unconstitutional. Ward was paroled to Montgomery County just months prior to Hackett’s death. Ward has also been linked to the murder of Conroe resident Connie Sue Cooke in 1985. Ward committed suicide in 1985.

1984

Case # 84-20796

Murder of John Robert Buckels & Janis McMahan (Petkas)

September 28, 1984 – Old Hwy 105 ¾ mile SW of Hwy 105 East, Cleveland, Texas



SYNOPSIS: On September 28, 1984, a citizen looking for railroad crossties discovered the decomposed bodies of an unidentified male and female in a small ditch near the railroad tracks. Autopsies revealed that the bodies had been at that location for possibly 3 weeks and the cause of death for both was multiple gunshots. Victims were later positively identified as John Robert Buckels (38 yoa) and Janis McMahan (Petkas / 37 yoa) of Houston, Texas. Investigation revealed that Buckels had been involved in the manufacturing of Methamphetamine. McMahan had been an associate of Buckels'. Victims were most likely killed elsewhere and driven to the location in Montgomery County.



SOLVED: In 2010, MCSO Cold Case Detectives arrested **Seldon Wayne Colvin** for this double murder. In 1984, Colvin and a co- defendant (deceased) had been found in possession of a truck containing liquid blood in the bed, while at a motel in Houston. A sample of the blood had been collected in 1984, however, technology did not allow for analysis. In 2009 DNA testing identified the blood as belonging to McMahan. Based on DNA and additional evidence, Colvin was found guilty of Capital Murder in 2011 and sentenced to life in prison.

1985

Case # 85-469

Missing Person / Murder of Patricia Sharon Easley

February 23, 1985 – Riley Fuzzel Road, Spring, Texas



SYNOPSIS: On February 4, 1985, Patricia Easley (41 yoa) and her husband, Jerry Eugene Easley, departed an RV Park near Phoenix, Arizona, allegedly enroute to California. Patricia Easley was never seen alive again. On February 23, 1985, the RV was found burning on Riley Fuzzel Rd, in Montgomery County. Arson was suspected. On May 5, 1985, dismembered body parts were found along the roadway in Cochise County, Arizona. Jerry Easley was suspected in his wife's murder; however, technology of that time prohibited a positive identification of the body parts. Jerry Easley died in prison in 2003, while incarcerated on another charge.

SOLVED (MISSING PERSON): In 2011, MCSO Cold Case Detectives assisted Cochise County (AZ) authorities in positively identifying the body parts, by DNA, as belonging to Patricia Easley. The murder investigation was referred to Cochise County (AZ) authorities.

1988

Case # 88-1477

Unidentified Human Skeletal Remains

January 17, 1988 – Woods off League Line Rd, 2.4 miles west of I-45, Conroe, Texas



SYNOPSIS: On January 17, 1988, a citizen was scouting a wooded area for future hunting purposes located off League Line Road, approx. 2.4 miles west of I-45. While walking the area, he observed what appeared to be a lower jawbone of a human. The citizen took the bone to a local dentist, who confirmed that it was human. MCSO Deputies responded and a search of the area revealed additional human skeletal remains. The remains were subsequently examined by experts and the possible description is as follows: **White male, 40 plus years of age, 5'04" or taller, with numerous teeth having been extracted. Remains probably in woods four plus years.**

SOLVED (UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS): In December 2021 Forensic Genealogy testing was conducted on this case which linked this case to a 1985 missing person Dallas, TX. Follow up DNA testing was done which confirmed the skeletal remains in this case belonged to **Charles Wane Dodd**, missing since August 2, 1985.

1990

Case # 90-45244

Murder of Tammy Lynn Bounds

June 21, 1990 – Claude Penny Road, Cleveland, Montgomery County, Texas



SYNOPSIS: Tammy Lynn Bounds was 18 years of age and resided at the Oak Dale Manor Apartments in the 2200 block of Aldine Mail Route, Houston, Texas. Tammy Bounds was living with her common-law husband and her 14-month-old son. She was 7 months pregnant with her second child at the time. On June 21, 1990, several residents of the Oak Dale Manor Apartments observed Bounds on the complex with her son at approx. 10:30 am. On June 21, 1990, at approx. 1:00 pm, a survey crew discovered the dead body of a white female in a wooded area along Claude Penny Road, .2 miles off Hwy 105 East, in Cleveland, Texas.

Approximately an hour earlier, an infant had been found wandering down a residential street about 5 miles from the body. Media coverage of the infant and the body led to the positive identification of the body as being Tammy Bounds and the infant found wandering the street as her son. An autopsy revealed that Bounds had been strangled with a ligature. The child she was carrying died also. It was determined that Bounds' body had been transported approx. 40 miles north of her apartment complex.

SOLVED: In 2011, MCSO Cold Case Detectives arrested **Robert Lawrence Wilson** in California after Wilson was linked to Bounds' murder by DNA, along with other evidence. In 2014 Wilson pleaded guilty to Murder in this case and received a 30 year prison sentence.

1995

Case # 95A011175

Unidentified Human Skeletal Remains / Murder of Jennifer Lynn Coibion

August 31, 1995 – Comer-Reinhart Rd ½ mile north of FM 1485, New Caney, Texas



SYNOPSIS: On August 31, 1995, a timber cutting crew unearthed human skeletal remains in a concealed wooded area near the railroad tracks, which was commonly used for illegal dumping. MCSO Deputies responded and additional human remains were recovered from a shallow grave at this location. Examination by experts revealed a possible description: **White or Hispanic female, 17 – 25 years of age, between 5’3” and 5’5” in height, a pearl type necklace and part of a “deck” type shoe found with remains.** MCSO Cold Case Detectives have submitted the remains for DNA testing and submission to the Missing Persons / Unidentified DNA database.

SOLVED (UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS): In 2012, MCSO Cold Case Detectives obtained DNA samples from family members of **Jennifer Lynn Coibion**, a Missing Person, listed by the Houston Police Department (HPD). DNA analysis resulted in a positive identification. Coibion is believed to have been murdered after getting into a vehicle being driven by an escaped killer out of Poland. Coibion’s death is being investigated by HPD.

1998

Case # 98A009076

Murder of Robert Ray Middleton

June 28, 1998 – 11000 block of Crossno Drive, Cleveland, Texas



SYNOPSIS: On June 28, 1998, Robert Ray Middleton (8 yoa) was attacked by the unknown suspect(s) while walking along a wooded trail on his way to play with a friend. Gasoline was utilized in the attack and Middleton sustained severe burns over approx. 95% of his body. Middleton succumbed to his injuries, dying on April 29, 2011.

SOLVED: In 2015, **Don Wilburn Collins** was convicted of Capital Murder in this case, after a change of venue to Galveston County, and received the maximum 40 year sentence allowed by law.

2000**Case # 01A000808****Missing Person / Questioned Death – Angela Ann Dominick (Hudson)****September 2, 2000 – Conroe, Texas**

SYNOPSIS: On September 2, 2000, Victim, Angela Ann Dominick (Hudson / 36 yoa), spoke with a family member by phone and stated that she had been released from the Montgomery County Jail. On September 9, 2000, family reported Dominick as a Missing Person after not hearing from her.

SOLVED: On January 14, 2001, a citizen riding his ATV found what appeared to be human skeletal remains on a wooded lot at the corner of McCaleb Road and FM 2854 in Montgomery, Texas. MCSO Deputies responded and recovered additional human skeletal remains. DNA testing subsequently positively identified the remains to be Dominick.

2001**Case # 01A001125****Unidentified Human Skeletal Remains****January 20, 2001 – 10000 block of Bilnoski Rd, Willis, Texas**

SYNOPSIS: On January 20, 2001, a citizen was operating a bulldozer in a partially wooded area in the 10000 block of Bilnoski Road, Willis, Texas. During excavation, the dozer uncovered dentures and upon investigation, human skeletal remains were discovered. MCSO Deputies investigated and recovered additional human remains. The dentures bore the name “Eaton” and the number 330841. The dentures may have been issued through the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Examination by experts revealed a probable description: **Possibly a white or Hispanic male, over 50 years of age at time of death.** MCSO Cold Case Detectives have submitted the remains for DNA testing and submission to the Missing Persons / Unidentified DNA database. DNA has been uploaded into CODIS. **NIC# U700021892**

SOLVED (UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS): In 2013, MCSO Cold Case Detectives located and submitted DNA from family members belonging to [Feaster “Jack” Jewel Eaton](#) to the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification. The human remains were positively identified as belonging to Eaton.

2009

Case # 09A022364

Murder of Lisa Lynette Witt Ulloa

December 21, 2009 – 30000 block of Ginger Trace, Spring, Texas



SYNOPSIS: On December 21, 2009, at approx. 1:30 am, Lisa Witt Ulloa (38 yoa) was inside her residence on Ginger Trace in Spring. Lisa Witt Ulloa's husband and daughter were present and later reported that two masked suspects with weapons forced their way into the home demanding valuables. Lisa Witt Ulloa was killed during the event, but the other family members survived. In 2015, Mike Angel Ulloa was arrested in California and extradited to Montgomery County after being charged with Tampering / Fabricating Evidence in connection with this case.



SOLVED: On Tuesday, January 8, 2019, Mike Angel Ulloa, a suspect in this Capital Murder / Tampering-Fabricating case went before the 221st District Court (Montgomery County, TX), with the Honorable Judge Lisa Michalk presiding. Ulloa, facing trial in connection with the murder of wife, Lisa Witt Ulloa, agreed to plead guilty before the Judge in open court to a lesser charge of tampering with physical evidence (corpse). The Honorable Judge Michalk accepted Ulloa's guilty plea of Tampering with physical evidence in connection with Lisa Ulloa's murder, a second degree felony, and imposed the maximum sentence of 20 years confinement at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

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