

Washington County cold cases: In 11 years, five of 100 homicides remain unsolved

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Of the 100 homicides recorded in [Washington County](#) since 2000, five remain unsolved, including the county's only known hate-crime murder: the [killing of 28-year-old Lorenzo Okaruru](#), a transgender woman. Here's a summary of the other four cases:

Jose Socorro Chavez

A landscaper clearing blackberry bushes on June 21, 2003, found the remains of a man in a field in the 4800 block of Northeast Belknap Court in Hillsboro.

Hillsboro police found a human skull and a shallow grave containing more bones and identification for Jose Socorro Chavez, 48. Investigators think the remains are those of Socorro.

Reports indicate that Socorro died between March 25, 2000, and June 21, 2003, from a crushing blow to the head, likely caused by a right-handed person. Detective Michelle Hahn said Socorro's injuries appeared more severe than if he'd fallen and hit his head.

Socorro was homeless, and had spent time at the Portland Rescue Mission.

Hahn said investigators have had trouble tracking down friends and family for Socorro, who used several aliases and dates of birth.