

# OK - WhtMale 1813UMOK, 18-99, Self-Hanging From Stairwell, Nov'94 \*Donald Merrills\*

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1. 02-25-2017, 01:52 AM#1



**CarlK90245**

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|  | Join Date              |
|  | Nov 2009               |
|  | Location               |
|  | El Segundo, California |
|  | Posts                  |
|  | 7,591                  |

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## **The Doe Network**

**Case File: 1813UMOK** <http://www.doenetwork.org/cases/1813umok.html>

**NamUs UP5118** <https://identifyus.org/cases/5118>

NO IMAGE

## **Unidentified Male**

**Date of Discovery:** November 26, 1994

**Location of Discovery:** Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**Estimated Date of Death:** One week prior to discovery

**State of Remains:** Recognizable Face

**Cause of Death:** Asphyxiation by hanging

## **Physical Description**

\*\* Listed information is approximate

**Estimated Age:** 18-99 years old

**Race:** White

**Gender:** Male

**Height:** 5'9"

**Weight:** Unknown

**Hair Color:** Brown

**Eye Color:** Blue

**Distinguishing Marks/Features:** Circumcised.

**Dentals:** Available. Tooth #2 full chrome steel crown with mesial post; #5 occlusal amalgam restoration; #6 missing with well healed socket and space closure; #12 and #13 occlusal amalgam restoration; #14 occlusal and occlusal lingual amalgam restorations, not crossing the transverse ridge; #15 occlusal amalgam restoration, crossing the transverse ridge; #18 Occlusal and buccal amalgam restorations; #19 mesial occlusal amalgam restoration; #29 occlusal amalgam restoration in the distal pit; #30 occlusal amalgam restoration; #31 occlusal buccal amalgam restorations

Fingerprints: Available. On file with OCPD.

**DNA:** Sample available - not yet submitted.

### Clothing & Personal Items

**Clothing:** Black and white plaid shirt, blue jeans, black undershorts, and brown boots.

**Jewelry:** Unknown

**Additional Personal Items:** Unknown

### Case History

A security guard found the remains of the decedent in a parking garage corridor at 103 Dean A. Mcgee Avenue. He was in a restricted area where he had had to climb over a chain link fence to get to the upper most floor stairwell. He had tied a rope to a hand railing and draped the rope over the wall and was hanging above the stairs on the flight below. There were no signs of trauma. No suspicion of foul play.

*Last edited by CarlK90245; 03-31-2017 at 02:28 PM.*

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2. 03-29-2017, 05:36 PM#2

#### Finders

Registered User

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
|  | Join Date |
|  | Dec 2016  |
|  | Location  |
|  | Texas     |
|  | Posts     |
|  | 96        |

**ModNote: The following four posts were copied from Donald Merrills' missing persons thread.**

This is my first official solved case! More info to follow. I'm glad his family will be getting him back.

*Last edited by CarlK90245; 03-31-2017 at 02:36 PM.*

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3.

4. 03-30-2017, 05:23 AM#3



**MagnoliaMountain**

◦ **Fiery redhead**

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
|  | Join Date |
|  | Apr 2013  |
|  | Location  |
|  | Europe    |
|  | Posts     |
|  | 2,982     |

So Donald has been identified?

**Where is...**

[Jackson Miller?](#) [Scott Sells?](#) [Mike Wallace?](#) [Peter McColl?](#)  
[John Reamer?](#) [Arkadiy Tashman?](#) [Matt Mullaney?](#) [Shannon LaBau?](#)  
[Nathan Edberg?](#)

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5. 03-30-2017, 12:12 PM#4

**Finders**

◦ **Registered User**

|  |           |
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|  | Join Date |
|  | Dec 2016  |
|  | Location  |
|  | Texas     |
|  | Posts     |
|  | 96        |

Dear Mr FINDERS :-)

I want to thank you for the tip you provided back in January 2017 requesting a comparison of Oklahoma Unidentified Person NamUs #5118 vs NamUs Missing Person#22177 Mr Donald Merrills. Because of your efforts, we were able to positively identify this individual as Mr Merrills via fingerprints and DNA comparisons. I appreciate the time you took in searching for matches and contacting us with this information. Thank you so much!

Best regards-  
Angela

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6.

7. 03-31-2017, 03:20 AM#5

### JusticeWillBeServed

Registered User

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
|  | Join Date |
|  | Oct 2014  |
|  | Location  |
|  | Maryland  |
|  | Posts     |
|  | 3,979     |

Originally Posted by **Finders**

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Nice work!

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9. 03-31-2017, 02:33 PM#6



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|  | Join Date |
|  | Nov 2009  |
|  | Location  |

From Donald Merrills' **Missing But Not Forgotten** thread:

☞ Originally Posted by **Kat** 📄

*The Doe Network:  
Case File 145DMCA*

<http://www.doenetwork.org/cases/145dmca.html>

*Donald Lamont Merrills  
Missing since October 1, 1994 from Lomita, Los Angeles County, California.  
Classification: Missing*

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*Vital Statistics*

- Date Of Birth: October 10, 1963*
- Age at Time of Disappearance: 29 years old*
- Height and Weight at Time of Disappearance: 5'9"; 195 lbs.*
- Distinguishing Characteristics: White male. Brown hair; blue eyes.*
- AKA: Don Merrills*
- Dentals: Not available*

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*Circumstances of Disappearance*

*Merrills was last seen in Lomita, CA on October 1, 1994.*

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*Investigators*

*If you have any information concerning this case, please contact:*

*Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department  
323-526-5541  
Email*

*Agency Case Number:  
97-0306817*

*NCIC Number: M-036167219  
Please refer to this number when contacting any agency with information regarding this case.*

*Source Information:  
California Department of Justice*

[http://www.charleyproject.org/cases/...ls\\_donald.html](http://www.charleyproject.org/cases/...ls_donald.html)

Not found to be listed in NamUs at this time.

No archived articles found under following searches: Full name, first and surname, AKA.

Don has been missing almost 16 years. Come home soon.

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10.

11. 03-31-2017, 02:47 PM#7



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Location

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Congratulations, **Finders**



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12.

13. 03-31-2017, 04:47 PM#8



**coffeandacig**

Registered User

Join Date

Sep 2015

Posts

224



Congratulations **Finders!**

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14.

15. 03-31-2017, 07:49 PM#9



**Cubby**

fly the W!

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
|  | Join Date     |
|  | Feb 2007      |
|  | Location      |
|  | Chicago burbs |
|  | Posts         |
|  | 74,480        |

Congratulations Finder, awesome job! Thank you for your hard work.

~JMO~

*A grandfather is someone with silver in his hair and gold in his heart.*

~Author Unknown

[Long Lost Love - Discovery ID - Disappeared - Bob Harrod Case](#)

You can now purchase Mr. Harrod's Disappeared episode through Amazon, iTunes or [YouTube](#).

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17. 03-31-2017, 07:56 PM#10



**papillon2126**

Registered User

|  |           |
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|  | Join Date |
|--|-----------|

|  |          |
|--|----------|
|  | Jul 2010 |
|  | Location |
|  | DA U.P.  |
|  | Posts    |
|  | 37       |

Way to go and thank you for your efforts!!

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18.

19. 03-31-2017, 08:01 PM#11



**coeurfragile**

Registered User

|  |           |
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|  | Join Date |
|  | Feb 2011  |
|  | Location  |
|  | SW PA     |
|  | Posts     |
|  | 677       |

Awesome job!

Sent from my iPad using Tapataalk

**The Skelton boys brought me to Websleuths**

*I'm not leaving until they are found!* 🙏

- My pet cases -

Andrew, Alexander and Tanner Skelton - **Aliayah Lunsford** - Jhessye Shockley -  
**Travis Alexander** - Jonathan Foster - **Sky Metalwala** - Alivia Kail - **Bethany Decker** -  
 Sherry Leighty - **Caylee Anthony** - Jennifer Daugherty

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21. 03-31-2017, 08:59 PM#12

**Al Ka**

Registered User

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|  | Join Date |
|--|-----------|



|  |          |
|--|----------|
|  | Mar 2015 |
|  | Location |
|  | Europe   |
|  | Posts    |
|  | 480      |

Congratulation Finders!!! So pleased to see WS helped another person to go home to finally rest in peace.

Finders, would you mind to share with us how you have connected the dots between the two cases? Information were quite limited in both cases, there was no post mortem photo or sketch of UID and Donald was last seen by family in 1987, only to follow 7 yeas later by one phone call in 1994 - <http://www.websleuths.com/forums/sho...ita-1-Oct-1994>. Apart from close time frame between the two, nothing else would tell me that it could be match, not even location. I am glad that someone did look more into it.

Congratulations once again!  
 Found in UK, 1996. Is he American? Australian? South African?  
 Let him rest in peace.

- <http://www.websleuths.com/forums/sho...-bridge-May-96>
- <http://missingpersons.police.uk/en/c...001329/K8LF44F>
- <http://www.doenetwork.org/cases-int/571umuk.html>

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22.

23. 04-03-2017, 10:01 AM#13

**Finders**

Registered User

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
|  | Join Date |
|  | Dec 2016  |
|  | Location  |
|  | Texas     |
|  | Posts     |
|  | 96        |

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*Congratulations once again!*

It feels great to have helped his family find the truth about their loved one!  
My pet project is the couple found in Oklahoma in 95 so I was looking at their case when I stumbled across Mr. Merrills. I did have limited resources but the vitals matched as did the time frame. Something just really stood out to me that these were the same people, I can't really explain it, I just looked at his habit of going missing and figured travel was included in that because it is hard to go missing in your hometown. I was tracking highways and also train tracks and I noticed that Lomita to OKC was essentially a straight shot via I-40.