

Murder of Jimmy Hendricks and Kim Mills

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Pemiscot County Does



Hendricks and Mills prior to their disappearances

Date	June 17, 1978
Location	Pemiscot County, Missouri , United States
Cause	Homicide by firearm
Participants	Jimmy Hendricks (fatality) Kim Mills (fatality) Unidentified subject(s) (perpetrator)
Outcome	Identified Jimmy was identified in May 2017. Kim was positively identified on February 2, 2018.
Deaths	2
Inquiries	Active investigation

James "Jimmy" Hendricks and Kimberlin "Kim" Mills are murder victims who were discovered on June 17, 1978. The pair were believed to have been seen together at a truck stop in Missouri, which is where the murders took place. Kim was found in [Mississippi County, Arkansas](#) and Jimmy was left at the presumed murder scene.^{[1][2]}

Jimmy was identified in May 2017, Kim's ID was confirmed in late 2017 and her identity was released publicly in early February 2018.^[3] Neither had been reported missing. Both were from Michigan.^[4]

Case[[edit](#)]

A white male and female were discovered on June 17, 1978 in [Pemiscot County, Missouri](#) and [Blytheville, Mississippi County, Arkansas](#), respectively. Although they were found 15 miles from each other, they were likely murdered by the same person, as the pair were reportedly seen together before the murders at a truck stop in the same town and were believed to have been dropped off by a man.

Due to flooding, their case files were damaged, including the loss of their fingerprint records, although their dental charts and DNA information remain intact.^{[5][6]} In September 2017, both victims were identified.

Victims^[edit]



Reconstructions of the victims

The male victim's age range was between 25 and his early 30s.^[7] This would place his birth between c. 1948 and 1953. He was discovered in [Pemiscot County, Missouri](#), where it is believed the murders took place.^{[5][6][8]} He had blue eyes, brown hair and a light complexion with freckles. This victim had a tattoo on his right arm, which consisted of the letters "J" and "H." He was estimated to be five feet eight inches tall and at a weight of 130 to 140 pounds. He had a distinctive vertical scar on his forehead, the cause of which is unknown. He wore a red shirt containing a graphic of a woman enclosed inside of a circle, with the words "hot sauce" underneath. Other clothing included size nine or ten boots and blue jeans. Some of his teeth were reported to have been missing.^[7]

Unlike his companion, who was shot once, he had suffered three to his neck and head.

The woman was between 18 and 25, although [The Doe Network](#) reports that she could have been as old as 35.^[5] This would place her birth between c. 1943 and 1960. Her hair was naturally brown, but was likely dyed blond, as its color was darker toward the roots. The word "Kim" was amateurishly tattooed on her right arm, which could possibly have been her own or her child's name, as her autopsy concluded that she had borne at least one child. Some of her [teeth had yet to erupt](#).^{[2][5]} She

was shot once in the head with a shotgun.^[5] Her possessions included a [mercury dime](#) necklace and a multicolored striped shirt and jeans.^{[1][6]}

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