



## MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

*Cold Case Unit – Homicide*

### SOLVED COLD CASES

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Cold Case Unit was formed in 2006 and staffed with one Detective. Extensive research began in order to establish the number of unsolved cold cases under the sheriff's office jurisdiction. In mid-2007, a second Detective was added to the unit and the sheriff's office was awarded two separate 18-month grants from the National Institute of Justice regarding DNA technology being applied to evidence previously collected in cold cases. Since that time, evidence continues to be submitted to state and private DNA laboratories, which has resulted in numerous leads.

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**1983**

**Case # 83-1989**

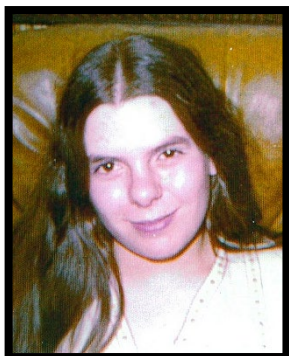
#### **Murder of Teresa Brignoni**

**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.

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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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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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