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**Report**

## "Girl from the Main" identified after 25 years

"Identify Me" manhunt successful / Suspected father in custody.

Joint press release from the Frankfurt am Main Public Prosecutor's Office and the Hessian State Criminal Police Office

On the orders of the Frankfurt am Main public prosecutor's office, the Hessian State Criminal Police Office arrested a 67-year-old German national on May 12, 2026, who is strongly suspected of having killed his then 16-year-old daughter almost 25 years ago and throwing her body into the Main River.

[Press release dated October 8, 2024](#) [Opens in a new window](#)

Murder has no statute of limitations: Hessian investigators are searching for clues 23 years after the discovery of a young woman's body. The suspect was brought before the investigating judge at the Frankfurt am Main District Court on the same day, who then ordered him remanded in custody on suspicion of murder. The crucial leads came from the international "Identify Me" campaign, which in October 2024 appealed for information about the identity of the "girl from the Main" and for help in identifying the perpetrator.

Following several tips from the public, the investigation continued with undiminished intensity, which has now led to the suspect's arrest. The 67-year-old, who was born in Pakistan, is alleged to have killed his daughter between July 28 and 31, 2001, in the family's apartment in Offenbach by inflicting numerous brutal blows. He then allegedly wrapped the 16-year-old's body in a bedsheet, tied it up, attached the wrapped corpse to a parasol stand, and threw it into the Main River in Frankfurt. The body was discovered floating in the Main by passersby on the afternoon of July 31, 2001. The investigation, which is still being conducted with considerable intensity, is ongoing.

Background to "Identify Me": "Identify Me" is an international search campaign to identify women whose bodies were found in six European countries, many of whom are presumed to have been victims of homicide. Most of the cases are cold cases; women who died 10, 20, 30, or even 40 years ago. Their bodies were found in Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, or Spain. Despite extensive local investigations, they could not be identified, and evidence suggests that some of them may have come from other countries. Who they are, where they came from, and why they were in these countries is unknown. See also the wanted persons page of the German Federal Criminal Police Office (BKA).

- [Click here to go to the BKA page "Identify Me"](#)Opens in a new window

The authority to control the press lies with the public prosecutor's office in Frankfurt am Main.

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