Can You Help Solve This Cold Case?

Charles Darrow Lloyd

On December 4, 1974, Charles Darrow Lloyd, then age 67, mysteriously disappeared after last being seen leaving Banks Billiards in the small town of Banks, Oregon. He was with Robert Zema, who was age 24 at the time.

The town of Banks was quite different in the 70’s than it is today, and Mr. Lloyd was a quiet person who kept to himself. He was unmarried and lived alone in a small apartment in town.

Police found a lot of blood indicating a violent struggle in his apartment, but his body was never recovered.

Locals will remember Sheriff’s Detective Gerry Sargeant, the lead investigator on this case. He worked for the Sheriff’s Office from 1964-1991, retiring as the Undersheriff. As a detective, he solved some of the county’s most difficult murder cases from the 1970’s.

Gerry has never forgotten the Charles Lloyd case. He periodically calls the Sheriff’s Office to see if the case is being worked. He also shares ideas on how new forensic technology might be applied to the Lloyd case.

Gerry and current Sheriff’s detectives believe this case can be solved with your help. The right tip coupled with today’s DNA technology could link our evidence to a suspect. We just need to track down DNA related to Mr. Lloyd.

Have you heard a local legend about where Mr. Lloyd’s body is buried? Do you know anyone who might be a blood relative of Mr. Lloyd, living or deceased?

Anyone with information can call (503) 846-2500 or send tips to sheriff.webmaster@co.washington.or.us.