

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Cold Case Team is interested in speaking with anyone who has information relating to this homicide.

Please contact investigators Karl Hutchison or Bob Boertien at 503-251-2449 or call the tip line at 503-251-2404.



Cecilio Gaspar Corrales

Corrales, 23, of Portland, was found dead and his body partially decomposed Jan. 5, 1992, by two fishermen walking in a remote area along Southeast Kerslake Road in east Multnomah County. He had been reported missing Nov. 6, 1991.

Personal background:

Corrales, 5-foot-5 and 135 pounds, lived in a Northeast Portland apartment with his girlfriend, her two children (one of who was fathered by Corrales) and an adult man identified as Corrales' cousin. Corrales, a Mexican national, worked in the nursery industry. Corrales' girlfriend told investigators that she occasionally had sexual relations with Corrales' cousin, and that she had been physically assaulted by Corrales prior to his disappearance.

Circumstances:

The afternoon of Nov. 3, 1991, Corrales left with his cousin and another man to socialize at an apartment complex on Northeast Cully Street in Portland. The cousin said he and Corrales were sitting in a car when an argument developed. The cousin said Corrales accused him of having an affair with his girlfriend, insulted him, threw beer on him and got out of the car. The cousin told investigators he did not respond during the confrontation and that he last saw Corrales walking toward a nearby bus stop.

Police have no reports from anyone seeing Corrales alive after this incident. Three days later Corrales' girlfriend filed a missing person's report with the Portland Police Bureau. His body -- without a wallet or money -- was found two months later.

The state Medical Examiner determined that Corrales died from gunshot wounds. A firearm possibly used in the killing was found in the trunk of the cousin's car and the cousin's account of how he came into possession of the firearm is not plausible. The cousin repeatedly told investigators he did not kill Corrales.

The continuing investigation:

Investigators believe that some of the people interviewed during the original investigation may have information, not previously disclosed, that could be important in solving this homicide. A member of the community may have heard of seen something relevant to this investigation. The killer or killers may also have spoken to someone about the death.