

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Cold Case Team is interested in speaking with anyone who has information relating to this homicide. Please contact investigators Pieter Van Dyke or Jere Pritchard at 503-251-2449 or call the tip line at 503-251-2404.



Kimberly Yvette Hill

Kimberly Y. Hill, 19, of Portland, was also known as Kimberly Brown or Betty Brown

Personal background:

Hill was an African-American, 5-foot-4 to 5-foot-6 with short hair. She worked as a prostitute in North Portland and lived with her pimp in Southeast Portland and had a young child.

Circumstances:

Her unclothed body was found at 1:15 p.m. Oct. 26, 1984, in tall grass at the head of a footpath on the north side of Marine Drive near a paved extension of Northeast 223rd Avenue. The path was popular with fishermen.

Case information:

On Oct. 25, Hill was working in the area of the former Burger Barn restaurant at Northeast Shaver and then-Union Street in Portland. Another prostitute told detectives that a two-door hatchback-type car, black top and burgundy body color with Washington license plates, had been cruising the area for 10-12 hours, which was unusual, and that the driver had rejected overtures from other prostitutes. Another witness saw Hill get in the car at 2:30 a.m. Oct. 26. Other prostitutes describe the driver of the car as a white man in his late 20s, light brown hair parted in the middle, and with a long nose. Hill was wearing a short, beige shirt, black leather jacket and wearing a shoulder-length brown-black wig. Her clothes were never found. The state medical examiner said Hill died of asphyxiation, had been dead 5-6 hours before she was found and had semen in her vagina. Detectives have evidence that indicates she was killed elsewhere and taken nude to the Marine Drive area where her body was found.

The continuing investigation: Multnomah County Sheriff's detectives would like to talk with prostitutes or others who had contact with any customers during that time who caused them problems or customers who tried to take them to a house or apartment.