

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Cold Case Team is interested in speaking with anyone who has information related to this homicide. Please contact investigators Rod Englert or Lane Sawyer at 503-251-2449 or call the tip line at 503-251-2404.



### **Eunice B. Karr**

Karr, 74, was found killed in her home in the 4700 block of Northeast 100th Avenue on July 28, 1984.

#### **Personal background**

Karr lived alone in her small one-story house. Her closest relative was a sister, who lived in the area. Friends and neighbors say Karr had become absentminded, especially when it came to financial matters. She was known to take a bus to downtown Portland and sit in a park in the lower Burnside area to socialize with the people there. On July 27, the day before she was found dead, Karr went to her bank to close her checking and savings accounts. Karr returned the same day with a young woman to get money, but had to be reminded that she had closed the accounts. At the time of her death she was also trying to sell a vehicle she no longer used.

#### **Circumstances**

the investigation of Eunice Karr's death has taken numerous twists and turns.

In the week before her death, bank tellers, a tow truck driver and a locksmith saw a young woman with Karr. Four days after her death, the sheriff's office issued a news release and composite drawing asking the public's help in identifying the woman. In 1984 she was described as: white, 18-20 years old, 5-foot-5 to 5-foot-8 with a medium build and shoulder-length, straight brown hair.

A month later, the sheriff's office received an anonymous letter naming a person who may have been involved in the Karr case. The letter writers also included a piece of jewelry that could have been Karr's. Detectives interviewed dozens of people in trying to find the person named in the letter, but could never locate her under that name. A few days after the letter, a man placed a classified ad in The Oregonian asking that the articles be returned, and if so, a dog would be returned to the people who took the property. The sheriff's office got anonymous calls from the letter writers during September and October, but then the calls stopped.

During the summer of 1985, detectives focused on a man known to be a peeping tom and burglar in the Parkrose area and who had bragged about killing "an older woman." But they could never find evidence linking him to the crime.

In January 1986 an ex-neighbor in jail on other charges told detectives she killed Karr. But she had details of the death wrong and later recanted.

### The continuing investigation

Evidence from the scene is being resubmitted to the state crime lab for analysis using methodology not available in 1984. Detectives also want to know the true identity of the young woman who was seen with Karr in the days before her death. Detectives believe several people know who committed the crime and think that with the passage of time, one of those people may now be willing to talk about it.



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The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office is seeking this subject as a possible witness to a homicide that occurred between Friday, 7/27/84, and Saturday, 7/28/84. This subject was seen in the company of the victim, Ms. Eunice Karr, between 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM on 7/27/84 in the area of 100th and NE Wygant.

Anyone with information regarding the identity of this subject please contact Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Homicide Detectives at 255-3600.



Info:

F/W, 19 yrs, 5'4", 120-130 lbs.;  
"husky" solid build, full faced,  
light skin tone, smooth, clear complexion, sandy-brown, straight hair,  
small, light eyes w/ no make-up,  
"button" nose, small, thin lips.