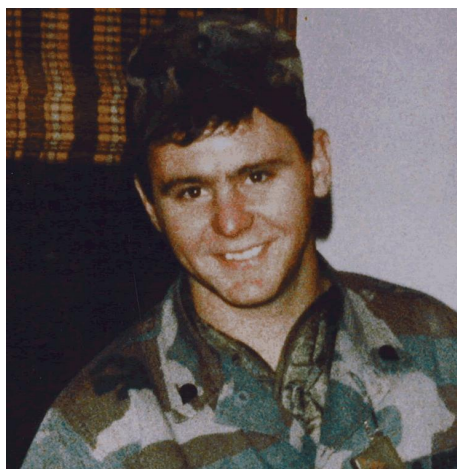


The Multnomah County Sheriff's Cold Case Team is interested in speaking with anyone who has information related to this homicide. Please contact investigators Bob Boertien or Karl Hutchison at 503-251-2449 or call the tip line at 503-251-2404.



### Clarence "Charly" W. Richards, 24

**Personal background:** Lived with his father Jim Richards in Vancouver, Wash. "Charly", as he was called, graduated from Mountain View High School in Vancouver and served four years in the Army, leaving in 1991. He was a member of an Army Reserve unit based in Gresham, was attending Clark College and worked in the kitchen at the Veterans Administration hospitals in Vancouver and Portland.

**Circumstances:** A hunter found Richard's badly decomposed body the afternoon of Aug. 31, 1992, in brushy area known as Thousands Acres along the Sandy River north of Interstate 84.

**Case information:** Richard's father reporting him missing Aug. 23, 1992, after he failed to come home from work Aug. 21 at the Portland VA Hospital and did not show up for work Aug. 22. A co-worker saw Richards leaving the VA Hospital at 8 p.m. that Friday by himself. Friends and co-workers described him as a good, dependable worker, helpful to others but shy around strangers.

Portland police reported that Richard's 1989 Ford Ranger pickup was involved in a hit-and-run accident in front of the Hunan Restaurant at Southwest Park Avenue and Stark Street in Portland about 9:30 p.m. Aug. 21, the night Richards left work. Witnesses to the accident described the driver only as a white male and said there was another white male with shoulder length black hair sitting in the passenger seat of the truck. One witness said the passenger was not more than 30 years old, possibly younger. Richards' truck was found Sept. 2, 1992, parked on Southeast Salmon Street at 29th Avenue, where residents first noticed it Saturday, Aug. 22. When Richards' body was found he was wearing his VA food service jacket. An autopsy showed his death was a homicide.