

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

Daniel F. Snedeker

Snedeker, 30, of Portland, was shot and killed the evening of Nov. 12, 1980, as he sat in his car in the parking lot of his apartment complex on Southeast 162nd Avenue.

Personal background

Dan Snedeker lived with his girlfriend in an apartment at the complex. Snedeker had served time in prison and had gone through a drug rehabilitation program. On Nov. 12, 1980, he had a court hearing, returning home about 2 p.m. in what his girlfriend said was a good mood. He left about 4 p.m., returning at 6:30 p.m. before leaving once again about 7:20. He told his girlfriend he planned to return about 9:30.

Circumstances

Snedeker was sitting in the driver's seat of his Buick Rivera when residents of the apartment complex heard gunshots. One resident saw a fleeing man and described him as white, 6-foot to 6-foot-1 with a stocky build and wearing a knee-length coat and dark stocking cap. Police found Snedeker dead in his car, with the engine running and driver's side door open. A burning cigarette lay on the ground next to the door.

One man interviewed by detectives said that he, Snedeker and another man held up a liquor store in the St. Johns area that afternoon and used the money to buy drugs. The same man said Snedeker helped him rob two hair salons on Nov. 4, also using the money to buy drugs. Snedeker was known to be involved in drug rip-offs.

The continuing investigation

Evidence from the scene is being resubmitted to the state crime lab for analysis using methodology not available in 1980. Detectives also are looking for anyone with information on this case.