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CASE 001

THE MARROWBONE BRIDGE MURDER

VERMILION COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
STATE OF ALDRIDGE · FILE VC-78-0413

FILE VC-78-0413
OPENED ..... 16 OCT 1978
DOCUMENTS 21
STATUS ..... UNSOLVED

SHELF 14-C
REVIEWED ..... 09 MAR 1994
INVESTIGATORS . 3–8 + HOST
RUNNING TIME .. APPROX. 2 HRS

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VERMILION COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF · COURTHOUSE ANNEX, BELLCHASE, STATE OF ALDRIDGE

MEMORANDUM

TO: REVIEW INVESTIGATOR(S), COLD CASE REVIEW
FROM: SHERIFF HARLAN J. VOSS
DATE: 09 MAR 1994
RE: VC-78-0413 — MARCH, ADELINE R. (DEC.)

1. The attached file concerns the death of Adeline R. March, 31, bookkeeper, found in Marrowbone Creek below the Tullis Rd. bridge on the morning of 16 October 1978. The case was classified inactive in 1979. No arrest was made.

2. A 1979 records audit found that items logged after 23 October 1978, when the investigation's attention had settled on one individual, were never compared with the rest of the file. The file is complete as it stands. Nothing further will be added.

3. You will determine and report:
   (a) the person responsible for the death of Adeline March;
   (b) that person's motive;
   (c) what happened on the night of 15 October 1978;
   (d) the documents in this file that establish each of the above.

4. Report on Form SD-99, one per investigator or team, before the sealed disposition is opened. SD-99 may not be amended once submitted.

5. The records custodian will release documents in the order below and will answer procedural questions only. The custodian will not discuss the evidence and takes no part in the review.

6. Handwritten notes in the file are those of Det. R. Morrow, #0447, the original investigator. They are his working thoughts, not findings.

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—	WORKING BOARD, DET. MORROW	III			

H. J. Voss

COLD CASE REVIEW

VERMILION COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT — CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

FORM SD-14

CASE NUMBER

VC-78-0413

SUBJECT / DECEDENT

MARCH, ADELINE R.

DATE OPENED	DATE LAST REVIEWED
16 OCT 1978	09 MAR 1994
JURISDICTION	**CLASSIFICATION**
BELLCHASE TWP. — VERMILION CO.	HOMICIDE

STATUS

UNSOLVED

ASSIGNED DETECTIVE

R. Morrow

BADGE

0447

nobody has looked at this since '79. me included.

CASE INACTIVE

INITIAL CASE SUMMARY

CASE NO. VC-78-0413	DATE OF REPORT 16 OCT 1978	TIME OF REPORT 0642 HRS
SUBJECT MARCH, ADELINE R. — F/W, 31 YRS, D.O.B. 04 JUL 1947		CLASSIFICATION HOMICIDE
LOCATION FOUND MARROWBONE CREEK BELOW TULLIS RD. BRIDGE		RESPONDING UNIT UNIT 12 — DEP. A. SHELBY
REPORTED BY J. RUELLE	WEATHER / LIGHT FOG, 48 DEG. F, DAWN	SCENE SECURED 0718 HRS

NARRATIVE OF RESPONDING INVESTIGATOR

At 0642 hrs this date a call was received at the Bellchase substation from the pay telephone at the Tullis Rd. filling station. Caller identified himself as J. RUELLE, chainman, Delacroix Lumber Co. survey party, and stated he had found a woman in Marrowbone Creek below the bridge. Caller remained at the telephone until Unit 12 arrived.

Subject was located in approx. 14 in. of water, 31 ft. downstream (south) of the west bridge footing, and was identified at the scene by wallet contents as MARCH, ADELINE R., of 14 Coker St., Bellchase. Employment: bookkeeper, Bellchase Farmers' Co-operative Feed & Grain, Front St. Subject walked Tullis Rd. between work and home daily and was last seen leaving work on foot at approx. 2140 hrs 15 OCT 1978.

Subject's handbag was recovered in dry grass on the west embankment. Wallet contained no paper currency. Left shoe on subject; right shoe not recovered at the time of this report. Tire impressions and amber glass were photographed on the south shoulder at the west approach.

Preliminary finding, Vermilion County Coroner, 17 OCT: death by drowning, with a head injury sustained before entry into the water. Estimated time of death 2200 hrs 15 OCT to 0100 hrs 16 OCT. Manner: homicide.

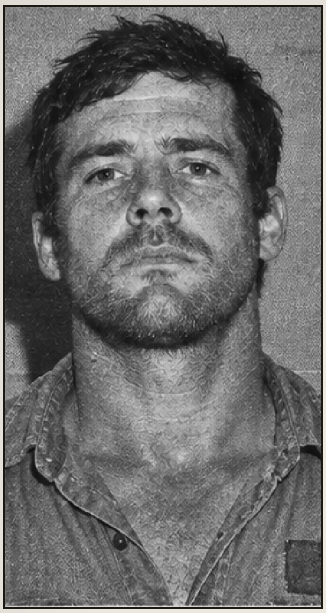
Canvass of six residences on Tullis Rd. conducted 16–18 OCT (SD-24). Three residents report a vehicle on Tullis Rd. between 2200 and 2300 hrs 15 OCT. Investigation continuing.

R. Morrow

INVESTIGATOR SIGNATURE

18 OCT 1978

DATE



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SUBJECT PROFILE — SD-31

FERRIDAY, TOBIN L.

PERSON OF INTEREST · VC-78-0413

SEX / RACE · AGE	HT · WT
M / W · 34	5-11 · 163
HAIR / EYES	**ADDRESS**
BRN / BRN	4 MILL ROW

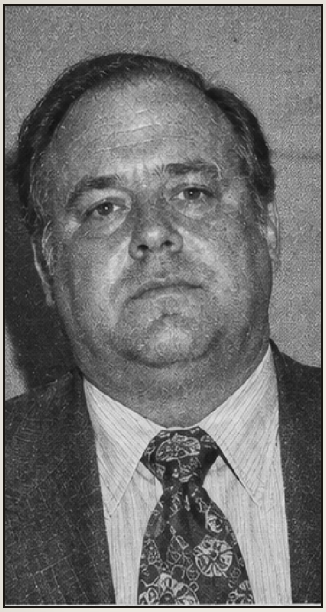
OCCUPATION
UNEMPLOYED — YARD HAND, FEED & GRAIN, TO AUG 78

RELATIONSHIP TO SUBJECT
FORMER CO-WORKER

MARKS / SCARS
BURN SCAR R. FOREARM

INTERVIEWED 19 OCT 1978 (SD-44). HOME ALONE 15 OCT, OWN ACCOUNT.

says truck was up on blocks. verify.



IDENT. SECTION · VCSD

SUBJECT PROFILE — SD-31

CASWELL, DWIGHT A.

PERSON OF INTEREST · VC-78-0413

SEX / RACE · AGE	HT · WT
M / W · 47	5-10 · 214
HAIR / EYES	**ADDRESS**
BRN-GRY / BLU	22 PECAN ST.

OCCUPATION
MANAGER, BELLCHASE FARMERS' CO-OP FEED & GRAIN

RELATIONSHIP TO SUBJECT
EMPLOYER (MANAGER)

MARKS / SCARS
NONE NOTED

INTERVIEWED 20 OCT 1978 (SD-44). HOME 15 OCT, OWN ACCOUNT.