

UNSOLVED CASES

ANACORTES

Unsolved homicides

- Carolee Christina VanLuven, 31, disappeared from her Anacortes home on Jan. 27, 1981, while her two daughters, ages 11 and 14, slept. There was a bloodstain on her bed and her car and purse had been left behind. Her body washed up on a nearby island six weeks later; the coroner could not determine the cause of death.
- [Anthony Palumbo](#), 69, was found stabbed to death on Feb. 5, 1981, in his apartment in the 800 block of 30th Street.

Missing persons

- [Marla Jean Thomas](#), last seen on Aug. 5, 1983, at her home in the 500 block of T Avenue. Age 26 at the time, 5 feet 2 inches, 140–150 pounds, blue or green eyes and brown hair.
- [Judith Gail Taylor](#), last seen on Dec. 12, 1985, at her apartment in the 400 block of Commercial Avenue. Age 28 at the time, 4 feet 10 inches, 93 pounds, brown hair and green eyes.
- [Laynee Westbrook](#), last seen with a male friend on Sept. 10, 2020, at Swinomish Market gas station on Highway 20. Age 41 at the time, 5 feet 8 inches, 120–140 pounds, brown hair and green eyes.

Source: Anacortes Police Department

SKAGIT COUNTY

Unsolved homicides

- Body of [Gisbert “Ben” Kistemaker](#), a Dutch national, found on Dec. 25, 1979, in a gravel pit on Rockport Cascade Road. Death caused by gunshot.
- [Unidentified remains of an adult male](#) found on Oct. 6, 1980, at Hurns Shake Mill on Concrete Sauk Valley Road near Marblemount. Age 40–55, 5 feet 4 inches to 5 feet 9 inches, short brown hair, He may have been a boxer at one time, possibly had a bone graft, and wore a medical support hose.
- [Donna Arrasmith](#) was found stabbed to death on July 26, 1993, in her business, Happy Valley Farms, in the Pier 7 Wharf Building on South First Street in La Conner.
- Body of [Vicky Silves](#), 44, discovered on Dec. 8, 1997, in the driveway of her home in the 4800 block of Concrete Sauk Valley Road. Weapon believed to be an edged weapon.
- [Geoff Reynolds](#), 30, found shot to death on Jan. 21, 1998, in his home on Montborne Road near Big Lake.
- [Unidentified remains of a male](#), possibly Hispanic, discovered on March 21, 2001, on Cape Horn Road near Rasar State Park, Birdview. Age 25–50, 125–150 pounds, black hair. He may have stayed at the Mark II Motel in Burlington.
- Body of [Lydia Varo-Braschler](#), 13, found April 17, 2002, over an embankment on Lake Cavanaugh Road, about two miles from Highway 9. Cause of death was blunt force trauma. She was last seen alive on July 2, 2001.

- Body of [Eddie Rieckers](#), 23, found Dec. 22, 2002, on the shoulder of the roadway in the 46000 block of Concrete Sauk Valley Road east of the Dalles Bridge in Concrete.
- [Unidentified remains of a female](#), possibly Asian, Hispanic or Native American, discovered on Jan. 27, 2007, near the North Fork Bridge of the Skagit River on Fir Island. Authorities believe she died in August or September 2006. Age 24–46, 4 feet 11 inches to 5 feet 4 inches, with shoulder length dark hair, wearing black Faded Glory jeans, size 10; chocolate colored Faded Glory sweater with white stripes and white collar; Nevado boots, women's size 6.5.

Missing persons

- [Christine A. Civile](#), last seen on Dec. 22, 1983, near the end of Landing Road at the North Fork of the Skagit River. Age 31 at the time, white female, 5 feet 8 inches, 150 pounds, long brown hair and blue eyes, wearing green overalls and boots.
- [Arlene Stewart](#), last seen on Dec. 24, 1992, in Concrete. She reportedly walked away from her home, leaving her vehicle behind, and not been heard from again; authorities don't believe her disappearance was voluntary. Age 49 at the time, white female, 5 feet, 1 inch, 100 pounds, brown eyes, graying brown hair, wearing a brown mock suede jacket, a long-sleeved blouse, slacks or jeans, sneakers, and eyeglasses with rose-colored plastic frames.
- [James Duxbury](#), last seen on July 19, 1997, riding a red mountain bike on Cadillac Road, near Baker Lake Highway, Lake Tyee area. Age 65 at the time, white male Canadian national, wearing a yellow cap, green and blue shirt, and blue trousers.
- [Jessica McDonald](#), last seen on Sept. 16, 1997. Native American; considered endangered.
- [Patricia "Patti" Krieger](#), last seen on Oct. 2, 2010 hiking on Sauk Mountain with her Rottweiler. Age 65 at the time, 5 feet 2 inches to 5 feet 6 inches, 105–115 pounds, wearing jeans, a long-sleeved white shirt with a blue shirt over it, and carrying a black Old Navy sweatshirt. She wore a gold ring on her right hand, a cross necklace around her neck, and she used hearing aids.
- [Bobby Sine](#), last seen at about 9:30 p.m. Feb. 6, 2012, when his mother was driving him home from Skagit Valley Hospital for treatment of a psychosis. Near the Division Street Bridge, he jumped from the car and was last seen on foot near the riverbank and boardwalk, according to Mount Vernon Police. Age 18 at the time, white male, 5 feet 8 inches, 120 pounds, brown hair.
- [Dustin Nations](#), last seen on June 9, 2014, in Concrete visiting his estranged wife at a friend's house before walking toward Darrington to visit his father. Age 39 at the time, white male, 5 feet 10 inches, 190 pounds, blue eyes, gray receding hair.
- [John Freday](#), last seen on July 4, 2021, in the Cape Horn area of Concrete. Age 25 at the time, white male, 5 feet 11 inches, 185 pounds, wearing a light-color flannel shirt, Carhartt jeans cut off just above the knee, white knee high socks and dark brown boots. Has a peace sign tattoo on his right forearm.
- [Mikayla Standridge](#), last seen April 21, 2023, running from a home where she was staying on Skagit View Drive in Concrete. Her cell phone died while she made a 911 call at about 5 a.m. that day. Police found her cell phone near the Skagit River. Age 25 at the time, white female, 5 foot 2 inches, 100 pounds.

- *Source: Washington State Patrol, Skagit County Sheriff's Office, National Missing and Unidentified Persons System*

SAN JUAN COUNTY

Missing persons

- [John Simpson](#), a San Juan County resident last seen on Sept. 1, 2013 in Morro Bay, California. Age 62 at the time, white male, 5 feet 10 inches, 170 pounds, graying brown hair, green eyes.
- [Dean Harvey](#), last seen Nov. 25, 2014. Native American.
- [Justin Power](#), reported missing Jan. 8, 2023 in Friday Harbor. Age 41 at the time, white male, 6 feet 3 inches, 180 pounds, brown hair and brown eyes.
- *Source: Washington State Patrol, National Missing and Unidentified Persons System*

WHATCOM COUNTY

Unsolved homicides

- Body of [Carol A. Greene](#), 35, recovered in April 1984 from the Red River drainage near Sandy Point Heights. She had attended a Christmas party on Dec. 15, 1983, and then possibly went to the Cedars Tavern afterward. Her body was found a mile from where her car had been discovered the day after her disappearance.
- Officers responding to reports of gunfire in the 3100 block of Massey Road found [Jeffrey C. Little](#), 34, dead in the front seat of his pickup truck on July 28, 2009. The truck, which was running but stalled on the south side of the road, was struck 11 times. Three rounds struck Little. A witness observed a possible suspect vehicle, a dark colored SUV, traveling westbound immediately following the sound of gunshots.
- [Bryan Marriott](#), 43, was found shot to death about 11:10 p.m. on Nov. 20, 2009, next to his vehicle in the 300 block of East Ivy Street in Bellingham. Witnesses reported they heard an argument before the shooting and saw a dark passenger car leaving the area. Police believe road rage may have been a factor. The Bellingham Police Department is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to an arrest; Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound is offering a \$1,000 reward.

Missing persons

- [Diane Leslie Reeves](#), missing since July 26, 1989. Age 23 at the time, 5 feet 7 inches, 135–150 pounds, blonde hair and green eyes. Last seen wearing a Levi jacket, gray sweatshirt, yellow sweatpants. Speaks with a Southern accent and has a stain on her front tooth. She was reportedly depressed after receiving a cancer diagnosis and had spells of amnesia or confusion. Last seen leaving her Ferndale-area home; her vehicle was found over a month later at the end of a Forest Service road east of Granite Falls.
- [William Anthony McKinnon](#), missing since Feb. 14, 1993. Age 28 at the time, 5 feet 9 inches, 128 pounds, brown hair and brown eyes. McKinnon was a Western Washington University student who went on a day hike on Church Mountain with friends. He separated from the group because he didn't feel comfortable walking on snow and was afraid he might fall. When the group returned to the location where Bill stopped, he was not there.

- [Christina Lynn Roof](#), missing since March 22, 1996. Age 27 at the time, 6 feet, 150 pounds, blonde hair and blue eyes. Diagnosed with a mental disability and considered a dependent adult. Denied entry to Canada on March 2, 1996. Vehicle found abandoned near the Canadian border on March 24, 1996.
- [Leah Toby Roberts](#), missing since March 14, 2000. Age 23 at the time, 5 feet 6 inches, 130 pounds, blonde hair, blue eyes, and hair cut very short. Left her home in North Carolina on March 9, 2000, for a cross-country trip but did not advise where she was going. Her vehicle was found on March 18, 2000, abandoned on a logging road in Whatcom County.
- [John Clinton Walker](#), last seen the morning of Nov. 11, 2014, on surveillance video getting off a bus on a road leading up to the wooded foothills of Mount Baker, where he may have gone hiking. Age 48 at the time, white male, 5 feet 9 inches, 200 pounds, blond hair, blue eyes, wearing a striped or plaid jacket, a dark-colored shirt, a black knit cap and carrying a dark-colored backpack.
- [Michael Edward Smith](#), last seen on April 17, 2016, in Bellingham. Age 48 at the time, 5 feet 10 inches, 200 pounds, green eyes, brown hair.
- [Billy Joe Darwin](#), missing since Nov. 16, 2018. Age 40 at the time, 5 feet 10 inches, 120 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes. Missing from the 8700 block of Valley View Road. Cell phone and beanie found in driveway. Possibly took his sister's bike. Did not communicate with family on his destination.
- [Jesi Blok](#), last seen on Jan. 11, 2021. Native American.
- [Besalynn James](#), last seen on Jan. 21, 2025. Native American, considered endangered. Reported missing to Lummi Tribal Police.
- [Munish X](#), last seen on Dec. 16, 2023. Native American. Reported missing in Bellingham.
- [Eric Hill](#), reported missing on June 4, 2024. Age 39 at the time, 5 feet 10 inches, 180 pounds, black/gray hair and brown eyes. Last seen at SeaTac Airport enroute to Hungary with a stop in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Reportedly suffers from high anxiety as a result of a severe head injury he received while playing ice hockey several years ago.
- [Warren Ward](#), last seen on Oct. 25, 2024. Native American juvenile. Reported missing to Lummi Tribal Police.
- [Ariel Feliciano](#), last seen on Jan. 13, 2025. Native American juvenile. Reported missing in Bellingham.
- [Lea Denny](#), last seen Jan. 31, 2025. Native American juvenile. Reported missing in Bellingham.

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