

NEWSLETTER

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CrimeCon Denver

Our Task Force was invited to present at CrimeCon 2025 in Denver and were offered a free information booth for the entire weekend.

Lynnette stated, "We take every platform and every opportunity to bring visibility to the ongoing crisis of our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR). While this issue is just beginning to gain more attention in the media and at larger conferences like CrimeCon, our communities have been living this reality since the first colonizers arrived on these lands.

We continue to battle stolen lands and stolen relatives, and we will never stop advocating; creating awareness, education, and justice for the victims, their families, and the generations still carrying this pain. This is not just an issue of the past. This is our present reality and we will keep fighting until every relative is brought home."





Welcome Home Denver Fall Tribal Convening 2025

Task Force members, Raven and Monycka, along with our new volunteer Teddy, were invited to participate in the Tribal Convening in September. This was a 3 day event from September 23rd-25th and we presented on day 2 at the Denver Indian Center regarding MMIR in the state of Colorado. We were able to share unsolved homicide and missing flyers while also providing ways the community can support this work.



Searches

Our Task Force searched on September 10th in Colorado Springs for Matthew Frost and distributed his MIPA to multiple local agencies. He was located safely the following day.

Active Updates

Arguella: Robert McClain was arrested in Iowa on this homicide from 2003

NamUs- We entered multiple cases iupdates into their database

Kicking Horse Doe- DNA extraction finally approved on additional bones that had been previously unaccounted for

Lays Bad Collaborated with newly formed MMIR UT to get Detective Pender, the Cold Case detective from Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office, to research the connection to a John Doe.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



32nd Annual Four Corners Indian Country Conference

Task Force member, Monycka Snowbird, attended the 4 Corners Indian Country Conference on September 11th and 12th. There was a CO breakout session on the first day that was facilitated by Peter McNeilly the new United States Attorney for the District of Colorado. Josh Riley and Jeff Graves, Assistant United States Attorneys and Tribal Liaisons were also available for a Q&A portion. We addressed that the majority of unsolved homicides of Native people are within the jurisdiction of the Denver Police Department and not on the 2 reservations. We asked which of those cases they were coordinating on or offering assistance with. Mr Riley struggled to name any cases at all so we immediately provided a list. He questioned the accuracy of our list although it is consistently the most accurate and reviewed MMIR data for the state. He also mentioned his involvement with the Advisory Board of OMMIR but didn't know the correct name of that board which he serves on. Mr Graves had a significant misunderstanding of recent legislation SB25-009, in relation to how it applies to tribally issued protection orders that we also had to correct. Our Task Force will continue to attempt to hold these systems accountable whenever possible.



Sentencing in Denver Murder

Randy Housch was sentenced on September 30th to life in prison without the possibility of parole. He also received 16 years in prison for second-degree assault and 12 years to life in prison for unlawful sexual contact. Housch was found guilty in October of five felony charges, including first-degree murder, in connection with the death of Gertrude "Birdie" Seawalker from Standing Rock, in 2021. There were significant delays in sentencing due to his health after the conviction but we so thankful to know he will never be free again. We pray this brings closure to her family.



Quarterly OMMIR Advisory Board Meeting

Most of our Task Force attended the quarterly meeting on October 10th where Bernadine Beyalle from Four Corners K9 Rescue presented. We asked to meet with her to set up a future training for urban area searches. The vast majority of our missing relatives come from along the Front Range, specifically in the Denver Metro area and Colorado Springs. Bernadine holds a Field Certification from the Department of Public Safety of New Mexico, 6 Certifications from The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), along with 10 additional industry-related Certifications so we hope to bring her expertise to our communities!



Four Corners MMIR Communication Network Meeting

Task Force members Daisy Bluestar and Monycka Snowbird attended the 4 Corners MMIR Communications Network on September 18th. Presenters included Lara Arrowchis-Ivie, MMIR Community Advocate from Northern Ute, Dee Platero & Keanna Wood founders of MMIR Utah and Cornelia Perry, Tribal Liaison at NamUs. We provided updates on some of the work we have been doing and had an opportunity to network with people all involved in this work and committed to bringing justice for MMIR.

FOHVAMP Leadership

Task Force member, Raven Payment, accepted a position on the Board of Directors for Families of Homicide Victims and Missing Persons (FOHVAMP), a long standing organization dedicated to advocating for cold case homicide victims and persons missing under suspicious circumstances.

FOHVAMP is moving forward under new leadership with Kirby Lewis, the former director of cold cases at the Colorado Bureau of Investigation and someone our Task Force has worked with in a good way over the years. She's grateful for the opportunity to help bring greater focus to MMIR and to work alongside a team of deeply committed people advancing justice and healing.



State Committees and Councils

Task Force member, Monycka, has been making an attempt to have Native representation at more state meetings. In October she attended the Colorado Human Trafficking Council and CDHS ICWA listening sessions.

September and October Anniversaries

These are the ongoing MMIRs for each month. We will honor and remember our missing and murdered relatives by sharing their flyers on social media throughout the year, marking the anniversary of when they were last seen or taken too soon.

**MURDERED
INDIGENOUS PERSON
- UNSOLVED -**



**Regina
Lansing**

DOB: 08/17/1942
Murdered: 09/01/1996
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Tribal Affiliation: Ute Mountain Ute

On September 1, 1996, 54 year old Regina Lansing was found beaten to death in her Capitol Hill apartment located near East 13th Avenue and Pearl Street.

PLEASE CONTACT DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH ANY INFO
(720) 913-2000
CASE 9607-64807

**MURDERED
INDIGENOUS PERSON
- UNSOLVED -**



**Jack
Jones**

DOB: 4/15/1944
Murdered: 9/29/1977
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Tribal Affiliation: Navajo

Shortly after midnight on September 28, 1977, Denver Police Officers were alerted by a citizen to an injured person near the intersection of 19th and Market Streets. Upon arrival, officers discovered 33 year old Jack Jones lying in the street bleeding. Investigation revealed Mr. Jack Jones had been stabbed to death. The suspect(s) responsible for the murder of Jack Jones remain unknown. Anyone with information regarding this case, is asked to please contact the Denver Police Department.

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720-913-6010
Case# 1977-397140

**MURDERED
INDIGENOUS PERSON
- UNSOLVED -**



**EUGENE
MAGNAN**

DOB: 11/25/1946
Murdered: 9/5/1980
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Tribal Affiliation: Assiniboine Sioux

Eugene "Gene" Magnan, a Navy veteran of Vietnam, was working as an electrician at the time of his murder. On the night of September 5, 1980, he was a patron at the White Horse Bar. A large fight broke out at closing time as people were leaving the bar. As Mr. Magnan was walking outside to the parking lot, an unknown male suspect shot and killed him. Mr. Magnan was a member of the Assiniboine Sioux Tribe. Anyone with information regarding this case, is asked to please contact the Denver Police Department.

PLEASE CONTACT DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH ANY INFO
720-913-6010
Case# 80-612031

**MURDERED
INDIGENOUS PERSON
- UNSOLVED -**



**Lesley
Youngdog**

DOB: 05/09/1972
Murdered: 08/08/1995
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Tribal Affiliation: Lakota

On September 8, 1995, officers responded to the 2600 block of Federal Boulevard on a report of a stabbing. Upon arrival, 23 year old Lesley Youngdog was located suffering from a stab wound. He was taken to the hospital where he later died as a result of his injuries. The suspect(s) responsible for the death of Lesley Youngdog have yet to be identified. Anyone with information regarding this case, is asked to please contact the Denver Police Department.

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720-913-6010
Case# 1995-708742

**MISSING
INDIGENOUS
PERSON COLORADO**



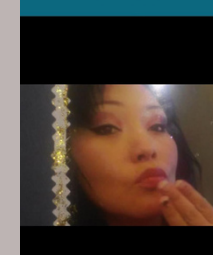
**SHARON
BALDEAGLE**

Abducted in 1984 at age 12.
DOB: 1972
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Last Seen: 09/18/1984
Tribal Affiliation: Lakota

PLEASE CALL THE FALL RIVER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WITH INFO
605-745-4444

Last seen wearing a black and yellow top with a tiger stripe pattern, black shoes, and carrying a red bag. Sharon left Eagle Butte, SD with a friend. They were later picked up near Casper, WY by Royal Russell Long and taken to his home in Evansville, Long tied the girls up at gunpoint. The friend was able to escape but by the time police arrived, Long and Sharon were gone. Long was later arrested in Albuquerque, NM and he claimed he left Sharon with a truck driver headed to Texas. Long died in prison in 1993. Tips have claimed to see Sharon in CO and WI.

**MURDERED
INDIGENOUS PERSON
- UNSOLVED -**



**Sioux
Feather
Nightwalker**

DOB: 05/12/1986
Murdered: 09/02/2015
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Tribal Affiliation: Lakota

Sioux was 29 years old when her body was found by an officer in an Aurora, Colorado street at 12:50 am on September 2nd, 2015. She had an obvious head injury that was bleeding profusely. It appeared that Sioux jumped from her own moving vehicle from someone who hid in her backseat and held her at gunpoint in an attempted robbery. A witness had been following the vehicle and was shot at by the suspect, who luckily missed. The male suspect then tried to rob the witness in their vehicle as well.

PLEASE CONTACT THE AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH ANY INFO AT
(303) 739-6000
Case #2015-34328

**MURDERED
INDIGENOUS PERSON
- UNSOLVED -**



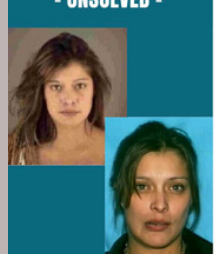
**Janice
Castaway**

DOB: 12/07/1957
Murdered: 10/17/1981
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Tribal Affiliation: Sicangu Lakota

Janice was murdered 10/17/1981 in Capital Hill, Denver. This is the only picture her sister has of her. Denver PD didn't investigate her death even with the families request. She was supposed to testify in a gang rape case against Sons of Darkness biker gang but never made it to court. Janice had a son and grew up in foster care with her sister until they separated around the age of 14. Her sister said "she was very generous and kind with a beautiful smile. Every time she came over, she always had a gift for me".

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**MURDERED
INDIGENOUS PERSON
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**ROSA
ARGUELLO**

DOB: 06/12/1974
Murdered: 10/17/2003
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Tribal Affiliation: Hopi

Rosa's body was found Oct. 17, 2003 in a ditch along the 12000 block of Quebec Street in Thornton CO. She had been stabbed 12 times including in the heart. Rosa Juan Arguello struggled to speak after she was stricken by meningitis as a young child. She had some cognitive impairments & often trifling of the wrong type of people. The father of one of her sons, James Joseph Arujo, remains a person of interest in this case. She comes from the Himeyumpewa family & is remembered as having a heart of gold and an infectious laugh. She dreamed of running her own housecleaning service.

IF YOU HAVE INFO: CONTACT THORNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
CASE# 03-14427

**MURDERED
INDIGENOUS PERSON
- UNSOLVED -**



**WILLARD
REDPAINT**

Age: 52
Murdered: 10/02/2005
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Tribal Affiliation: Oglala Lakota

Officers were called to the area of 23rd and Stout on a report of a man down. Upon arrival, the officers found Willard Redpaint suffering from a stab wound to the chest. Willard was pronounced deceased at the scene.

PLEASE CONTACT DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH ANY INFO
720-913-1300
CASE #2005-549696