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Who Killed Heidi Jones: Indianapolis, IN,

A son is left without his mother. Parents are left without a daughter. Murder can leave holes in families that time cannot fill. Not one member of the Heidi Jones family can forget the day she disappeared. The fear of waiting through the night hoping there was some misunderstanding. Some unplanned trip, or just some unexpected life wrinkle that would cause a 20 year old to "take a night off" from being a loving mother, and she would return to upset, but joyful friends and relatives. But as dawn approached on Aug 26th, 1978, the family of Heidi Jones knew something horrible had occurred, something that would keep their daughter from returning to her son, something that was going to cause the day to be full of sorrow. They just did not know their lives would be full of sorrow and questions for more than 34 years.

On August 25th, 1978, when Heidi Jones arranged for a babysitter for her toddler son, she gave the babysitter every reason to believe she would be back shortly. When Heidi was gone far longer than anticipated, the sitter called Heidi's family, the family came and collected the young son and then started calling friends and family to attempt to find Heidi. The next morning the police were called to help. A missing person report was made and the official search began for the 20-year-old mother. Soon her purse was found near the intersection of Five Points and Thompson Road. No sign of Heidi or her car.



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The Marion County Sheriff's Office followed every lead, talked to every person who knew or had been in contact with Heidi, but the leads grew cold and the case was not solved. Heidi did not come home. The toddler son was left to wonder where his mother was. Parents were left to wonder where their daughter could be and what had happened to stop her from returning home. Sometimes not knowing is worse than being told that someone is not coming back.

On May 2, 1979, hope dissolved into fear again. A body had been found in a patch of woods in the 7500 block of Edgewood Ave, was it Heidi? The family had to wait for dental records to be compared before they knew the answer. The young mother, loved daughter had been found. Heidi Jones was dead. But she had not died in an accident, or any natural way. Heidi Jones had been brutally murdered. Shot and then tossed out into a lonely patch of woods to lay until discovered by a horrified mushroom hunter.

Now the family had to grieve again, bury their loved one, and take permanent steps needed to care for the young toddler son, and move on. But moving on is hard when your loved one dies at the hand of someone who is unknown, someone who is never brought to justice, someone who never stands before a court and is given punishment. Knowing that person is out among the law-abiding citizens living their life is almost unbearable for the survivors left behind of homicide victims.

After Heidi's body was discovered, the Marion County Sheriff's Office Homicide Unit investigated the case following every lead again, tracking down all the friends and family again, asking the same questions again and adding new ones. They asked the public for help in trying to find Heidi's missing car, a 1972 light blue over dark blue Chevrolet Caprice. They put their very best on the case. Detectives stayed on the case trying to find the one thing that would let them make that slow walk up a sidewalk, knock on a door, sit down with parents, and let them say "we got'em."



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That scene never played out, and now 34 years after Heidi's body was found lying out in that lonely patch of woods Heidi's murder has a new name, Cold Case Homicide.

Not long ago Greg West of IMPD's Cold Case Homicide Unit brushed off the case of Heidi Jones; he reviewed the evidence and talked with some of the original investigators. He wanted to end the sorrow of Heidi's parents, give answers to her now grown son. He wanted to make that walk for Heidi, her son, her parents, and the long-retired homicide investigators who still think about the young mother who was murdered.

Heidi's family, the Homicide Detectives, and Crime Stoppers would like to pose some questions to the person who did this. What runs through your mind every day? Are you afraid of getting caught? Are you afraid of what will happen to you? Do you dream of that night? Does it wake you up in the middle of the night? What were Heidi's last words? Why did you take a mother from her toddler son? What kind of person are you to kill her and leave her laying in that lonely field? What is your life like? Are you afraid every time you see a police officer or car? Are you worried about the day there is knock on the door and it is the police? Well rest assured those who love Heidi, those who are seeking justice for Heidi will not forget. Maybe it is time to tell the truth, before the knock on the door.

None of those involved have forgotten Heidi Jones, and Detective West wants to find out the truth behind the murder. Detective West has contacted Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana to help highlight the case of Heidi Jones. He hopes the Crime Stoppers system that offers citizens multiple ways to anonymously give information about crimes might help someone come forward who will give the one piece of information he needs to solve this case.



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Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest in the homicide of Heidi Jones. Crime Stoppers has never revealed the identity of a tipster in the 25 years it has been operating in Central Indiana. Crime Stoppers is asking anyone with information to call 317-262-TIPS (8477) or 800-222-TIPS (TIPS) or to text INDYCS plus the tip information to CRIMES (274637). Tips may also be sent to Crime Stoppers by using their web site www.CrimeTips.com. The software allows users to send anonymous tips and to communicate with Crime Stoppers without revealing their identity. Let's finally let Heidi rest in peace.

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