



# COLD CASE INITIATIVE

Closed, Exceptional Clearance, Inactive, and Transferred Cases

Title	Incident Date	Status	Case Details
<b>Joseph Robinson</b> (1969 Homicide)	12/14/1969	Closed / Exceptional Clearance	On December 15, 1969, Joseph Robinson was found deceased along Watson Road / Evergreen Mills Road in Leesburg, VA. The victim had been shot multiple times. Two suspects were initially located and arrested. Charges against both suspects were dismissed at the Preliminary Hearing when the witnesses refused to testify. In 2019, one of the suspects was reinterviewed by Cold Case Detectives. The suspect confirmed that he witnessed the murder and identified the second suspect as the shooter. The identified shooter died in 1995. The case was reviewed by the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office who decided not to file charges against the remaining suspect.
<b>Veronica Hepworth</b> (1982 Homicide Victim)	02/25/1982	Transferred to VA State Police	This case was transferred to the Virginia State Police in 1984.  On February 25, 1982, Veronica Hepworth was found deceased in a driveway, off Route 50, east of Route 15. She was last seen at the Fancy Dancer Bar on Route 1 in Fairfax County, VA, at approximately 1:30 am.
<b>Henry "Ricky" Ryan</b> (1988 Homicide Victim)	09/30/1988	Closed by Arrest	Timothy W. Warnick, 58, was charged and sentenced for the 1988 murder of Henry E. Ryan. Warnick.  Henry "Ricky" Ryan was last seen on Friday, September 30, 1988, leaving a roadside pull off along the Shenandoah River on Bloomery Road in West Virginia. This was an area where Ricky Ryan and other local people gathered to drink and use drugs. According to witnesses, Mr. Ryan went on a beer run in the company of Timothy Warnick and another unidentified male and never came back. He was reported missing by his family several days later. On March 14th, 1989, his body was found in a shallow grave off Route 9 on the Loudoun County, VA side of the Blue Ridge Mountains. An autopsy confirmed that he was murdered.
<b>Patrick Hornbaker</b> (2001 Homicide)	05/21/2001	Closed by Arrest	On May 21, 2001, Patrick Hornbaker was found deceased in his bedroom (34000-block of Charles Town Pike, Purcellville, VA). An autopsy revealed the victim suffered a gunshot wound. Further investigation led deputies to conclude that the homicide resulted from a botched burglary attempt. Robert Roy and a second suspect were identified as the perpetrators. Roy was subsequently convicted of murder.



<b>Erica Smith</b> (2002 Homicide)	08/09/2002	Closed Suspect Deceased	On August 9, 2002, Erica Smith went missing and subsequently found deceased. A suspect was identified and interviewed. The suspect committed suicide in August 2013.
<b>Redacted</b> (2003 Carnal Knowledge)	05/04/2003	Closed by Arrest	Juvenile victim reported being sexually assaulted by a relative. The initial investigation failed to yield charges. In 2013, the case was reopened, and the investigation eventually led to charges against the suspect in 2018. The suspect pled guilty in 2020 to two counts of Sexual Battery of a Minor.
<b>Daniel Soto</b> (2009 Homicide)	07/17/2009	Inactive / Warrants have been issued.	On July 17, 2009, Daniel Soto was found deceased in his living quarters at the Middleburg Training Track (35300-block Training Center Lane, Middleburg, VA).  Investigation revealed that there was a physical altercation between the victim and two other employees of the track, Timoteo Hernandez Cruz and Alberto Garcia Perez. The case was reopened in 2014 and Malicious Wounding warrants were ultimately sought for the suspects. The location of the suspects is not known as they may have fled to Mexico.
<b>Bethany Decker</b> (2011 Missing Person – Homicide)	01/29/2011	Closed by Arrest	On February 19, 2011, Bethany Decker was reported missing by her grandparents. An investigation determined that Bethany was last seen on January 29, 2011, at her residence by Ronald Roldan (22400-block Orchard Grass Terrace, Ashburn, VA). Roldan shared an apartment with Bethany Decker, who was pregnant at the time of her disappearance. In December 2020, Roldan was indicted on a charge of Second-Degree Murder in connection with the victim's disappearance. The victim and her unborn child have never been located.

