

Odessa Police Department

Unsolved Crimes

Date: 04/18/1962

Case Number: 62-19703

Victim: James Lewis Wiley Junior, 34 years old

Location: 410 E. Pearl St. (Contractor's Club)

Summary: Officers responded to the Contractor's Club regarding a male laying in the street. Officers arrived to find James Lewis Wiley with multiple stab wounds. Wiley was pronounced deceased at the scene. A witness reported that prior to the incident, Wiley had contacted a vehicle that was occupied by multiple people. Wiley then called out to a friend who observed him fall to the ground, as the vehicle fled the scene and a male fled on foot.

Date: 04/12/1963

Case Number: 63-00001

Victim: Roy "Big Lake" Spears, 29 years old

Location: 1026 E. Murphy St (Village Club)

Summary: Roy Spears was located unresponsive at his residence by his sister. She transported Spears to Medical Center Hospital where he was later died. Spears had sustained a head injury several weeks prior. It was apparent that Spears had been struck in the head a second time, aggravating the first injury. During the investigation, investigators determined that prior to going home for the night, Spears was in a physical altercation with someone at the Village Club.

Date: 08/26/1971

Case Number: 71-59907

Victim: Johnye Janell Henderson, 11 years old

Location: 906 Snyder St.

Summary: On August 23, 1971, Johnye Henderson was reported missing from her residence by her mother. On August 26, 1971, Henderson's body was recovered from a vacant lot, near Henderson's residence. The area surrounding Henderson's body showed signs consistent with a physical struggle.



Date: 04/03/1975

Case Number: 75-81418

Victim: Edwin Woodrow Howell, 62 years old

Location: E. Alley, 100 Blk of N. Grant Ave.

Summary: Officers were dispatched to the Drillers Club regarding a male laying in the alley near 2nd St. and Grant Ave. Officers located Edwin Woodrow Howell lying on his back with trauma to his head. Howell was transported to Medical Center Hospital where he was pronounced deceased the following day. Witnesses reported that prior to the incident, Howell was playing dominoes and later broke up the game because he was losing.

Date: 08/30/1977

Case Number:

Victim: Kenton Lee Hart, 25 years old

Location: 2338 E. 8th St. (Bo Weevils Restaurant)

Summary: Officers responded to Bo Weevils Restaurant regarding a shooting. Officers arrived to find Kenton Lee Hart in the parking lot with a gunshot wound to the chest. He was transported to Medical Center Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Prior to the shooting, Hart was seen leaning over a maroon sedan speaking with someone in the vehicle. After the gunshots, the maroon sedan then fled the scene.



Date: 01/17/1978

Case Number: 78-107101

Victim: Hubert Cleo Dean, 69 years old

Location: 300 blk Lindy Ave.

Summary: On January 16, 1978, Hubert Cleo Dean was found with trauma to his head, outside his home in the 300 blk of Lindy. Dean was the victim of an apparent robbery. He was transported to Medical Center Hospital where he later died from his injuries. Dean was known to carry large sums of money while working as a deliveryman for an Odessa liquor firm.

Date: 10/15/1979

Case Number: 79-25526

Victim: Tommy Joe Turner, 35 years old

Location: 514 E. Pearl St. (Diamond Club)

Summary: Officers were dispatched to Diamond Club in reference a gunshot victim. Officers arrived to find Tommy Joe Turner in the driver seat of a 1969 Chevrolet 4-door with a gunshot wound to the head.



Date: 11/21/1979

Case Number: 79-127434

Victim: Jamie Valenzuela Aguirre, 18 years old

Location: 501 W. May St #8

Summary: Officers were notified of a deceased person at 501 W. May St Apartment# 8. Jamie Aguirre was located on the floor of the apartment with multiple gunshot wounds. It was determined that Aguirre had been shot shortly prior to family member locating his body.

Date: 05/01/1981

Case Number: 81-144755

Victim: Reymundo A. Hernandez, 24 years old

Location: 500 S. Grant Ave (El Casino Club)

Summary: Officers were dispatched to El Casino Club regarding a stabbing. They arrived to find Reymundo A. Hernandez under a pool table with a stab wound to his chest. Reymundo was transported to Medical Center Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

Date: 08/30/1981

Case Number: 81-149330

Victim: Cecil Gilbert Workman, 23 years old

Location: 5023 E. Highway 80 (Denny's)

Summary: Officers were dispatched to Denny's regarding a gunshot victim. Cecil Workman was found on the front sidewalk with a gunshot wound to his chest. He was transported to Medical Center Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Witnesses reported that Cecil was shot by a Hispanic male who fled in a tan colored pickup truck which fled westbound on Highway 80.

Date: 03/03/1982

Case Number: 82-156720

Victim: Agustin Olivas Chacon, 25 years old

Location: 1319 E. 4th St.

Summary: Officers were dispatched to 1319 E. 4th St. regarding a deceased person. Agustin Chacon was in the residence with multiple gunshot wounds. Chacon was transported to Medical Center Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. A witness reported seeing a male wearing a ski mask standing in the doorway of the residence with a pistol.



Date: 03/03/1982

Case Number: 82-156721

Victim: Marshall Justin McCarthy, 37 years old

Location: 1513 E. 5th St. #4

Summary: Officers responded to 1513 E. 5th Apartment #4 regarding a gunshot victim. Upon arrival, Marshall McCarthy was located with multiple gunshot wounds. Neighbors reported hearing what they believed to be an argument in McCarthy's apartment before hearing gunshots.

Date: 04/16/1986

Case Number: 86-034205

Victim: Manuel Abila Brito, 37 years old

Location: 1317 Lindberg Ave.

Summary: Officers responded to 1317 Lindberg Ave. regarding shots fired. Manuel Brito was found in the front yard with multiple gunshot wounds. Odessa Fire Department responded to the scene where Brito was pronounced deceased. Witnesses reported seeing a white 1960's model Chevrolet fleeing northbound from the area.

Date: 05/17/1986

Case Number: 86-035818

Victim: Debra Sue Moore, 25 years old

Location: 4651 Oakwood Ave. #51

Summary: Officers and Paramedics responded to 4651 Oakwood #51 regarding an injured, unconscious female. Firefighters arrived to find Debra Sue Moore near the entryway to the apartment with a stab wound to her left upper chest. Moore was transported to Medical Center Hospital where she was pronounced deceased. Witnesses reported chasing a male suspect on foot away from the apartment complex after hearing Moore scream.



Date: 01/02/1994

Case Number: 94-22209

Victim: Michael William Ray, 22 years old

Anthony Johnson Jr., 41 years old

Location: 1000 N. Graham Ave #19 (Barcelona Apartments)

Summary: Odessa Fire-Rescue responded to 1000 N. Gram Ave #19 regarding a structure fire. The bodies of Michael William Ray and Anthony Johnson Jr. were recovered from the apartment. Their cause of death was determined to be Carbon Monoxide Poisoning. Investigation revealed that the fire originated in the living room near an open window. The cause of the fire is suspected arson.

Date: 07/18/1996

Case Number: 96-10958

Victim: John Doe

Location: 1309 Clifford (Alley)

Summary: Officers responded to the alley behind 1309 Clifford St. regarding a deceased, newborn infant found in the dumpster. The infant was located by an elderly man who was walking the alley picking up cans. Autopsy determined that the infant was murdered. The infant has never been identified.



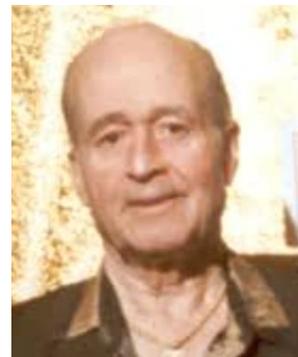
Date: 10/17/1996

Case Number: 96-16608

Victim: Blana Lafon King, 68 years old

Location: 807 W. 33rd St.

Summary: Officers responded to 807 W. 33rd St regarding a deceased person. Officers arrived to find Blana Lafon "B.L." King deceased with multiple gunshot wounds. Several of King's personal items were missing from the residence.



Date: 04/16/1997

Case Number: 97-05500

Victim: Gerardo Olivas, 40 years old

Location: 612 Magnolia (Flores Café)

Summary: Officers responded to Flores Café regarding a gunshot victim. Gerardo Olivas was found in the parking lot, with a gunshot wound to the chest. He was transported to Medical Center Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Olivas had exited the business five to ten minutes before he was found.

Date: 09/14/2001

Case Number: 01-19203

Victim: Lynn Floyd Moore, 70 years old

Location: 3700 Dover Dr.

Summary: Officers responded to 3700 Dover Dr regarding a deceased person. Contact was made with Lynn Floyd Moore's brother, who reported that he had not heard from Moore since the prior week. Officers found the front of the residence secured but the rear sliding glass door broken and partially ajar. While searching the house, Moore was discovered on the floor in his bedroom with a gunshot wound.



Date: 09/05/2003

Case Number: 03-18022

Victim: Francisco Salas Hidalgo, 42 years old

Location: 3100 Andrews Highway (One Energy Square)

Summary: Officers responded to Rentway regarding a man down. Francisco Hidalgo was located with multiple stab wounds to his neck and left arm in the breezeway. Hidalgo was located by two children who initially thought Hidalgo was asleep. When they noticed blood coming from Hidalgo, they notified Rentway store employees who called police.



Date: 10/15/2008

Case Number: 08-20608

Victim: Ray Saucedo Jr., 25 years old

Location: 3727 Andrews Hwy. (High Plains Apartments)

Summary: Officers responded to High Plains Apartments regarding a major accident and shots fired. Officers arrived to find Ray Saucedo Jr. in the driver seat of his vehicle, which had crashed into a parked car. Saucedo was found to have with multiple gunshot wounds.



Date: 09/29/2014

Case Number: 14-0024165

Victim: Humberto Palma, 39 years old

Location: Intersection of E. 23rd / Keystone Dr.

Summary: Officers responded to a gunshot victim that occurred at the intersection of E. 23rd and Keystone Dr. Humberto Palma was located with a gunshot wound to his head. Witnesses reported that Palma stopped in the intersection. He was followed by occupants of a tan colored sedan. The passenger of the sedan exited and approached Palma. Witnesses heard multiple gunshots before the occupants of the tan sedan fled the area.



Date: 11/21/2019

Case Number: 19-0037470

Victim: Brandon Swinney, 42 years old

Location: 1710 Dotsy Ave.

Summary: Officers were dispatched to the 1700 blk of Dotsy Ave regarding shots fired. Officers subsequently located Brandon Swinney, under the car port with a gunshot wound to the chest. Swinney was pronounced deceased at the scene. Video surveillance captured a male suspect carrying a handgun under Swinney's carport prior to his death.



Date: 03/24/2020

Case Number: 20-0006110

Victim: Samuel Dean Jones, 56 years old

Location: 1000 N. Dixie Blvd.-North Alley (DK)

Summary: Officers responded to a medical call at DK located at 1000 N. Dixie Blvd. Samuel Dean Jones was located by an employee in the alley north of the business, with multiple stab wounds. Jones was pronounced deceased at the scene.



Date: 04/17/2020

Case Number: 20-0007198

Victim: Eddie Hernandez Palma, 52 years old

Location: 2502 N. Tom Green Ave.

Summary: Officers responded to 2502 N. Tom Green Ave regarding a stab victim. Officers arrived to contact Eddie Hernandez Palma with multiple stab wounds. During the investigation, video surveillance footage was obtained from a local gas station which showed Palma contacting an unidentified Hispanic male in the parking lot. The unidentified male was driving a light colored 1997-2003 Toyota Prius. Shortly after, Palma returned to his residence with the stab wounds.



NOTE: This is not a complete list of all unsolved homicide cases for the Odessa Police Department. All unsolved cases remain open until solved.

If you have any information regarding any of these unsolved crimes, please contact Odessa Crime Stoppers at 432-333-TIPS or the Odessa Police Department - Homicide Unit at 432-335-4952.