

Hercules Police Department

Unsolved Crime/Cold Case – 1980 Homicide

Victim: Sue Alice Bailey, White Female, September 10, 1953

Location: Valley Nitrogen Plant (Inactive) near the Hercules Water Tower

On May 28, 1980 at approximately 2:45 p.m. a badly decomposed body was discovered by a juvenile hiker approximately 100 yards north of the Hercules Water Tower. The victim was found in a shallow grave covered with branches, leaves and bark. The victim had a piece of clothing around her neck tied in a double knot. She was clothed only in a blue and green ling sleeve print blouse, nude from the waist down. The Victim had a red, white and blue handmade bead bracelet on her right wrist. One other distinguishing feature is that the victim obviously suffered from a gross physical back deformity.

The autopsy report showed that the victim was struck on the left side of her face and stabbed multiple times. If you have any information please contact the Hercules Police Department at 510-799-8260 or the Crime Stoppers Hotline at 510-799-8255.

