

# TIVERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Cold Case Investigation



COLD CASE- HOMICIDE

DATE- 07/13/1977

VICTIM- Lyla J. Poitras

CASE NUMBER- CR-77-1-H

On 06/29/1977 Lyla J. Poitras was reported missing by a neighbor. Poitras was last seen at her home at 70 Cynthia Ave. in Tiverton on the evening of 06/27/1977. Investigating officers immediately suspected foul play due to the fact that her vehicle was found in the driveway and personal property was found inside the home. Also, Poitras had not reported to her job at the Aetna Life and Casualty Co. in Fall River for several days. Over the next two weeks officers from multiple agencies conducted searches of the surrounding area and conducted more than 100 interviews.

On 07/13/1977 State DOT workers discovered Poitras' body in a wooded area near the intersection of Canning Blvd. and Stafford Rd. in Tiverton. Poitras' body was discovered approximately 3.3 miles from her home. The Rhode Island Medical Examiners Officer later determined the manner of death to be homicide.

Over the next year the Tiverton Police Department, the Rhode Island State Police and the FBI conducted an exhaustive investigation, following up on hundreds of leads. Several persons of interest were identified, but no charges were ever filed. Over the past thirty nine years additional leads have been reported and investigated.

If you have any information regarding the death of Lyla J. Poitras, please contact the Tiverton Police Detective Division at (401) 625-6717

