



Attention: Homicide, Special Victims, and Crime Analysis Units

On May 25, 2003, a hiker near The Shady Rest campground in Mammoth Lakes National Forest, Mammoth Lakes, California, discovered a shallow grave with skeletal remains scattered around the area. Investigators estimate that the victim had been dead for 6 to 9 months. Forensic examination of these remains revealed two penetrations that were concluded to be consistent with knife wounds. The victim's information has been entered into NCIC and the ViCAP national database.

DNA analysis determined the victim's "bio-geographical ancestry" as 100% Native American. Further DNA analysis showed that victim's genotype to be consistent with Native American populations of southern Mexico and Guatemala. Subsequent mitochondrial DNA analysis revealed that the victim was a perfect match of one of the 200 Zapotec samples which was taken in the Valley of Oaxaca in the southern Mexico state of Oaxaca.

When the sketch and reconstruction photograph were shown in the Oaxaca area, a woman said that the reconstruction looked like her stepdaughter, Barbara Pacheco Santiago. Currently, attempts are underway to confirm this tentative identification by collecting DNA from Barbara's relatives in Oaxaca.

Unidentified Homicide Victim Possibly identified as Barbara Pacheco Santiago

Sex: Female

Race: 100% Native American

Culture: Zapotec Indian possibly from the Valley of Oaxaca, in southern Mexico

Age: 30 – 40 years old

Hair: Black – Longer than shoulder length

Height: 4'6" – 4'8"

Weight: 80 – 90 pounds

Clothing: Trousers, size 1 – 2, black 32A Bra, size 5M Bass brand shoes, a small top, a "Cold Air Design" coat, a Jacqueline Smith watch and hoop ear rings.

Remarks: There is evidence to believe that the victim carried an infant to full term. **First name may have been changed to Carmen or Carmela.**



Reconstruction by Betty Pat. Gatliff of SCULLpture Lab in Norman, OK.



Sketch by Sandy Enslow in June of 2003

A few days after the skeletal remains were found; a witness recalled a very short Asian female came to the Mammoth Lakes Visitor Center with her husband in the fall of 2002. This female told an employee that her husband treated her poorly and she was afraid of him. The husband asked about campsite rules and stay limits. The husband is described as a white male, heavyset, 5 feet 9 inches tall, approximately 175 – 200 pounds, with brown hair, who was abrasive and mean-spirited.

Anyone having information on the identity of the victim or the suspect in this case should contact either Detective Sergeant Paul Dostie, Mammoth Lakes Police Department at 760-934-2011 or FBI, ViCAP at 800-634-4097 or vicap@leo.gov. For additional information on this case please refer to the Forensic Magazine at www.forensicmag.com.



Sketch of suspect by Sandy Enslow in June of 2003

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