



MARYSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT



COLD CASE

Jennifer Brinkman Homicide

March 1998

Jennifer Brinkman was a white female born in 1979, age 19, who lived in the 1900 block of Grove Street with her father. Jennifer was considered to be a little handicapped with the capacity of about a 13 or 14 year old. She didn't have any known close friends in Marysville. She was extremely friendly and would not hesitate to talk to strangers. Most Marysville Officers were familiar with her.

On 03/13/98 Michael Brinkman, Jennifer's father, and his girlfriend left for Disneyland. Jennifer had been invited on the trip but decided to stay home. This was the first time Jennifer had stayed home alone for any substantial length of time and Michael reluctantly agreed. He considered it a test of her maturity.

Michael Brinkman returned home on 03/21/98 and discovered Jennifer on her bedroom floor. Jennifer had been murdered with an axe. She left behind a father, mother, brother and other family.

The Marysville Police Department launched an extensive investigation that is ongoing still today. A large amount of evidence was collected at the scene. The Washington State Patrol Crime lab was able to develop a DNA profile of an unknown male from evidence at the scene. It is possible the DNA belongs to a suspect or witness who may be able to provide critical information to police.

In 2009 the case was assigned to Detective Vinson who believes this case to be solvable. Parella Lewis from Q13 Fox's Washington's Most Wanted filmed a story on the case which aired in 2010.

In March 2011, on the 13th anniversary of Jennifer's death, Jennifer's father passed away without the person(s) responsible for his daughter's murder being held accountable for their actions.

The Marysville Police Department is asking anyone with information about this case to contact Detective Vinson at (360)363-8300. Please help solve this case and help bring some sense of closure to Jennifer's family.