

List of 'case open' slayings in Iowa

There are at least 60 unsolved murders in Iowa, Iowa law enforcement officials said during the last week. Following is a list of the murder cases, as reported by Iowa officials.

Ames area

1948 — HENRY CHAVIS, 55, Ames canning plant owner, found in a pool of blood just outside his modern farm home a mile south of Ames on highway 69 about dawn on Nov. 8, 1948. Shot three times. Officers think slaying took place between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. and that Chavis recognized assailant. Mrs. Chavis home at 11 p.m., awoke at 1:30 a.m., but didn't hear shots. She offered \$2,500 reward. Des Moines Tribune offered \$1,000 reward in secret witness plan. Family later moved to Fowler, Ind.

1968 — SHEILA JEAN COLLINS, 19-year-old freshman at Iowa State University, found strangled to death with nylon rope in a ditch by gravel road 15 miles east of Ames on Jan. 28, 1968.

Cad left campus on previous Friday (Jan. 26) for home in Evansville, Ind., after using "going my way" bulletin board to hitchhike. Her pants, blue jeans, purse and suitcase found in field just west of where body found. She had telephoned parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Collins, Evansville, that she was getting ride home.

Blakesburg area

1974 — MARY JANE JONES, 17, of Ottumwa, killed by gunshot wounds to heart and head. Her body was found April 10, 1974, in a farm house 8 miles west of Ottumwa near Blakesburg. Last seen 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, April 10, 1974, at Union Bank and Trust Co., Ottumwa. She had worked at Henry's drive-in, Ottumwa, nine months.

Burlington area

1969 — MRS. DOROTHY MILLER, 48, grandmother and real estate saleswoman, found dead. Last seen June 30, 1969, in closet of upstairs bedroom, 118 Grand St., Burlington; a house she planned to show to prospective buyer. Her hands tied in front, she was lying face down. She had been knocked out, sexually molested, stabbed 23 times in neck, back and head. Survived by husband, Fred, and daughter, Mrs. Paul Craven, of Burlington.

1970 — MRS. MARY LANGE, 37, of Burlington, being divorced from husband, Marvin, 50, found dead Dec. 19, 1970, in Long Creek nine miles west of Burlington. Died of head wounds from a blunt instrument. She was clerk in municipal court and mother of three children. Last seen alive leaving Christmas party for employees about 8:30 p.m. Dec. 16. Her blood splattered car found Dec. 18, 1970.

Cedar Rapids area

1959 — MARLENE PADFIELD, 17, of Lisbon, disappeared Feb. 18, 1959. Her body was found April 29, 1959, near lovers lane southeast of Cedar Rapids. One of last persons to see her alive was 18-year-old son of Cedar Rapids business executive.

1971 — MRS. DAVID (MAUREN) FARLEY, 17, of Cedar Rapids, last seen Sept. 17, 1971, found dead Sept. 25, 1971, in the trunk of an abandoned car in heavily wooded vine off old Ely road near the southwest edge of Cedar Rapids. Had been struck on head with blunt instrument and died of skull fracture. Reported missing Sept. 20 after failing to report to work as waitress or pick up pay check. Her husband was an inmate of Iowa Men's Reformatory at Anamosa. She had recently moved from Sioux City to be nearer husband.

1971 — MRS. RONALD (KAREN) STREED, 21, of Cedar Rapids, found in old Amara Millrace stream, died evening of Oct. 18, 1971, or morning of Oct. 19 of four 22-caliber gunshot wounds to head. Last seen alive Oct. 18, 1971, hitchhiking to Iowa City to meet husband, a student at University of Iowa. Her father, Matthias Casey, a Foxboro, Mass., police officer came to Iowa to help probe.

Council Bluffs area

1967 — PAUL J. RAY, 51, manager of Club 64, one half mile east of Council Bluffs city limits, and Council Bluffs Patrolman JOHN L. STEPHENS, 32, killed Dec. 5, 1967, and \$1,500 club receipts taken. Stephens, hired as body guard, shot five times at close range; Rayer shot three times in "gangland style slaying."

ing. Two guns used, one .25 caliber and one .38 caliber. Bodies discovered at 7:30 a.m. Dec. 5, 1967. Last employee left at 2:06 a.m. same day. Rumor that Rayer lost lot of money at Las Vegas. Club worth between \$50,000 and \$100,000. Stephens survived by divorced wife and two children; Rayer survived by wife and seven children at Ralston, Neb.

Davenport area

1935 — CHARLES A. ENGLEHART, 69, wealthy Davenport manufacturer, beaten to death as he sat in parked car near his private garage Sept. 22, 1935. Killer failed to take wallet containing \$100 and expensive watch and diamonds.

1974 — RODDY LEE HAHN, 15, of Muscatine, killed early Aug. 13, 1974, by gun shot. James Christensen, 46, of Blue Grass, wounded. Shooting occurred near Eagle Supermarket, Davenport where Christensen was making delivery of baked goods. Hahn was helping him. Believe they surprised burglars, who came out blasting. Chief Charles Wright termed it a "vicious" crime.

Des Moines area

1925 — Charred remains of woman's body found in burned straw stack south of Carlisle on Aug. 10, 1925. Bits of hair light brown with a touch of auburn or red found. Suspect arrested in 1937 after wife accused him. Woman said husband told her he had slain girl in Iowa and burned body in strawstack. Man released after questioning. He was 14 at time woman's remains found. Identity of dead girl never established.

1948 — MRS. ANNE McCREVEY, 44, of 6505 Forest Court, Windsor Heights, died of burns or from asphyxiation. Found dead when firemen broke into her blazing home at 1:40 a.m. Jan. 30, 1948. Investigators believed fire set by arsonist.

1949 — CLAUDE MILLER, 64, and his wife, ANNA, 62, killed by two close-range shotgun blasts between 3:30 a.m. and 4 a.m. April 4, 1949, in the basement of their farm home north of Camp Dodge. Son Frank, 24, jailed April 4, 1949, released June 30, 1949, from Polk County jail after grand jury dismissed murder charge against him. Jury termed the deaths "murders by a person or persons unknown."

1951 — LEON GROVES, 40, Ruan cab driver, found dead Dec. 21, 1951, on floor of his cab in a ditch at S.E. Eighteenth Street and Scott Avenue. Shot three times, wallet missing.

1953 — EARL McMURRY, 64, found dead Mar. 12, 1953, in washroom of his service station at 2623 Sixth Ave. Stabbed 30 times and \$1,500 missing from cash drawer.

1958 — MRS. ROSE GRAND-ANETTE, 33, mother of three, fatally shot in head in doorway of her Windsor Heights home Sept. 12, 1958. Husband Bernard told police wife was shot by one of three gunmen who accosted him as he returned home from work.

1960 — MRS. DOROTHY R. COON, 38, Des Moines divorcee, disappeared from home Aug. 26, 1960. Body found three days later (Aug. 29, 1960) on county road about 12 miles north of Chariton.

1962 — RAMONA COX, 26, secretary, found dead in her apartment at 1526 Woodland Ave. on April 29, 1962. She was slashed across throat with unknown cutting knife. Man seen leaping from apartment window. Police questioned 3,000 persons.

1963 — GEORGE H. GEARY, 40, shot to death in service station, Kew Way and Crocker Street, on Jan. 13, 1963, with \$250 stolen from cash register.

1965 — JANICE SNOW, 17, Tech high student, found stabbed to death April 15, 1965, in a wooded area in southeast Des Moines. Had been missing several days. Stabbed 17 times. Police questioned 1,000 persons. Records fill six 200-page volumes.

1965 — Body of MRS. LILLIAN ELIZABETH RANDOLPH, 57, of Guthrie Center, found dead in trunk of her car at Des Moines Municipal Airport May 11, 1965, several weeks after being reported missing. Stabbed 13 times in chest.

1966 — DONALD AMOS NERVIG, 52, Des Moines businessman, found dead Jan. 26, 1966, in a gully five miles northwest of city. Had been missing since Dec. 14, 1965, along with money bag containing \$305. Medical examiner said Nervi died 12 hours before body found after being struck on head with a blunt instrument.

1967 — JUDY CORBIN, 17, blonde, blue-eyed, part-time Go-Go dancer, killed by stab wound in neck April 19, 1967. Found dead in bathroom of room at Hotel Chamberlain.

Man charged with crime acquitted by jury.

1967 — MRS. RAYMOND (LEOTA) CAMP, 25, stabbed four times in back at home in quiet neighborhood, 3213 Fleming Ave., on July 10, 1967. Two children, Kevin, 4, and Brenda, 3, found mother near death, lying face down on a bed with hands and legs bound with neckties. Kevin removed knife from mother's back. Two knives, part of kitchen set, found by police. Sought mysterious stranger. (Another prowler?). Husband, tabulating equipment manager

1974 — TIMOTHY HAWBAKER, 18, of Adel and Dallas Center, slain by blows to head with car jack part. Body found Sept. 2, 1974, in cornfield near S.E. Forty-fourth Avenue and Des Moines river outside Des Moines city limits and about 1 1/2 miles north of Avon Lake. Youth had been in service station at Adel in late July shortly before Richard Vager, 62, station operator, was shot and killed during attempted robbery. Two rural St. Marys men charged with Vager slaying, held under \$100,000 bond each at Adel.

Dubuque area

1964 — FRANCIS J. RAFFERTY, 58, millworker, suffocated after burglars taped his mouth shut with electrician's tape at his Dubuque home the night of Feb. 8, 1964. Police Chief Robert O'Brien said Rafferty was tied up with telephone wire and apparently choked on food eaten earlier because of tape over his mouth. Rafferty at one time kept money at his home but had transferred it to a bank some months before his death.

1971 — Body of KENNETH MARVIN ROUZARD, 53, found by two Dubuque policemen under a railroad box car on April 22, 1971. Body exhumed for supplementary autopsy May 20. Death caused from massive skull fracture after being struck in the head. Classified as unsolved homicide.

Fort Dodge area

1971 — WILLIAM H. FREIMUTH, 71, Fort Dodge service station attendant, shot in back of head about 8 p.m. Feb. 16, 1971, by gunman who took \$400 from cash register.

Guthrie Center Area

1950 — ALONZO BEGTEL, 82, retired Guthrie County farmer, died of old age pensioner, died from blows to head and body. Found dead 50 feet from one-room shack south side of Guthrie Center Jan. 18, 1950. Clutched \$9 in hand.

1962 — EDWARD KRIZ, 43, owner of George's Buffet Tavern, 312 Market-St., Iowa City, killed about 1:45 a.m. Nov. 11, 1962, by young man wearing Halloween mask. Three shots fired. No provocation.

1966 — RONALD F. LIPSUS, 30, slain May 16, 1966, by person who entered Lipsius neighborhood grocery, 812 S. Summit St., Iowa City. Man asked for some sliced meat. While Lipsius slicing meat, woman came and took money (\$50) from cash register. Woman ran, Lipsius chased her and was killed when the woman turned and fired at close range; one earlier shot had missed. Two .22 caliber

for Iowa Employment Security Commission, offered \$2,500 reward. Woman had received obscene phone calls several weeks earlier.

1969 — PATRICIA ANN (TRISH) VEACH, 8, found smothered or strangled to death early July 11, 1969. Police said girl had been sexually molested in front porch bedroom of Veach home, 805 S.W. Lally St. Died between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. Father, William E. Veach, managed East Side Fish Market, owned by his father, Arthur Veach of 1103 Lewis Ave. Police questioned 300 persons.

1972 — WILLIAM M. REED, 49, Des Moines labor leader, convicted of conspiracy in three bombing incidents against contractors who refused to hire union iron workers, died of carbon monoxide poisoning between midnight and 1 a.m. Jan. 11, 1972, in a mobile home at 4795 N.E. Twenty-eighth Court. No source for lethal fumes ever found. No official ever termed the death murder or caused by foul play. Called "questionable" death by BCI.

1973 — MRS. DOUGLAS (MARY K.) SENNE, 21, killed Oct. 23, 1973, by stab wounds in stomach and throat about 6-6:30 p.m. at her home, 4119 E. University Ave. There were signs of struggle. Found by her husband at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 23. She was a student at Iowa State University and was working part time at Aid Insurance Services. Her husband worked at American Parts System, Inc. Her father, Dr. William T. Kamp, 43, Galesburg, Ill., surgeon, offered reward. Her billfold and purse missing. Chief Wendell Nichols thinks criminal was prowler surprised in act.

1974 — DANNY LEE PETERS, 21, of 801 S.W. Loomis St., a security guard, and LUIS A. TRUJILLO,

22, of 2349 Saylor Rd., assistant night auditor, killed Aug. 22, 1974 by gunshots during holdup at Downtown Holiday Inn here. Robbery netted \$62. Two others wounded, Charles Ken Nolle, 28, of 2221 Stanton Ave., and John Paul Stewart, 22, of Lincoln, Neb., scheduled to go to work for Radio Station KFMB here.

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Mason City area

1962 — LUCILLE ELAINE DEVRIES, 22, insurance firm secretary and restaurant waitress, burned to death in car outside her apartment about 4 a.m. Oct. 10, 1962. Her roommate awakened, smelled smoke and saw car in flames. Victim left Frontier Club, where she worked as waitress, at 1:30 a.m. stopped for an hour at Wheel Inn Cafe. She died of smoke inhalation and burns. Never determined who set fire and whether she was dead when it was set.

1966 — NORMA JEAN HORGAN, 18, of rural St. Ansgar, found dead Saturday, Sept. 11, 1966, fully clothed floating face down in 3-4 feet of water, 50 feet from shore of Clear Lake.

Body had been in water less than 20 hours. She was a cosmetology student at Mason City and had missed Saturday classes; last seen around midnight Friday, Sept. 10. Investigators think it could have been murder since her arm twisted in back as in wrestling hold, indicating she could have been forced into water. Hundreds interviewed.

1969 — Grocer ANDREW HATGES, 75, struck in head with wrench, throat slashed from ear to ear. Found face down on living room floor, fully clothed, including overcoat. Robbery was possible motive, but he had money on him and his widow, he lived alone. Mason City Chief Wes Greenan said investigation carried all the way back to Greece looking for vengeance motive.

Oskaloosa area

1972 — EDWARD A. SCHMIDT, 85, Oskaloosa attorney, found dead in his basement law office Feb. 16, 1972. Stabbed in chest—four times and beaten about head and face. Left estate of about \$1 million.

Plainfield area

1961 — WILLIAM L. MEADOWS, 26, town marshal at Plainfield fatally shot Jan. 23, 1961, while investigating safe burglary. Killer escaped in barrage of gunfire.

Sioux City area

1955 — DONNA SUE DAVIS, 2, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Davis of Sioux City, kidnapped from bed about 9:30 p.m. July 10, 1955. Neighbors saw man carrying a bundle running away from Davis home. Body found next day (July 11, 1955) in a cornfield near South Sioux City, Neb. Body had cigarette burns. Police said girl had been sexually abused, held by feet, head bashed against fence post. Police have 1,200 page file on case, size of three mail order catalogs. At one time, 24 FBI agents worked on case. Chief William Hansen and Detective Capt. Frank O'Keefe say they go back to case every few months, whenever someone who fits pattern arrested. Girl's diaper, rubber pants and pajama bottoms found alongside gravel road near body. Pajama tops were wrapped around her neck.

1974 — 8-pound baby boy, wrapped in bloody sheet, found dead Mar. 28, 1974, on a loess bluff overlooking Missouri river on Sioux City's near southwest side. Dead from exposure.

Keokuk area

1960 — WILLARD WOODWARD, 42, and RICHARD BUCHANAN, 49, found shot to death Oct. 9, 1960, in a Keokuk rooming house.

Marshalltown Area

1973 — The body of MRS. HELEN MAE BROWN, 62, a widow missing from her Marshalltown home since Oct. 7, 1973, was found in the Iowa River in Tama County about seven miles east of Marshalltown and two miles northeast of LeGrand on Nov. 30, 1973. Death by drowning; but foul play suspected. Grand jury returned no indictment.

Tabor Area

1949 — ALONZO RHODE, 75, Tabor farmer, died of arsenic and mercury poisoning April 26, 1949. No indication of foul play until body exhumed and autopsy performed Oct. 1, 1949. Grand jury bound to grand jury but not indicted.

Villisca area

1912 — MR. AND MRS. JOE B. MOORE of Villisca, their four children and friends, Ina, 12, and Lena Stillinger, 8, killed by ax

murderer June 9, 1912. Hung jury resulted when itinerant preacher tried in 1917. Local banker and former state senator accused of complicity, but grand jury refused to indict him. Banker unsuccessfully sued detective for slander. Banker died in 1941. Case never solved with eight victims, Villisca ax murders rank as top mass murder in Iowa, not counting earlier raids such as Spirit Lake massacre.

1908 — PATROLMAN FRED P. WIDMANN fatally shot Nov. 11, 1908, in an alley.

1959 — MELVIN J. GALLAGHER, 21, of Waterloo, night attendant at service station, shot in head, found dead 5:30 a.m. Jan. 3, 1959. Safe robbed of \$179.

Merrill resigns

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — William H. Merrill, an attorney who prosecuted one-time White House aide John D. Ehrlichman and three others in the Ellsberg break-in case has resigned from the special Watergate prosecutor's office.

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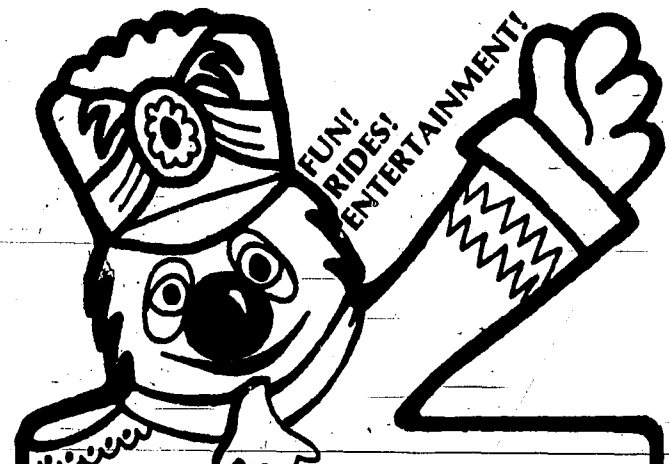
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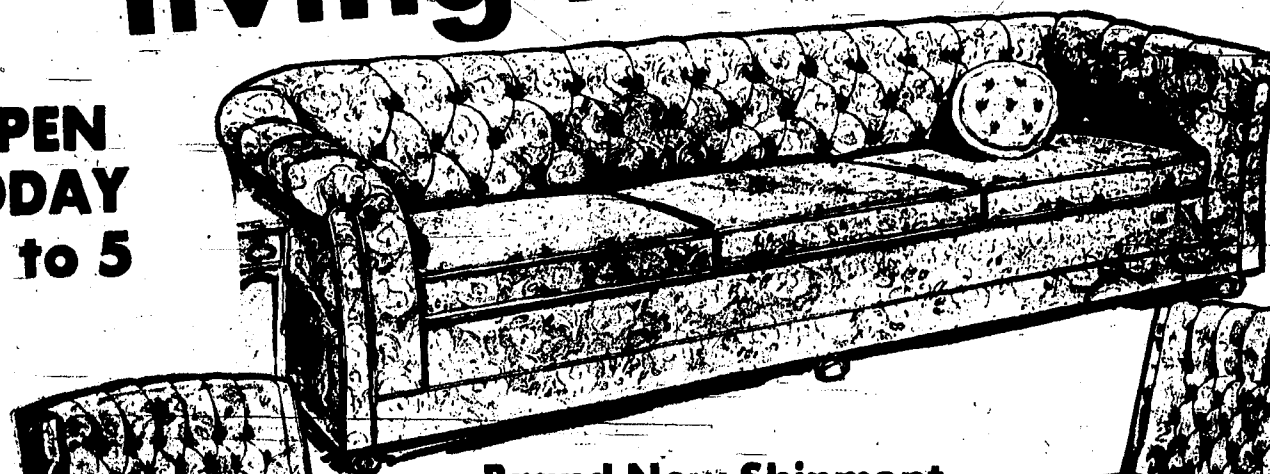
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