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Attention: Violent Crime / Cold Case / Crime Analysis Units

RICHARD WILLIAM DAVIS (deceased)



Note: Photo from 1973

Alias Names: William Davis; Nash; Dick

Race: White

Sex: Male

Date of Death: 08/24/2012

Age at Death: 70

Height: 6'00"

Distinguishing Characteristic: Smoked menthol cigarettes

Vehicles: Multiple, including:

- Nash Rambler (driven in late 1960s)
- Oldsmobile 98 (driven in early 1970s)
- Blue pickup truck (driven in late 1970s – 1980s)
- Truck with sleeper cab (driven in early 2000s)

Weapon(s): Folding knife, handgun

States of Travel: Cross-country (New York to Alaska)

Primary states of residence: Pennsylvania, South Dakota, New York, and Arkansas

DNA: In CODIS at the national level

Richard Davis was recently linked to the 1974 homicide of a five-year-old female abducted near her home in Missoula, MT. The victim's body was found approximately 10 miles east of her residence in a culvert near I-90 in Turah, MT. She sustained trauma to her head, stab wounds to her chest, and had been sexually assaulted. Davis is also linked to the 1973 attempted abduction of an eight-year-old girl in Bath, NY.

Davis primarily resided in Pennsylvania in the early 1960s; South Dakota (Lead, Deadwood, and Rapid City) in the late 1960s; Bath, NY in the late 1960s – late 1970s; North Little Rock, AR, in the late 1970s – late 1980s; and Cabot, AR, from the late 1980s until his death in 2012. Davis also traveled extensively across the country to include, but not limited to: Alaska, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming. Davis held various jobs, to include working as a missionary on the Sioux Reservation in the early 1960s; working in the mines in South Dakota in the late 1960s; as a security guard at a winery/bar in Bath, NY, in the mid-1970s; driving a school bus in Alaska in late 1974/early 1975; as a security guard at the Arkansas School for the Deaf and Blind in the 1970s or 1980s; and as a truck driver in the early 2000s. Davis also volunteered at Big Brothers/Big Sisters in Arkansas in the late 1970s or 1980s. Investigators are looking for similar cases Davis may be responsible for committing.

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