



**Victim: Melvin Pooley Jr.**

**Age: 14**  
**Sex: Male**  
**Race: White**

**Case #: 80-563566**

**Date: 01/25/1980**

**Location: 2800 Blk. S. Platte River Dr.**

**Synopsis: On the evening of October 19<sup>th</sup>, 1979 fourteen year old Melvin Pooley Jr. left his southwest Denver home to go visit a friend. Melvin did not return home that night and a Missing Persons Report was filed with the Police Department. A few months later, a passerby noticed a body floating in the South Platte River near W. Yale Avenue and notified authorities. The body was subsequently identified as Melvin Pooley Jr. Due to the suspicious circumstances surrounding Melvin's death, this case was investigated as a homicide.**

**The Denver Police Department's Cold Case Unit is seeking information that will lead to the arrest and prosecution of the suspect(s) responsible for this murder. If you have information that could assist with this or any other unsolved case, you can help investigators by calling the **Denver Police Department at 720-913-2000** (24 hours a day - seven days a week) or by calling the **Crime Stoppers Tip Line at 720-913-STOP (7867)**. Callers may remain anonymous and receive a reward up to \$2,000.**



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