



"We Will Never Forget"
The Denver Police Department created the Cold Case Unit to continue the pursuit of justice for victims long thought forgotten. Dedicated and specially trained investigators utilize their diverse background and skills in concert with forensic experts and prosecutors who have a record of accomplishment and success in pursuing offenders, collectively to bring those responsible to justice.



Victim: Ernest Peterson

Age: 62
Sex: Male
Race: White

Case #: 80-605902

Date: 08/12/1980

Location: 1529 Champa Street

Synopsis: On August 12, 1980 members of the Denver Police and Fire Departments responded to the Jefferson Hotel located at 1529 Champa Street on a reported structure fire. Upon arrival, the building was engulfed in flames. Once the fire was extinguished, Ernest Peterson and two other residents were found dead inside. Despite the joint investigation by Denver Arson and Homicide detectives, no suspect(s) were identified.

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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