Early Saturday morning on December 20th, 1997, Michael Avila was attacked in the parking lot of the 7-11 convenience store located near the intersection of West Colfax Avenue and Perry Street. Witnesses called the police and Michael Avila was immediately transported to a local hospital. Unfortunately, Michael did not survive his injuries and died that same day. The suspect(s) responsible for beating Michael Avila to death have yet to be identified. At the time of his murder, Michael was just nineteen years old. He enjoyed playing the trumpet and worked at an auto-body shop with his father.

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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