

39 Year Anniversary of the Unsolved Murder of Barbara Nantais Up to \$1,000 Reward Offered

September 13, 2017

San Diego County Crime Stoppers and investigators from the San Diego Police Department's Homicide Unit are asking for the public's help in identifying and locating the suspect responsible for the murder of Barbara Nantais.

On the morning of August 13, 1978, San Diego police officers responded to Torrey Pines State Beach where passers-by found the body of 15-year-old Barbara Nantais lying on the sand. Nantais had been strangled and beaten to death. Nantais' boyfriend (James Alt) had gone to the beach with her the night before and was discovered nearby suffering from a severe head wound. Alt's injuries left him semiconscious and with no memory of the attack. Investigators believe an unknown suspect attacked Nantais and Alt while they were lying together on the beach.



James Alt along with Lorraine Nantais Thall (Barbara's sister) will be available to speak with the media today in front of SDPD Headquarters (1401 Broadway, San Diego) at 10:00 a.m.

Anyone with information about this murder is asked to call the San Diego Police Department's Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to an arrest in this case. Visit the Crime Stoppers website at <u>www.sdcrimestoppers.org</u> for more information on how to send anonymous web and mobile app tips.

- Media inquiries about this case should be directed to Lt. Mike Holden at (619) 531-2425 or email at mholden@pd.sandiego.gov.
- Media inquiries about Crime Stoppers can be directed to Officer Mark Herring at (619) 531-1500 or email at <u>msherring@pd.sandiego.gov</u> or Deputy Adriana Uribe at (619) 531-1547 or email at <u>adriana.uribe@sdsheriff.org</u>.

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