



## Information/Witnesses Sought in 1993 Homicide; Suspects Have Been Arrested and Awaiting Trial

**\$1,000 Reward**

February 22, 2012

**San Diego County Crime Stoppers**, working with the District Attorney's Office and the SDPD Cold Case homicide team, are looking for information and witnesses in a recently solved 1993 cold case homicide case which is getting ready for trial.

*On September 25, 1993, between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 6:30 a.m., Keith Combs and Cliff Ellis were shot and killed in an off-road area at the end of Palm Avenue and I-805. Both men were in the military and were at a bonfire in Cliff's 1993 White Toyota 4x4 pick-up (see attached picture.) The bodies were discovered at approximately 6:30 a.m. near a burned out fire ring. Cliff's truck was missing but was later recovered in Mexico. There were other people partying nearby at bonfires that same evening.*

*New evidence was later discovered linking Edward Jesus Elias, a.k.a. "Lazy," and Leopoldo Castro Chavez II, a.k.a. "Weasel," both 35-years-old, to the crime. Both Elias and Chavez have now been arrested and are awaiting trial.*

*As the trial nears, Investigators are asking anybody with any information on this crime to please call DA Investigator Mike Porretta at 619-247-9078, the SDPD homicide team at (619) 531-2293, or the **Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477**. Anonymous email and text messages can be sent in via [www.sdcrimestoppers.com](http://www.sdcrimestoppers.com).*

### **Media inquiries should be directed to:**

- **Questions regarding the investigation should be directed to Lieutenant Ernie Herbert at 619-531-2275.**
- **Questions regarding Crime Stoppers should be directed to Officer Jim Johnson at 619-531-1500 or Deputy Adriana Uribe at 619-531-1547.**

For information leading to an arrest, you could receive up to a \$1,000 reward and remain anonymous. The qualification of any person(s) for the reward and the amount of the reward for any person(s) so qualifying will be determined by San Diego County Crime Stoppers, Inc, in its sole discretion. The amount of all rewards given shall not exceed \$1,000. Information must be received on the tip line, (888) 580-8477.

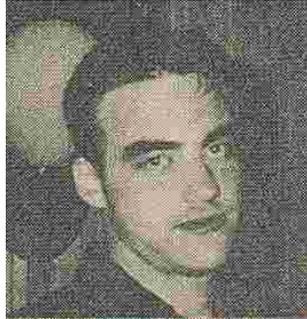
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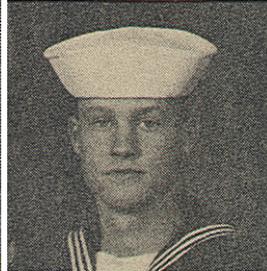
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Keith Combs



CLIFF ELLIS

Cliff Ellis



1993 WHITE TOYOTA

Cliff's 1993 Pick-Up



Combs & Ellis

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