



Glenda Morrisseau

While driving west on Portage Avenue, approaching the Empress Street underpass, you will notice the two large paintings on each side of the CPR bridge. The paintings by Tom Andrich depict ten young women from Manitoba's Indigenous community who were murdered or missing. Unveiled in 2011, "Never Forgotten" is a reminder of the continuing national tragedy of Canada's missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.



Glenda Morrisseau, who centres the picture on the right side of the bridge, was a nineteen-year-old student at R.B. Russell School. Glenda, who was from Manitoba's Sagkeeng First Nation, lived with her mother and stepfather in Winnipeg. She was last seen alive at about 2:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 1991, hitching-

hiking for a ride downtown on Logan Avenue from the Stock Exchange Hotel. She was reported missing by her sister several days later when she did not return home. It is believed she got into an older model, full-sized, dark station wagon, driven by a middle-aged man.

After nearly a month of searching, Glenda's partially naked and battered body was discovered on Wednesday, August 7, 1991, in a St. Boniface industrial area, about five kilometres from where she was last seen. Her body was located near the end of Youville Street near the Seine River between some large wooden beams and poles in a field used by a local firm for storing heavy equipment. She was found by one of the employees of the company who notified the police.



As decomposition had set in, it appeared that Glenda's body had been in the field for some time. While the cause of death was not easily determinable there was considerable damage to her facial area including fractured cheekbones, a broken jaw and a fractured eye socket. As such she likely died as a result of massive trauma to the head inflicted by a large blunt object. It is possible the assault happened elsewhere, perhaps in a car, and that her body was just dumped where it was found to delay discovery.



When she was found, Glenda was wearing only a T-shirt, jacket and socks. She had no clothing on the lower part of her body. As her pants and underwear were not found at the scene, it supports the theory

that she may have been killed elsewhere and merely dumped between the beams and poles to hide her body. It also suggests that the killing was sexually motivated. It is possible that the inside of the vehicle that transported Glenda's body may have had evidence of her blood in it.

Glenda enjoyed going out with friends and family. On the morning she disappeared, she It is believed that the vehicle used by the killer possibly had light yellow seat covers. Even if cleaned, at the time, they may have had had traces of Glenda's blood in the fibres. As the location where Glenda's body was found was a construction site at the end of Youville Street, now a housing development, it is believed the killer would have been familiar with the St. Boniface area.

had been drinking at the Stock Exchange Hotel. The person who picked her up may have seen her at the hotel.

Unfortunately, as Glenda's body was not discovered for nearly a month, investigators were hampered in their abilities to solve this crime. However, it is believed that she was killed on or about July 17, 1991, shortly after she was last seen on Logan Avenue.

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Glenda's killing was also profiled in the APTN series Taken, which appeared on September 29, 2017. <https://www.aptn.ca/taken/episode-guide/season-2/>