

Gerald Long – Missing

Wednesday, September 28, 1994



At 10:45 p.m. on the evening of Wednesday, September 28, 1994, 20-year-old Gerald Frank Long (aka Dutka - his mother's last name) left his mother's home on McPhillips Street for a workout at Premier Fitness several kilometers away at 413 McPhillips Street. He has not been seen or heard from since.

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Before his disappearance, Gerald had worked all day at Winnipeg Supply. At 6:21 p.m. he deposited his paycheque from work into his bank account and withdrew \$480.00. At 7:15 p.m. he picked-up his girlfriend and took her for dinner to Sorrento's restaurant at 2200 McPhillips Street. He took her home around 8:45 p.m. and advised her that he would likely be going to the gym for a workout (something he usually did around 11:00 pm).

It is believed that Gerald did in fact show up at the gym as his signature appears on the gym's register, but he may not have worked out or at least did not stay long. It is unknown if he went anywhere afterwards and/or if he had any plans on meeting anyone. However, he was known to frequent Bullwinkels bar (now Tavern United) on Regent Avenue in Transcona and may have gone there.

Gerald had made arrangements for a friend to borrow his van the next morning (September 29) and give him a ride to work. He also owed this friend \$400.00 and was going to give it to him that morning as well (this was probably the money he had withdrawn from his account that night). Regardless, Gerald never called his friend and did not show up for work at 8:00 a.m. His family, girlfriend, friends and co-workers have not seen or heard from Gerald since.

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Although Gerald had money in his bank account, it remained untouched since he deposited his paycheque the evening of September 28, 1994.

Gerald had two vehicles that he normally used, a motorcycle and a white van. Although he used his motorcycle when he went out for dinner, it is unknown how he got to the gym that night as both the motorcycle and the van were parked at his house the following morning. It did appear, however, that the van might have been used as it was parked crooked in the driveway with its back end sticking out into the lane behind his house (it had been parked straight the last time his mother had seen it). As such it would appear that Gerald did come home, but may have left immediately afterwards, possibly with someone else who had a car.

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**GERALD LONG
CITY OF WINNIPEG
MISSING PERSON**

Police are requesting the public's assistance in locating a missing person Gerald Long.

Gerald was last seen by his mother at approximately 10:30 P.M. on September 28th, 1994 when he left his residence at 1140 McPhillips Street.

Long was on his way to the Premier Fitness Centre at 413 McPhillips Street where he was a regular member. A number of his friends reported that he never arrived at the centre.

Gerald Long has not been seen or heard from by family or friends since that evening. His clothing, motorcycle, and car were all left behind.

Gerald is described as 22 years, 6' tall, 180 lbs., with short brown hair, brown eyes, and a 6" scar on his right leg.

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Of note, in the days following his disappearance, Gerald was required to testify as a witness at the Attempt Murder trial of one of his friends who had been arrested for stabbing a woman repeatedly in his presence a year earlier. As the victim could not identify her attacker, the charges were dropped against his friend once Gerald did not appear in court.

There was some speculation that Gerald may have gone to Edmonton, where his father lived, to avoid testifying against his friend and come back after the charges had been dealt with. However, when he had gone to Edmonton before to look for work, he voluntarily returned to Winnipeg when he found out that the police were looking for him to testify at the first trial date.

Regardless, there are no public records that show Gerald has ever applied for credit, registered a car, obtained a driver's license, taken a trip, crossed the border, boarded a plane and/or contacted his friends or family since September 28, 1994.