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2 Murders Unsolved In Moore

By Dean Clifton
MOORE — Two of the last three murders in this city south of Oklahoma City remain unsolved, according to police.
"It's difficult to understand what would make someone take another person's life. It's difficult to understand why."
"In these cases, the lack of physical evidence, the lack of any eyewitnesses, makes it difficult to determine a suspect and why the killings occurred," Bagley said.
Since 1975, Moore police have had 13 murders to solve. They have been successful in 10. The city's only homicide in 1981 and the one killing in 1984 remain unsolved.
The 1981 mystery centers on Tracey Diane Nelson, who was stabbed to death on Jan. 5 of that year. It was her 21st birthday.
Police have determined that sometime between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. someone attacked Nelson in her apartment, stabbing her several times. According to police records, no motive has been established.
A suspect who was seen near the apartment on the day of the slaying has not been located. The man was described as being in his early 30s, fair complexioned, with short black hair, 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighing between 135 and 150 pounds.
Bagley said all leads have been followed with no results. The case remains open and active, he said.
The 1984 homicide investigation began when police received a call at 1:50 a.m. on June 24 of that year about an accident with injuries and possible shots fired.
Hulse had been shot once in the head and once in the side. The bullet which made this last wound allowed while passing through the truck's glass and bounced off Hulse's body.
Police initially thought the death resulted from a random shooting. Later reports stated Hulse was probably the intended victim. Two hours of Hulse's last day are unaccounted for and police have said they don't know where Hulse was coming from or where he was going when killed. No motive has been established.
"It could have been as simple as a fight or it could have been anything," Bagley said. "Who knows? If we knew we would have somebody in custody."
A description of two possible suspects consists of one wearing a red shirt, one wearing a white shirt.
"By the next day they were different people," Bagley said.
As yet, this case is still open and active.
Bagley said officers are always open to any new information and listen for the occurrence of similar homicides elsewhere.
"We would like to solve these cases. But the leads have all dried up and, unfortunately, no arrests have been made," Bagley said.

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"We're just waiting for the right thing to develop. Some we may never be able to prove."
Six murders are unsolved from 1981 also. Again, Jones said, "For four, we feel 95 percent certain we have the right suspect."
"In a lot of cases we have a good idea who we believe we can't go any further. We're just waiting for a break, an admission by a third party or something."
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Police are hoping the murder of marathons runner Judy Weichert occurred in April 1976. Body parts of a woman in her early 20s were found in a vacant house at 222 NE 4. The woman was never identified in April 1976, the second head of Arjay Bill Kilduff was raped, stabbed 18 times and left beside the road. She described her attacker to police before she died later that day in surgery.
Police are constantly improving the method of investigating homicide. Jones said he has reviewed some old cases have been solved with new methods. "Ectric, evidence was written on similarities." "We think

Although each murder investigation is approached a little differently, there are certain procedures common to each, Jones said.
First, police rope off the crime scene area, then photograph and sketch it. Every piece of evidence is logged and numbered, along with the found it. The neighborhood is canvassed for witnesses.
There's an evidence log book, a basic case management book, an alphabetized list of witnesses and a cross-reference matrix of what has been done and what is left to do. The victim's name and address are logged, along with the names of people at the scene and names to go with fingerprints which might be found.
Jones said 14 detectives are assigned to homicide investigation in Oklahoma City, handling from 65 to 100 cases per year.
"We had had up to a 57 percent clearance rate," he said.
The bestest year of the last 15 was 1973 with 182 murders. These remain unsolved. "We were beside ourselves

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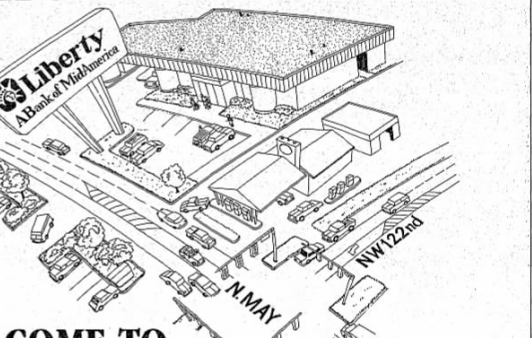
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Outlaw Rodeo Gives Inmates Bucking Chance

By Elise Kulekmeier
MCLESTER — Oklahoma State Penitentiary inmates are taking final practice rides on their mechanical bull in preparation for the state prison rodeo that gives them their annual chance at bucking the system.
"They've been practicing on the mechanical bull for about a month," Outlaw Rodeo chairman Pat Turner said. "A lot of these guys have never been second-hand, and many times can't happen."
Twelve teams of state inmates will compete in the rodeo events at the penitentiary.
Prisoners' efforts to make "Money the Hard Way" — an event in which inmates try to talk a sack with a \$100 credit from between a Brahma bull's horns — is one of the more popular events, rodeo sponsors said.
Inmate bulls will compete in wild-oil milking and other special performances as well as standard rough stock events.
Professional rodeo riders and leading Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association competitors also are scheduled for the 4-day annual prison rodeo.
Turner said the inmates events — traditionally requiring medical treatment for some competitors — seem to be the feature attracting crowds to the rodeo.
Advance ticket requests this year have come from across the country, Turner said. Prison officials expect 25 teams to be represented in the audience at the maximum-security prison Friday and Saturday night.
The second night of the rodeo should draw a crowd equal to the roughly 14,000 audience for the same event last year, Turner said.
The prison rodeo is part of a five-day Labor Day weekend in McAlester.
The events begin Thursday with a downtown street dance, featuring the prison Outlaw Band.
Rodeo events include a Saturday parade. Also on Saturday, McAlester residents are holding a chili cook-off and Krebs residents begin their two-day ethnic festival, with Italian and German foods.
The Krebs Fire Department will sponsor its annual Terrapin Derby on Labor Day.

Jet Fighter to Fly At Tinker Show

By James Johnson
A Marine Corps McDonnell Douglas AV-8 Harrier vertical takeoff fighter will perform at the Tinker Air Force Base open house Sept. 11.
Successfully tested in combat by the British during the Falkland Islands war with Argentina, the Harrier can rise straight up from its own tire tracks without requiring a paved runway and can accelerate to supersonic speed for combat.
Besides demonstrating the Harrier's vertical takeoff capability, the pilot also will make speed runs and hover a few feet above the runway while rotating the plane full circle left and right.
Always a crowd pleaser, the E3 Sentry airborne warning and control plane from the 28th Air Division at Tinker will be open to Tinker visitors.
The E-3, which calls Tinker home and receives maintenance there, is an all-weather command, control and communications plane used by U.S. and North Atlantic Treaty Organization commanders.
A familiar sight in flight over Oklahoma City, the Sentry has 39-foot radome mounted on struts atop its fuselage.
The six-foot-thick dome houses downward-looking radar which can direct targets flying too low for ground-based radar to see and also can track aerospace vehicles.
Besides a large array of modern military aircraft on ground display, Tinker's open house also will feature a performance by the Air Force Thunderbirds aerial demonstration team.



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