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DETECTIVES ASKING FOR HELP IN 1993 MURDER OF JULIE BARNYOCK; $10,000 REWARD STILL AVAILABLE

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Dec. 2, 2016)—On the 23rd anniversary of the body of Julie Barnyock being found at the SEPTA/Conrail freight yard in Lansdale, Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Lansdale Police Chief Robert McDyre reached out to the public today asking for help in solving this 1993 murder. The $10,000 reward remains available to anyone who provides information that leads to the arrest and conviction of her killer.

“There is no such thing as a cold case in Montgomery County,” said Steele. “We continue to work with Lansdale Police in following up on several leads we received this year. We’ve interviewed hundreds of people about Julie's murder since it happened, and we’ve re-interviewed many in the last several years. We want to find her murderer and bring justice to this family that has been grieving for 23 years now with no closure.”
On Monday, Nov. 8, 1993, at approximately 11:40 p.m., the 18-year-old Barnyock arrived at the Lansdale Train Station on the R5 SEPTA train from Philadelphia. Barnyock called her parents requesting a ride home. When her father arrived at the Lansdale train station, he was unable to locate his daughter. On Tuesday, November 9, 1993, Julie Barnyock was reported missing by her parents to the New Britain Township Police.

Three weeks later on Thursday, Dec. 2, 1993, the body of Julie Barnyock was discovered in the Lansdale SEPTA/Conrail freight yard. Autopsy findings revealed the cause of death was blunt force head injury, and the manner of death was homicide.

This remains an active investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call the Montgomery County Detective Bureau at 610-278-3368 or the Lansdale Police Department at 215-368-1801.

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