

**INQUIRY INTO UNSOLVED MURDERS AND LONG-TERM
MISSING PERSONS CASES IN NEW SOUTH WALES
BETWEEN 1965 AND 2010**

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My submission relates to the Cold case missing person Jessica Small October (1997).

On the 31st of October 1997 ..I was driving on the Country road towards Jenolan Caves after giving a lift to some friends. and Returning back to Katoomba.

One of my Friends mentioned I could take a short cut by using the National OBERON Pine Forest (dirt road) ? ...Which I decided to do.

As I was driving on that Dirt OBERON National Pine Forest .within a few minutes one of my back tyre Punctured ! and I had to stop .

I parked my Car on the side . And as I proceeded to change the tyre ...I Noticed a CAR parked ..few Meters away ..with a Male sitting on the Driver side. Facing an Empty field. ..As I was busy trying to change my tyre . i thought it was odd . When ...suddenly the Driver started his car and drove past ME and my car ...without stopping . ..drove around a corner and disappearedI was a bit puzzled . When suddenly ..THE Driver reappeared ..and this time through his window asked me with a very SHORT Blunt tone "Do you want some help ?I replied yes" thanks as (I could not undo the TYRES Bolt...

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..HE parked his car. Got out and as he approached me WITHOUT saying a word ..took over the tool and bend down to keep changing my tyreI started to feel Uncomfortable

...As, He Was NOT talking at all ..and I realised I was alone with a Total stranger isolated areaSO I tried to break the Silence ..stating ..I am lucky ..as its Not a busy place I have not been here before ..and as HE still was NOT RESPONDING ? ..I stated "You are like MY Guardian Angel !" ..AND as soon as I finish ed this sentence HE looked up at me with a VERY Stunned look on his Face And NOT saying ONE word. HE Completed fixing my tyre . he Stood up in Silence still ..walked back to his car ..and drove past me again disappearing around the corner without saying ANYTHING ..!!!!.....

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..AS I was putting the tools away slowly ..His car REAPPEARED from the same Corner ..and this time as he was driving past me with his WINDOW DOWN ..HE started SHOUTING yelling at me ...! " What are YOU doing here ??? "..."Get out of here NOW .." !!! HE sounded Angry ...agressive .." I freaked outand left HURRYING asap ..Realising ..this individual was really UPSET because I turned up unexpectedly ????I confided to my friends about this VERY odd encounter i wanted to inform the Police at the time ..but my friends claimed the police Would not take me seriouslyANYWAY few years later ..this Jessica small case was Mentioned in the MEDIA AND it triggered MY Memory straight away SO did make reports ..in different times ..and had some VERY Varied reactions ...Investigators Peter Smith was first VERY interested ..then he changed his attitude ..claiming he was NOT involved in this case anymore ? .

..then I Recontacted him but this time he visited me with one of his Detective partner and asked me to take them WHERE I had me the PO Interests ...I did ..but as YEARS have gone by the Road entrance was the same but the Corner was hard to situate as the NATIONAL Oberon PINE Trees go through lots of changesBUT I can still identify the car and POI ..even so Detectives did not seems interested by my encounter and description.