

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

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Between 1975- 1977 most likely 1976 my mother ran out of petrol in the Kembla Grange area, heading north on the new freeway from Dapto towards Wollongong. She pulled to the side of the freeway. My little brother aged about eight was in the car too and I was about 12 years old. I looked like a child, not a woman.

My mother gave me some money \$5 and said to make my way to a petrol station and ask them for petrol. My mother and brother remained in the car. I started walking north on the side of the freeway, (I think I remember walking under an overpass at one point) there were no side roads to leave the freeway, and I also had no idea where to find a petrol station. I had gone a few hundred metres, never hitchhiked before and stuck out my hand.

Almost immediately a vehicle that must have been almost level with me, put on its brakes hard and pulled up ahead of me. I walked up and got into the vehicle, shut the door and my heart sank. The glove box was open and there was a collage of naked women cut from pornographic magazines stuck throughout the flat section and interior of the open glove box. The driver leered at me, I believe eager for my scared reaction, he drove off and I also realised the inside of the passenger door was all metal, it was missing the vinyl upholstered part of the door, and the window winder was missing, and the door latch was missing. The driver was a scruffy workman looking man. He had mid to dark hair. I looked down at my lap and I could tell he kept looking at me then glancing back at the road whilst driving. He said, 'what are you doing out hitchhiking'. I said my mother ran out of petrol and wanted me to go to the petrol station, he asked 'where', I said 'back there.' His attitude changed, almost straight away he took an exit and arrived at a petrol station near Figtree. He reached across me and pulled a piece of door workings to release the door.

My mother did not report it to police. I believe I only got released because he hadn't noticed a car and suddenly thought he might have been watched by my mother.