

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

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In early January 1988, I was hitch-hiking between Canberra and Sydney with my boyfriend. I was 17 and my boyfriend 19. We are both Australian nationals. We believe that we were picked up by Ivan Milat (for almost 38 years I have believed this and told friends and family the story over this time). He made us feel very scared. He had a weapon (gun) under his front car seat that he made us aware that he had. He drove erratically and kept asking us if we knew how dangerous hitch-hiking was and whether we had family expecting us at our destination. We tried to stay calm and said that family were expecting us and that we had an event to go to that was important. He was speeding and making us fear for our life. We felt very lucky to get dropped off. I do not know the absolute exact dates or location (by memory) but I had attended a 'Confest' alternative / hippy festival at Mt Oak NSW. We were there over New Years until it finished. Someone there gave us a train ticket to take the Canberra - Sydney train (as we had no money), but it was not valid and we were kicked off the train at one of the rural stations along that train line. We walked to a nearby road (felt very remote) and that is where we were picked up. Please do not hesitate to contact me if required. Hopefully this helps in the inquiry. I didn't think it was relevant to tell anyone this story officially until I saw the inquiry information on the ABC last week.