

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

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I made a report to Crime Stoppers in 2025 regarding the cold case murder of Harmony Bryant, prior to the reward being increased. I was never contacted for follow-up by NSW police. I had to contact Harmony's mother myself to advise her of the information I had and she then took this up with the police herself and finally I was contacted by police for follow-up. It was extremely hard to write to Harmony's mother and as soon as I delivered the letter I wanted to back out. I imagine that many witnesses are unable to take these next steps to ensure the family have a chance for resolution. It is only through what could be considered divine intervention that I was presented with an opportunity to connect with Harmony's mother and this is now one of the most meaningful decisions I made in my life. I am aware that I was not the only person who reported information to Crime Stoppers that was never followed up and they too went out of their way to find and contact the family. The Crime Stoppers reporting process is not working for such cases. Even when a reward is increased substantially, the process can only work if resources are dedicated in an ongoing manner, not just when the case is in the news headlines. How many reports for cases have been lost in the system and never followed-up because of the investigative effort it will take to look into? The current system tells the public that this link in the process works and encourages the public to trust the process but then can't deliver. This major flaw completely undermines a process that relies so heavily on the public coming forward with information - a witness may only be brave in that brief moment of making a report because there is often so much at stake for that person and they are frightened of the repercussions of speaking up. If the police can't follow up a report to Crime Stoppers then how can the public feel confident that the police will protect someone who has spoken up with evidence? If the police aren't able or willing to respond then a witness may never come forward again and an opportunity could be lost forever. The public want to help but they can't if the system doesn't allow this to happen.