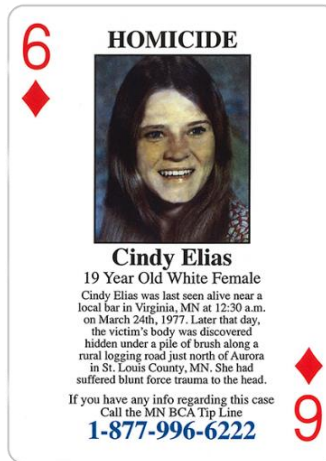




Unsolved Homicide

UP TO \$50,000 REWARD

Up to \$50,000 is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the murder of Cindy Joy Elias.



Name: Cindy Joy Elias

Age: 19

Date of Incident: 3/24/1977

Incident Location: near Aurora, Minn.

Originating Agency: St. Louis County Sheriff's Office

Details: Cindy Joy Elias, 19, was found murdered on the morning of March 24, 1977, off a logging road approximately eight miles north of Aurora, Minn. Elias was found buried under a pile of brush at the scene, and initial investigations revealed she died as a result of multi-traumatic injuries to the head. Elias was last seen in Virginia, Minn., at a local bar at approximately 12:30 a.m. A witness said Elias was looking for a ride home and had mentioned she was going to hitch hike. Police believe the perpetrator or perpetrators are local people who were familiar with the area where she was found.

If you have any information regarding this case, please contact the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office at 218-749-6010 or the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Cold Case Unit at 1-877-996-6222 or bca.tips@state.mn.us.

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