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TYPE OF CRIME: Cold Case Homicide 1975
LOCATION: 200 block Richfield Drive, San Jose

CASE NUMBER: 75-75746
DATE: 1-8-07 **TIME:**

VICTIM: Sandra Howard
ADDRESS: San Jose Resident

AGE: 23 years

SUSPECT: Edward George DEES (In Custody)
ADDRESS:

AGE: 26 years in 1975 (DOB 9-18-48)

DETAILS:

Sandra Howard, age 23, lived with her husband in an apartment in the 200 block of Richfield Drive in San Jose. On the morning of April 21, 1975, she said good-bye to her husband David, who was picked up by his in-laws, her parents. They then drove him to SFO for a business trip to Minnesota. Sandra, a student teacher at a local kindergarten, never arrived for work that day and later missed a dinner engagement with friends at 4:00PM.

After hearing of her missed appointments, her parents returned to the apartment later that night and discovered the body of their daughter, who had been brutally murdered.

On November 18, 2005, the San Jose Police Department Crime Scene Unit submitted various items of evidence to the Santa Clara County Crime Lab for DNA analysis. On December 14, 2006, the California Department of Justice notified the Crime Lab that there was a DNA "hit" on the items, identifying Suspect Edward Dees, a convicted felon, as the source.

BY: Sgt. Nick Muyo #2086
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Once Dees was identified, investigators began looking into his background. They discovered that Dees was a convicted rapist, who resided in Santa Clara County during the time Mrs. Howard was murdered.

This case had not yet been featured at the San Jose Police Department Homicide Unit website at <http://sjpdhomicide.com>, "They Are Not Forgotten."

Anyone with information on this case is urged to call Detective Sgt. Pete Ramirez or Detective Sgt. Tom Morales of the San Jose Police Dept.'s Homicide Unit at (408) 277-5283. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at (408) 947-STOP.

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