



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**TYPE OF CRIME:** Cold Case Homicide 1994  
**LOCATION:** 921 South First St., San Jose

**CASE NUMBER:** 94-118-1461  
**DATE:** 4-28-94    **TIME:**

**VICTIM:** Lavona McLaughlin  
**ADDRESS:** San Jose Resident

**AGE:** 35 years

**SUSPECT:** Darryl Glen SHEARER (In Custody)  
**ADDRESS:**

**AGE:** 31 years in 1994 (DOB 5-13-62)

### **DETAILS:**

On April 28, 1994, San Jose Police Officers were dispatched to the loading dock of a supermarket at 921 South First Street to reports of a dead body. When officers arrived, they discovered the body of Lavona McLaughlin who had been brutally murdered. Investigators used the contents of a purse found nearby to identify the victim.

Although a number of witnesses and pieces of evidence pointed to one subject as the possible killer in this case, Homicide Detectives remained diligent in their efforts to find McLaughlin's killer. Over the course of the past thirteen (13) years, Homicide Detectives conducted more than fifty (50) interviews.

Through hard work from the San Jose P.D. Crime Scene Unit and the Santa Clara County Crime Lab, Detectives learned that there was DNA evidence belonging to yet another person, later identified as the suspect in this case, who remained unidentified for several years.

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On September 29, 2006, the San Jose Police Department's Homicide Unit was notified by the California Department of Justice that a report from the Santa Clara County Crime Lab identified the previously unidentified DNA profile as belonging to Darryl Glen SHEARER. A 2.5 million dollar warrant for Murder was issued by the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office.

Shearer had previously been convicted in an Oakland P.D. case and his DNA had been submitted into the CODIS database (Combined DNA Indexing System). Shearer is currently in custody at the California Correctional Facility in Susanville, CA. Shearer is serving time for an unrelated crime.

Lt. JR Gamez, Homicide Unit Commander, indicated that the Lavona McLaughlin investigation is a perfect example of how today's new forensic technology, coupled with persistent investigative tenacity, has allowed law enforcement officials to seek out the truth and make a successful arrest on a homicide suspect that may have otherwise never been identified. "Over the past 13 years, the men and women of the San Jose Police Department have not forgotten about the Lavona McLaughlin murder and have continually sought her killer," said Lt. Gamez.

This case is currently 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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