

# Police are taking another look at murder of Oakville woman

25 year old's body found in rural Milton in 1982

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Halton Regional Police aren't closing the book on the unsolved murder of Oakville's Delia Adriano in 1982 — at least not until it's solved.

In fact, they're taking another look at the case.

Last week, police issued a new appeal for public assistance in what they deemed a review of the unsolved 1982 murder case complete with a Web site containing details of the investigation, photos of Ms Adriano, maps of the abduction scene and other information including a composite sketch of the sought-after suspect.

Visiting the Web site at [www.hrps.on.ca/data/homicide/homicide\\_5.asp](http://www.hrps.on.ca/data/homicide/homicide_5.asp).

Ms Adriano's murder case no. 67034-82 notes the 25-year-old Wildwood Drive resident was last seen on Sunday, Sept. 26, 1982 walking toward the side entrance to her home around 9:30 p.m. where she was



Delia Adriano

dropped off by a friend.

About an hour later the same evening, at approximately 10:30 p.m., witnesses reported hearing a woman screaming in the area of Wildwood Drive and Slade Crescent.

A young woman fitting Ms Adriano's description was observed being forced into a dark sub-compact vehicle by a male suspect.

A struggle continued inside the vehicle

before it left the area with driving lights turned off.

The two-door vehicle was dark in colour, automatic transmission, possibly a Chevrolet Chevette, with three stripes along its side and Ontario licence plates.

The suspect was described as a white male, five-foot-seven to five-foot-nine, with a medium build and brown hair feathered back to the neck.

More than a month later, on Saturday, Nov. 6, 1982, Ms Adriano's body was found in a wooded area near Second Line and No. 3 Sideroad in Milton.

"We are aware that it may be opening up a wound. It's something we have to balance. Within her family, people may have dealt with it and then all of a sudden here we are banging on the door bringing up all the emotions.

"We're very aware of that and we're in contact with the family, who support our efforts," said Halton police homicide Det. Keith Woudstra.

"Her parents are aging, everyone is getting older. This happened 23 years ago and it would be great to bring some closure," said the detective.

While police say there's no new information that prompted the review, Det. Woudstra admitted police hope time will make a difference and also have time cur-

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RSVP Margaret @ 905.336.1158, ext. 0 by Friday, April 15, 2005

**MONITOR CORRECTION NOTICE**

Halton Healthcare

In Friday April 1, 2005 issue of the Champion, an error occurred on page 10, Milton District Hospital Ad. Under Foundation, the heading should read **"Reality"**, not Realty.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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