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COLD CASE HOMICIDE ARREST



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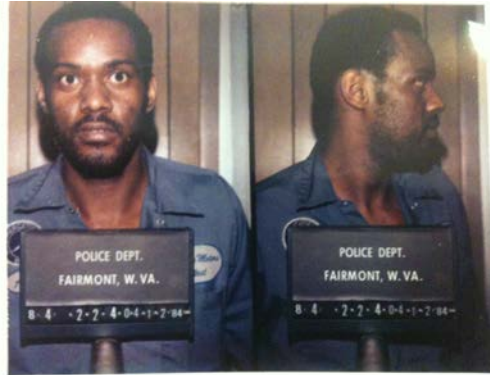


Photo taken in 1984

Thirty-eight years after the bodies of Guy Lester Phillips, Wanda June Phillips, & Billy Ray Cobb were discovered shot to death at Windmill Park in the Jackson Addition area of Fairmont, W.Va.; an arrest has been made. Officers from the Fairmont Police Department and WV State Police with the assistance of the U.S. Marshal Service have arrested Eddie Jack Washington (59 years of age) near Tampa, Florida; this date, on three counts of murder.

"Although there is still more investigative work to be done, the successful outcome of this decades-long investigation was only possible through the hard work and dedication of many investigators, Marion County Prosecutors Office, and law enforcement agencies. Hopefully this will help bring some closure to Phillips and Cobb families," Fairmont Police Department Chief Kelley D. Moran said. He added, "We never forget about unsolved murder cases and continuously seek out new technology and new leads to help us solve them."

In the morning hours of August 2nd 1974, lawn keepers found the bodies of the victims in an open field inside the city park and contacted Fairmont Police. Over the years, countless interviews and re-interviews have taken place but leads grew cold.

The Fairmont Police Department expresses its sincere appreciation to both the Carrboro (NC) and Chapel Hill (NC) Police Departments, their assistance made today a reality. Aspects of the case continue to be investigated; therefore further comment on the case would not be appropriate at this time. Further inquiries should be directed toward the Marion County Prosecutor, Patrick N. Wilson.