



# McAllen Police Department

## Summary



Print Date/Time: 02/11/2016 16:54  
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 Case Number: 1960-00000416

McAllen Police Department  
 ORI Number: TX1080800

### Case

Case Number: 1960-00000416  
 Location: 300 S 15TH ST  
 McAllen, TX  
 Reporting Officer ID: 00000 - Personnel

Incident Type: Homicide  
 Occurred From: 04/16/1960 18:45  
 Occurred Thru: 04/16/1960 18:45  
 Disposition: Open  
 Disposition Date: 06/25/2003  
 Reported Date: 04/17/1960 03:10 Sunday

### Offenses

No.	Group/ORI	Crime Code	Statute	Description	Counts
1	State	0009A	PC 19.02(b)(1)	Murder (intentionally causes death) - 1F	1

### Subjects

Type	No.	Name	Address	Phone	Race	Sex	DOB/Age
Reporting Person	1	GARZA, JOSEFINA	901 N 15TH ST McAllen, TX		White Hispanic	Female	
Reporting Person	2	GARZA, NICOLAS	901 N 15TH ST McAllen, TX		White Hispanic	Male	
Victim	1	GARZA, IRENE	901 N 15TH ST McAllen, TX		White Hispanic	Female	

### Arrests

Arrest No.	Name	Address	Date/Time	Type	Age
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### Property

Date	Code	Type	Make	Model	Description	Tag No.	Item No.
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### Vehicles



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No.	Role	Vehicle Type	Year	Make	Model	Color	License Plate	State
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Routing:

# OFFENSE REPORT

McALLEN POLICE DEPT.

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Complainant Nick Garza Address 901 North 15th Street Phone MU6-7387  
 Offense Missing Person Reported by Nick Garza Address 901 North 15th St  
 Place of Occurrence In vicinity of Sacred Heart Catholic Church on South 15th Street.  
 Report Received by Capt. King at 3:10AM. Date 4-17-60 How Reported In person  
 Date and time offense committed 4-16-60 after 6:45PM Officer assigned NONE  
 Details of offense Mr. Garza stated his daughter Irene, age 24, went to church last night and has not come home. He has found her car parked on 15th Street South of the church. States she usually calls her mother and tells her when she is going to be late - is afraid something may have happened to her.

~~Summary of~~ DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION: Was told that she may have gotten with some friends at church but if she hadn't returned home by 6AM to notify us and we would place a look-out for her.

Garza car checked by Sgt. Ramirez - All doors locked except front right. Car was given home by Mr. Garza in order that he might see who Irene was with when she was brought home. Gilbert Cavazos, brother-in-law of Irene, parked nearby until 6AM in the event Irene returned he was to see who she was with and tell her where the car was.

~~Details of investigation~~ Sunset 6:54PM this date.

Estimated value of property stolen

Estimated value of property recovered

Offense Declared:

Persons Arrested

Unfounded  Exceptionally cleared

\_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

Cleared by Arrest  Not Cleared

\_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Complainant Nick Garza Address 901 North 15th Street Phone MU6-7387  
 Offense Missing Person Reported by Nick Garza Address 901 North 15th St  
 Place of Occurrence In vicinity of Sacred Heart Catholic Church on South 15th Street  
 Report Received by Cant. Kirkman at 3:50P M. Date 4-17-60 How Reported By Phone  
 Date and time offense committed 4-16-60 after 6:45PM Officer assigned Various  
 Details of offense His daughter took car and went to Sacred Heart Catholic Church about  
 1:30 last night - hasn't returned home - found car at 3AM near church - keys not in  
 car - cannot find girl.

~~Report of Stolen~~ DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION: Following message given to Texas  
 Department of Public Safety Radio Station at Harlingen, Texas for relay to all  
 Valley Police agencies via radio broadcast:

Attempt to locate - foul play feared. Irene Garza, White, female,  
 25, 5'4", 118, brown hair, brown eyes, wearing lavender blouse,  
 flowered skirt, tan shoes. Last seen McAllen 9PM April 16th.

~~Report of Investigation~~  
 treated as routine look-out. Friends called by family, etc. Sheriff's Dept.  
 contacted by family and they started contacting acquaintances of Irene.

~~Report of Investigation~~ Rained this date on and off from about 1PM to 8PM - heavy  
 shower in afternoon.

Estimated value of property stolen	Estimated value of property recovered
Offense Declared:	Persons Arrested
Unfounded <input type="checkbox"/> Exceptionally cleared <input type="checkbox"/>	_____ No. _____
Cleared by Arrest <input type="checkbox"/> Not Cleared <input type="checkbox"/>	_____ No. _____

# OFFENSE REPORT

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NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Complainant P. W. Miller Address FM 495 and Shary Road. Phone JU5-2143

Offense Missing Person Reported by Miller Address \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Occurrence \_\_\_\_\_

Report Received by Capt. Kirkman at 5: P M. Date 4-18-60 How Reported By phone

Date and time offense committed \_\_\_\_\_ Officer assigned \_\_\_\_\_

Details of offense Mr. Miller reported a womans beige colored shoe on west side of McColl Road between Hackberry Avenue and U. S. # 83.

~~Report~~ ~~Stolen~~ **DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:** Shoe located laying along side McColl road, west side, 171 feet south of Hackberry Avenue. Shoe taken to Garza residence by Officer Brooks and was identified as belonging to Irene. Shoe was for the left foot. FIANCEES brand. Search in South 2nd street area intensified as was general search. Volunteer searchers were active in North McColl Road area.

~~Details of Investigation~~

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# OFFENSE REPORT

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Complainant Nick Garzas Residence Address 901 North 15th Street Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Offense Missing Person Reported by \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of Occurrence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Report Received by Chief Mussey at 8:53 AM. Date 4-19-60 How Reported By phone  
 Date and time offense committed \_\_\_\_\_ Officer assigned Brooks  
 Details of offense Irenes purse has been found at FM 495 and McColl Road. The purse is  
 at the house.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION: Alfredo Barrera, 707 South 10th Street, teacher at  
 Edinburg public schools, found purse in field adjoining Northeast intersection of  
 McColl Road and FM 495. Purse was closed and Barrera opened it and after seeing  
~~money stolen~~ belonged to Irene took it to the Garza residence.

According to evidence in field as found by Officer Brooks and FBI Agent Harold  
 Rossett the purse has been thrown from McColl Road in an Easterly direction some  
 time after heavy portion of the rain Easter evening. The purse had evidence of soil  
 on it. The soft earth was pushed in an easterly direction and remained so  
~~name and description of suspect~~ pushed indicating the heavy rain did not fall on the  
 displaced loam. The purse was examined for fingerprints by use of oblique light-  
 ing and a magnifying glass. No latent prints of any significance were noticed. It  
~~Details of Investigation~~ was later carried to Austin where the development of latent  
 prints were attempted. None were found.

The Sheriff's Posse was called by Chief Deputy Tom Wingert and a search was  
 organized North to State Highway 107 approximately 9 miles. The Posse searched  
 south to the Military Highway approximately 10 miles. The National Guard searched  
 south of McAllen to Military Highway approximately 9 miles. Many other volunteer  
 searchers were working.

Field at this location was clear of growth - sandy loam was soft as a bulldozer  
 had recently been working doing some clearing. The purse was 102 feet from the  
 pavement of McColl Road and 123 feet from the pavement of Highway 495.

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# OFFENSE REPORT

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NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Complainant Mrs. W. Arnold Address 206 South 1st Street Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Offense Murder and Rape Reported by Mrs. Arnold Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Occurrence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Report Received by Capt. Kirkman at 7:40AM. Date 4-21-60 How Reported By phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date and time offense committed \_\_\_\_\_ Officer assigned Brooks \_\_\_\_\_  
 Details of offense There is a woman's body in canal on 2nd Street across from Sears.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION: Body was face down floating in canal East of the South  
 driveway to Sears parking lot. Justice of the Peace Harley Jackson at scene. Body  
 taken from canal by use of a piece of canvas furnished by McAllen Fire Dept.  
 Officers present at scene were Brooks, Sheriff Vickers, Chief Deputy Tom  
~~Wingert~~ Wingert, Chief Mussey, and FBI Agent Harold Crossett. Body was taken to  
 Reidler Funeral Home. Autopsy details were arranged by Sheriff Vickers and Chief  
 Deputy Wingert. Photographs were taken at Morgue by Brooks. The body was  
 identified at Morgue by Father O'Brien and Gilbert Cavazos. The body was fully  
 clothed except for panties and shoes. The blouse was unbuttoned. The brassiere  
 was intact.

~~Name and description of suspect~~  
 Search by the Mounted Posse and National Guard was cancelled when body was found.  
 Officers continued searching for other shoe, panties and point of entrance into  
 canal.

Details of Investigation:  
 I. A. Albert and Henry Canty, polygraph examiners from Texas Department of Public  
 Safety, who were in McAllen this date in regard to an investigation of a major  
 highway accident were contacted. Homer Garrison, Jr., Director of the Texas  
 Department of Public Safety was contacted at Austin and his permission was given  
 for the examiners to stay in McAllen as long as needed. Examinations were started  
 in afternoon of 4-21-60. Polygraph examinations were continued thru April 29th at  
 which time a total of 49 subjects had been examined. They were resumed again  
 May 7th and 8th during which time 11 were examined. One subject was examined in  
 Austin (Trac) making a total of 61 subjects.

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Complainant \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Offense \_\_\_\_\_ Reported by \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of Occurrence \_\_\_\_\_

Report Received by \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ M. Date \_\_\_\_\_ How Reported \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date and time offense committed \_\_\_\_\_ Officer assigned \_\_\_\_\_

Details of offense: Efforts toward finding the missing articles were expanded, additional neighborhood canvasses for information were begun. On April 22nd Deputy Sheriff Jordan found evidence at the canal crossing at Houston Avenue and Second Street which proved to be location where body was placed in canal. Casts were made of a shoe track and an impression made by dead girls can-can slip. The cast of a heel print contained a hair identical with hair of deceased. A cast was made of a drag mark made by body being dragged into canal. These casts were carried to D.P.S. ~~Police~~ Laboratory as well as clothing found on the body and the shoe for analysis and examination. Extra investigators were obtained from the U.S. Border Patrol and the Texas Department of Public Safety. Conferences were held with heads of various law enforcement agencies as well as FBI Agents. Investigative procedures were discussed and planned. Thirty two square blocks surrounding the Sacred Heart Church were canvassed house to house. The area around Houston Avenue and 2nd Street ~~was~~ was canvassed house to house. McColl Road and cross roads were canvassed house to house from U.S. #83 to State 107. Motels and Hotels were checked in McAllen, Pharr and Edinburg. Taxicabs, rent cars, air lines, ~~Details of Investigation~~ Mexican Consulate, Office, Moore Field and Harlingen Air Force Base. Local sex offenders were checked. Pleas for information were made by newspapers, radio and television. Photographs of girl and clothing, missing shoe and purse were run in paper and on TV. Pan American College in Edinburg was checked for suspects absentees from Pan American College following April 18th were checked. An investigation into the incident at the Sacred Heart Church in Edinburg on March 2 was checked. Statement from witness<sup>es</sup> and suspects were taken.

Estimated value of property stolen \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated value of property recovered \_\_\_\_\_  
 Offense Declared: \_\_\_\_\_ Persons Arrested \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unfounded  Exceptionally cleared  \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cleared by Arrest  Not Cleared  \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_



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Complainant	Address	Phone
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Offense	Reported by	Address
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Place of Occurrence

Report Received by	at	M. Date	How Reported
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Date and time offense committed	Officer assigned
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Details of offense Numerous leads, many anonymous, were checked. Paint shops in McAllen, Edinburg, Pharr, Mission and Reynosa checked on painting of blue and white car. An article was run in D.F.S. Law Enforcement Bulletin D-4-1238, 5-12-60. Girl friends, boy friends and acquaintances of Irene were interviewed and statements are taken. Subjects were checked in El Paso, Hillsboro, Yoakum, Austin and in 11 Valley towns from Rio Grande City to Brownsville to Raymondville.

*Houston, Alice,*  
Property Stolen

Name and / or description of suspects

Details of Investigation

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