Individual Report for Pamela "Pam" Lorraine Darlington

Name:Pamela "Pam" Lorraine DarlingtonBirth Date:1954 Oct 21Place:Vancouver, British Columbia, CanadaDeath Date:1973 Nov 7Place:Kamloops, British Columbia, CanadaBurial Date:Place:Cedar, British Columbia, Canada



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Events

- She worked as an age ~18 to 19 from 1972 to 1973 in Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada.
 - Telephone operator for BC Telephone for approximately one year.

2. Newspaper-Article | 1973 Nov

• Unidentified Newspaper, British Columbia, Canada

Body Found in Park: The body of Pamela Darlington, 19, of Kamloops was found about 3:30 p.m. Wednesday on the south bank of the Thompson River at Pioneer Park. RCMP said the girl had been brutally beaten. An autopsy will be conducted later today. Miss Darlington was last seen hitchhiking on Tranquille Road in front of the Village Hotel about 10:30 p.m. Tuesday and was heading toward the city centre. ... Miss Darlington of No. 105 - 111 Knox is survived by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Darlington of 6234 Hillview and two sisters and a brother.

3. Newspaper-Death | 1973 Nov

• Kamloops Daily Sentinel, Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada

Deaths: Darlington - On November 7, 1973, Pamela Lorraine Darlington of 6234 Hillview Dr., Dallas, aged 19 years. Survived by her loving parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Darlington, two brothers Joseph of Haney, BC, Thomas at home, two sisters Laurel and Tara at home, her maternal grandfather Mr. Laurie Moisio of Nanaimo, BC. Many loving aunts, uncles and cousins. Rev. R.J. Osborne will conduct the funeral service on Sat. Nov 10th at 2:00 PM from St. Paul's Cathedral. Schoenings Funeral Service in charge of arrangements.

4. Newspaper-Article | 1973 Nov

• Unidentified Newspaper, British Columbia, Canada

\$2,500 Reward Posted: A \$2,500 reward has been authorized by the City of Kamloops for information leading to the arrest and conviction ... for the Nov. 6 death of Pamela Darlington, 19, of Kamloops. Miss Darlington's body was found brutally beaten last Wednesday afternoon ... "It was a brutal murder," Mayor Gordon Nicol said Tuesday. ... The mayor also said the murder resulted from the girl hitch-hiking and warned all young girls from the practice. ... Council is investigating ways of discouraging hitch-hiking in the city as a result of the incident. ...

5. Funeral-Memorial | 1973 Nov 10

• St. Paul's Cathedral, Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada

6. **Interment**

- Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens, Cedar, British Columbia, Canada
- Space C-1, Lot 169 in the Garden of the Field of Honour.

7. Newspaper-Article | 1973 Nov 23

• The Times, Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada

Were Girls Killed by Same Man?: RCMP are investigating the possibility that the same person may be responsible for the Nov 7 murder of a Kamloops girl and the slaying of a Burnaby girl whose body was found July 30 on Mount Seymour ... North Vancouver RCMP said Wednesday there were similarities in the attacks on Barbara Joan Statt, 17, of Burnaby and Pamela Lorraine Darlington, 19, of Kamloops. Miss Statt's death was caused by head injuries inflicted by a blunt instrument. She had been sexually assaulted prior to her death. Miss Darlington was also sexually assaulted before her death. ...

8. Death-Inquest | 1974 Apr 4

9. Newspaper-Article | 1974 Apr 8

• The Times, Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada

Across the Province - Woman's Nude Body Found Near Kamloops: The nude body of a young woman was found Saturday in an ice-filled ditch nine miles south of Clearwater. ... RCMP have tentatively identified the body as that of Gail Weyes, 19, of Kamloops who disappeared last October shortly before another Kamloops girl, Pamela Darlington, also 19, was found murdered in a Kamloops park. The murder remains unsolved.

10. Newspaper-Article | 1974 Apr

• Unidentified Newspaper, British Columbia, Canada

Victims' Parents Discount 'Vendetta': The parents of two girls killed last year don't believe their murders were personal vendettas. They do believe, however, there may be some connection ... because of the patterns of the deaths and of the extremely close similarities of the girls. Frank Darlington said he now believes it is more than just a murder in a city by a lone psychopath. "For all we know, this could be a Manson-type murder" and he feels sure the killings were done by a psychopath. Rowna Weys ... Their 19-year-old daughter, Gale, was found April 6 lying in a water-filled ditch 78 miles north of Kamloops ... Gale had disappeared Oct. 19 while hitch-hiking from Clearwater. Two weeks later, Pamela Lorraine Darlington's severely beaten body was found lying face-down in shallow water at the edge of a river in this city. ... Both girls, with their long, straight auburn-colored hair also weighed about the same and were both estimated to be about five-feet five inches tall. ...

11. Newspaper-Article | 1974 Jun 29

• The Times, Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada

Kamloops Murders Linked? : RCMP say a fourth death is under investigation as possibly being connected with the three killings of young women in the British Columbia interior in the past eight months ... the discovery of a nude female body near Penticton within the last week bears some similarity to the other three. The spokesman confirmed earlier reports that the deaths of Gail Weyes, 19, of Clearwater, B.C., Pamela Darlington, 19, of Kamloops, and an unidentified woman, 25 to 45 years old, near Valemount were being investigated for a possible connection. ... All four cases involved young women found beaten and unclothed. ...

12. Newspaper-Article | 1974 Jul 12

• The Times, Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada

Murdered Women - RCMP Seeks Link: RCMP appealed ... for information on the murders of six women in various parts of British Columbia over a period of nearly five years. ... The RCMP are also investigating the possibility of a connection between these killings and the death of a 15-year old Port Coquitlam, B.C. girl whose semi-nude body was found Tuesday ... Supt. Marcus said the police have no suspects in the killings ... and the only possible clue is a blanket that was used to wrap an unidentified body found near Jasper, Alta, May 26. The body had been sawed in half. ... The deaths ... include: Gloria L. Moody, 27, found near Williams Lake, Oct. 26, 1969; Barbara Joan Statt, 17, whose body was found on Mt. Seymour, near Vancouver July 30, 1973; Gale

Ann Weys, 20, found near Clearwater, April 6, 1974; Pamela Lorraine Darlington, whose body was found Nov. 7, 1973 in the Thompson River at Kamloops; the unidentified body found near Jasper, and another unidentified body located June 24 near Naramata. Supt. Marcus said the Moody, Darlington and Statt deaths all appear to be linked ... because of the way in which the women had been attacked and sexually assaulted. ...

13. Newspaper-Article | 1974 Oct 15

• The Times, Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada

Killer on Loose During Full Moon? : The bodies of six young women have been found in the British Columbia interior since the moon was full on the night of October 29, 1969. ... The dead are: Colleen MacMillen, 16, of Lac La Lache, who disappeared Aug 9; an unidentified woman between 18 and 22 ... found near Penticton June 24; an unidentified woman aged about 35, found sawn in halves near Valemount May 26, Pamela Darlington, 19, of Kamloops, found Nov. 7, 1973; Gale Weys, 19, of Clearwater, who disappeared Oct. 19, 1973; and Gloria Moody, 27, of Bella Coola, found near Williams Lake Oct. 26, 1969. ... Causes of death vary. Miss MacMillen, police believe, was strangled. Miss Darlington was bludgeoned with rocks but died of drowning in shallow water at the edge of the South Thompson River. No cause of death could be established with Miss Weys, but Constable Mel Weisgerber says: "There was blood in her inner ear ... indicative of a drowning victim". Miss Moody bled to death after an artery was ruptured internally ... she had been brutally beaten about the face as well. With both unidentified bodies, no case of death could be determined. Where the bodies were found shortly after death, there was evidence of rape and sexual mutilation. Only with Miss Darlington and Miss Moody were the women known to have been killed where they were found. ... There are many similarities between Miss Weys and Miss Darlington - in fact they looked alike. ... Frank Darlington, father of Pamela, said: "We feel that the murders of Gale and Pam are related". ...

14. Newspaper-Article | 1975 Jun 13

• The Kamloops News, Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada

Murder Investigations - RCMP Still Need More Information: Investigation into the still unsolved murders of eight women in B.C. continues but police need more information ... The body of a young woman was found near Langley June 3 and added to the list ... Seventeen-year-old Susan Inez Musckamp's body was found partially decomposed on Brae Island near Fort Langley. ... The body of Gloria Levena Moody, 27, was found Oct. 26, 1969 nears Williams Lake ... beaten and sexually molested. A 7 1/2 year-old Phillipino girl, Evangeline Azarcon, was found dead near Surrey on Jan. 25, 1970. ... On Aug. 8, 1970 the body of Micheline Pere was found nine miles north of Hudson-Hope highway ... badly decomposed but it was determined death was due to multiple injuries to the skull. ... Gail Weys, 19, of Clearwater ... Her body was found in a water-filled ditch near the highway on April 6, 1974. The body of Pam Darlington, 19, of Kamloops was found badly beaten and molested in Pioneer Park in Kamloops in November 6, 1973. Last summer, on June 25, 1974, the body of a still unidentified woman was discovered in the Chute Lake area near Penticton ... badly decomposed ... time of death has been estimated between October, 1973 and April, 1974. Then, Colleen MacMillen, 16, of Lac La Hache was found dead in the bush near Lac La Hache ... last seen alive on August 9, 1974 and her body was found a few weeks later. ... On April 6 of this year the body of 15-year-old Monica Ignaz was found near Terrace ... evidence of sexual attack or cause of death have not been determined. There were head injuries. ... There is no common denominator in the deaths other than a number of the girls were believed to have been hitchhiking ... and several had prominent head injuries say police.

15. Newspaper-Article | 1977 May 2

• Nanaimo Daily News, Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada

RCMP's Trail of Clues Fails to Find Witness to Port Alberni Abduction: The investigation into the recent beating death of Carolyn Lee, 12, has failed to turn up any

actual witnesses to the girl's abduction ... Blair said that as part of the investigation police plan to compare notes on the Lee murder with those on the cases of Pamela Lorraine Darlington, 17, of Kamloops, killed Nov. 7, 1973, and Barbara Joan Statt, also 17, of Burnaby.

16. Newspaper-Article | 1979 Feb 2

• The Kamloops News, Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada (by Bob Lee)

No Link in Sex Slayings: Vancouver RCMP have been unable to link a suspect for two murders in Bellingham and eight in Los Angeles to any of the approximately 50 unsolved female murder cases in B.C., including the two in this city. Inspector Les Holmes of the force's Serious Crime Unit (SCU) says questioning ... of Kenneth Alessio Bianchi, 27, has dealt almost exclusively with U.S. murders ... Still unsolved here are the murders of 19-year old Pamela Darlington and 20-year old Gale Weys. ... We haven't received any follow-up from our trip there two weeks ago ... At that time, two officers from the SCU took part in the questioning of Bianchi and uncovered a Lower Mainland business card and some other B.C. addresses in his possession, which indicated "some connection and some contacts" inside the province. ... "We still don't know if he's been here" ... police will be establishing a "time series" on Bianchi which would pinpoint his location at the time of the eight Hillside Strangler murders in Los Angles or the two at Western Washington State College in Bellingham. ...

17. Newspaper-Article | 1981 Aug 26

• 100 Mile House Free Press, 100 Mile House, British Columbia, Canada (by Gordon Kellett)

Seven-Year-Old Murder Case Still Open: One hot night in 1974 Colleen MacMillan set out hitch-hiking from her Lac La Hache home. She was never seen again alive ... on September 4, a man hiking in the bush discovered her body beside a logging road. ... In December, 1975 ... a Canadian serving a sentence for robbery in the King County Jail in Seattle, Washington ... by the name of Edwin H. Foster ... confessed to having committed the murder. ... However, no one will ever know for certain if Foster was the man who killed Colleen MacMillan. On February 19, 1976, he committed suicide in his cell in the King County Jail ... The murder of Colleen MacMillan has some similarities to 10 other outstanding cases in the interior of the province, including four in the Kamloops RCMP Sub-division area ... Gail Weys of Clearwater, Pamela Darlington of Kamloops, Monica Jack of Merritt, and Maureen Mosie, an Alberta resident. ... With the exception of Monica Jack ... all the women were hitch-hiking, and they were all young.

18. Newspaper-Article | 1981 Nov 20

• The Gazette, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Conference on Killings Produces Suspects: British Columbia and Alberta policemen participating in a three-day conference on at least 30 unsolved homicides in the two provinces said yesterday they have come up with new suspects and new leads ... some of the 50 detectives investigating the "highway murders" so called because many occurred near highways, are optimistic that the information they have exchanged will bring them closer to solving the cases. ... Const. Shawn Wylie, investigating the 1973 slaying of Pamela Darlington, 19, of Kamloops, said the conference has provided him with new suspects. ...

19. Newspaper-Article | 1989

• The Daily News, Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada (by Gerard Young)

Paper Trail Puts Bundy in Kamloops: Answers about the brutal murders of two Kamloops-area women may have died with serial killer Ted Bundy in Florida's electric chair ... RCMP investigators are hesitant to discuss how serious a suspect they considered Bundy in the death of Pamela Darlington and Gail Ann Weys, both 19. The women were killed in 1973. Retired RCMP Staff Sgt. Fred Bodnaruk was quoted Wednesday as saying he believes Bundy was responsible for Darlington's murder. ... Subdivision investigation head Sgt. Verle Shockey said Bundy was never ruled out as a

suspect, but he referred further comment to Terkelsen. ...

20. Newspaper-Article | 1989

• The Daily News, Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada (by Gerard Young)

Highway Murders Checked For Any Link to Serial Killer: Serial killer Ted Bundy wasn't a suspect in a rash of murders of young B.C. women ... an RCMP inspector said today. However, RCMP Insp. Bruce Terkelsen said he and two assistants will pore over files today on the so-called Highway Murders to see if there is any connection between Bundy and those B.C. killings. ... Investigators are now coming under fire for not attempting to talk to Bundy. ... "It would be irresponsible for us to track all the way to Florida unless we had some good suspicions he was involved," said Terkelsen, head of the RCMP serious crimes unit in Vancouver. "Because of all the hoopla we're going to pull every one of our files (on Highway Murders). It's taking time away from our other investigations, but I feel it is something that should be put to rest". ... The Highway Murders caught the spotlight again last week when retired RCMP Staff Sgt. Fred Bodnaruk was quoted in a Vancouver newspaper as saying he believed Bundy to be a strong suspect in the killing of Kamloops teenager Pamela Darlington. ... Terkelsen said RCMP investigators who met in Kamloops in 1981 to discuss the murders had 37 suspects. "Not one of them spells his name B-U-N-D-Y," he said. ... Terkelsen pointed out that investigators went to Texas in 1985 to question another convicted serial killer, Henry Lee Lucas, when he began confessing to hundreds of murders.

21. Newspaper-Article | 1989

• The Daily News, Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada (by Mel Rothenburger)

Unsolved Slaying Still Troubles Family: For almost 16 years, the family of Pamela Darlington has lived with the painful memory of her brutal murder. Pamela, a graduate from Kamloops senior secondary school the previous year, was killed the night of Nov. 6, 1973. ... Each time police renew their efforts to find the killer, or a new suspect surfaces, it all comes flooding back. This week, Pam Darlington's death was news again when retired RCMP Staff Sgt. Fred Bodnaruk said he believed American serial killer Ted Bundy ... had killed her during a rampage in B.C. Pam's father, Frank, who lived in Kamloops at the time of his daughter's death, but who is now retired in Victoria, is sensitive to such news. ... "People have the impression she was walking around and hitchhiking all the time. That's not true" ... explaining that only two days before she was murdered, her 1965 MG sports car had broken down refusing to start due to a loose battery post. If not for the car breaking down, the event of Nov. 6, 1973 might have been quite different. But after finishing work at Gondola Pizza that day, Pam Darlington met some friends and went to her North Shore apartment. At about 7:20 p.m., they continued on to the Village Hotel bar. Two hours later she was back in her apartment with a girlfriend, but then she decided to go uptown to the David Thompson Motor Inn pub to meet a male friend. Without a car to drive, she hitched a ride, but the friend never showed at the pub and she left sometime after 11 p.m. It was the last she was seen alive. The details of her murder are gruesome ... suffice to say she was beaten to death, and left face down in the water at Pioneer Park. Pam Darlington was a popular, pretty young woman, five-feet four-inches tall, 130 pounds, enjoying life. Frank Darlington doesn't like the publicity about her death, but until the murder is solved, there will be public speculation about who killed her. He considered Ted Bundy a suspect but says the executed American killer was only one of many who might have committed the crime. Darlington "had an interest" in Bundy as a suspect, and personally congratulated Florida police when Bundy was captured. And he said he favored the death penalty meted out to Bundy ... "I'm a believer in capital punishment when it's (for) a premeditated murder," said Darlington. But he said he wondered about many other possible killers, including child-murderer Clifford Olson. Another mass murderer, Henry Lee Lucas, was briefly considered a suspect until it was found he was in jail at the time of Pam Darlington's murder. While her family hoped for years the case might be solved, "we lost track". ... As for Bundy's execution, the murdered girl's father said: "He has paid the penalty for premeditated murder. You and I, or your reading public, cannot relate to him. The man was a psychopath. He was not of what we are. I'll leave his soul for God to

judge."

22. Newspaper-Article | 1989 Feb 3

• The Gazette, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Bundy Blamed for 1973 Slaying in BC: Serial killer Ted Bundy was responsible for at least one slaying in British Columbia, a retired Royal Canadian Mounted Police investigator says. Former Staff Sgt. Fred Bodnaruk said this week he believes Bundy killed Pamela Darlington, 19. Her nude and sexually mutilated body was found Nov. 7, 1973, near Kamloops ... Darlington was among five young women slain in the B.C. Interior in 1973 and 1974. Police called the killings the Highway Murders. ... One of the significant pieces of evidence with Darlington was the bite marks ... Police say Bundy often left bite marks on his victims. ... "It became clear he (Bundy) was in the habit of crossing the border and coming to Vancouver" ... Bodnaruk said. ... We spent considerable time trying to track his movements in Canada". Bodnaruk said Seattle police traced several gasoline bills that showed Bundy had travelled through Kamloops to Jasper, Alta., along the Yellowhead Highway. The trip was made "either a week to 10 days before or after Darlington disappeared," he said. In each of the Highway Murders ... the killer stripped clothing from his victim. The same method was discovered by detectives working on the Bundy case in the Seattle area. ...

23. Newspaper-Article | 1989 Feb 4

• Nanaimo Daily News, Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada

RCMP Denies Murders Linked to Bundy: There is no evidence to link U.S. serial killer Ted Bundy to any unsolved killings in British Columbia ... Cpl. Brian Wiseman was commenting on statements by a former RCMP officer that he believed Bundy had killed at least one B.C. woman in the mid-1970s. Former RCMP staff sergeant Fred Bodnaruk headed a special police investigation team after Pamela Darlington, 19, was found slain in Kamloops in November 1973. Mr. Bodnaruk said he strongly suspects Bundy in the Kamloops woman's death. "In my opinion on a scale of one to 10, Bundy would have been a seven as a suspect," Mr. Bodnaruk said.

24. Newspaper-Article | 1989

• The Daily News, Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada (by Gerard Young)

U.S. Cops Deny Link to Local Murder: A former RCMP investigator admitted Thursday he has no proof that serial killer Ted Bundy ever visited the Kamloops area. ... Retired Staff Sgt. Fred Bodnaruk denied telling the Province newspaper Wednesday there was proof Bundy travelled through B.C. ... However, the Province said today it stands by the story. Bundy was executed in Florida's electric chair Jan. 24 ... There has been speculation that Bundy killed Pamela Darlington, 19 ... The killings, dubbed the Highway Murders, also included former local resident Gail Ann Weys, 19 ... Bodnaruk, who headed the investigation into the Highway Murders, denied that Canadian investigators had gas receipts indicating Bundy travelled through Kamloops to Jasper, Alta. He said he told a reporter that American authorities had trailed Bundy through the United States by his gas receipts, but he said his investigators never found the same evidence in Canada. ... However, informants used by the American investigators told those authorities Bundy was in Canada, he said. "We tried to get gas receipts, but there never was any tangible evidence of that" ... He added that though there was some forensic evidence, such as clothing fibres found around Darlington's body, nothing could be matched to the evidence found in Bundy's Seattle killings. Also, bite marks found on Darlington's body were relatively minor compared to those found on the Seattle women's corpses, he said. ... In his last week alive Bundy indicated he would only talk about murders in certain areas, and Canada was not mentioned. He confessed to 28 murders. ... Police files indicate that a railway employee saw a light-colored 1956-60 Chrysler near the murder scene in the morning prior to the discovery of Darlington's body. Darlington had been beaten about the head with a rock, sexually assaulted, mutilated and left to drown by the shoreline at Pioneer Park.

25. Newspaper-Article | 1990 Sep 18

• The Gazette, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Murderer Olson Claims He Has Details of 23 Other Killings in West, US: Mass murderer Clifford Olson, serving a life sentence for killing 11 children and teenagers, is claiming to have details of more than 23 other murders in Alberta, British Columbia and the United States, a radio-talk-show host said yesteray. "We've been down this road with Clifford Olson before," said RCMP Staff Sgt. Bob Ferguson of Kamloops, B.C. In 1984 his lawyer claimed Olson had knowledge of murders in the same areas. Peter Warren, host of the morning Action Line ... had been corresponding with Olson for several years when he received the admission ... "He will not give names of the other murders except he does mention ... Pamela Lorraine Darlington," said Warren. ... Earlier, police had linked that killing to serial killer Ted Bundy, who has since been executed. ... Olson was convicted of murdering 11 children and teenagers in British Columbia. ... Olson also said in his letter the deaths do not include the so-called highway murders in the B.C. interior in the 1970s ... Warren said he believes the RCMP think Olson has knowledge of the women and young girls who were murdered between Kamloops, B.C. and Banff, Alta. In all, 28 young women were killed in the area over a 12-year period and most were hitchhikers, which gave the slayings their name. ... Warren said Olson titled his letter Profile of a Serial Killer.

26. Newspaper-Article | 1999 May 2

• Kamloops This Week, Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada (by Ed Mehrer)

Darlington Murder Remains Unsolved After Quarter Century: For a quarter century, the murder of 19-year old Pamela Lorraine Darlington has baffled the Kamloops RCMP and the community. On Nov. 7, 1973, the body of Darlington was discovered on south bank of the Thompson River, near the Pioneer Park boat launch. She had been sexually assaulted ... Const. David Sabean says this 25-year-old case has never been closed and remains a priority among unsolved cases. ... "There was a big list of suspects [...] never anyone who came out of it, though." At one point, Sabean says, Darlington's murder was being examined with a string of slayings along the Trans-Canada Highway. Even notorious serial killer Clifford Olsen's name popped up, but there was never a solid connection. At approximately 4:30 a.m. on the day Darlington's body was discovered ... a vehicle was seen leaving the boat launch area. The vehicle was described as a late 1950s, off-white, four-door sedan in poor mechanical condition. The driver was a male with long, brown or blond hair and there may have been passengers. The vehicle was never identified. ...

27. Newspaper-Article | 2007 Oct 13

• The Daily News, Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada (by Michele Young)

Highway of Tears Expands - Three Area Women Added to Task Force List: Two women from Kamloops and one from Merritt have been added to the Highway of Tears RCMP task force investigation near Prince George ... the investigation was extending as far south as Kamloops and Merritt ... The list now includes Pamela Darlington of Kamloops, killed in 1973; Monica Jack of Merritt who died in 1978 and Maureen Mosie, also of Kamloops, who died in 1981. Darlington's teenage body was found dumped on the front yard of a house near Riverside Park. Jack was 12 years old when she disappeared while out riding her bike ... Her bones were found in February 1996. Until now, RCMP had linked nine cases of women either killed or missing in the Prince George area along Highway 16 since 1989 - hence the Highway of Tears title ... Lemaitre said more than 200 unsolved murder or disappearance cases were reviewed through the RCMP's ViCLAS - Violent Crime Linkage Analysis System - data bank. That computerized police system can examine various common factors among cases. ... The expanded investigation is one of the larger ones conducted in B.C. ...

28. Newspaper-Article | 2009 Dec 19

• The Daily News, Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada

Unsolved Deaths Haunt Former Mountie: A former Kamloops detective got excited

about a possible break in the murder of Colleen Rae MacMillen, 16, when a U.S. man confessed to killing her. ... But the man changed the details of how the murder was carried out ... it was a bogus confession, said Ken Leibel. The suspect, Edwin Henry Foster, 19 ... hanged himself in a Washington state prison in 1976 ... another likely suspect ... Jerry Baker, had a history of sex offences, had done time in prison and had returned to the Williams Lake area around the time MacMillen was killed ... Leibel felt the man could have been responsible for other murders as well. His name had surfaced in several other investigations, including the murders of Pamela Darlington in Kamloops in 1973 and Gail Ann Weys in Clearwater in 1974. ... "Is he responsible for four or five (murders) or one? I don't know," Leibel said of Baker. ...

29. Newspaper-Article | 2010 Oct 22

• The Daily News, Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada (by Sandy Duncan)

Rise Up to Protect Our Daughters - But How? : Although gut-wrenching fear comes with having children at all, it's terrifying to raise daughters. ... No community is too small to escape the talons of a predator. In the 1970s, little Monica Jack of Merritt was abducted and murdered. Her body was not found for years. Later in that decade, the body of Pamela Darlington, a girl who grew up near me in Dallas, was found, horribly violated. Gail Weys was another local victim brutally destroyed. Sheri McLaughlin's body has never been recovered. ... Having daughters is one of the most beautiful experiences parents will have in their lifetime. Yet, it comes with the biggest fear.

30. Newspaper-Article | 2010 Nov 6

• The Daily News, Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada (by Robert Koopmans)

Detectives Continue to Work on 37-Year-Old Kamloops Killing: Investigators haven't lost hope someone knows something that will help them shed light on a 37-year-old Kamloops murder. RCMP in Vancouver, members of the Project-E-Pana Highway of Tears investigatory team, made a public plea Friday for information about the killing of Kamloops teenager Pamela Darlington... last seen alive Nov. 6, 1973... at the David Thompson Pub in the company of a man with messy blond hair. Her body was found the next day by Frank Almond Sr. and his son Frank, who spotted her body at the edge of their property where it bordered Pioneer Park.... The man with the blond hair is also believed to be the driver of an older model white Chrysler four-door spotted racing to beat a train in the vicinity of where Darlington's body was later found.... Over the years, the names of other proven killers have surfaced ... but all have been dismissed. Ted Bundy, an American serial killer active between 1974 and 1978, was once a suspect in Darlington's death, but that theory was later disproved.... Other names have surfaced from time to time, but all have been abandoned, leaving investigators with little more than they had in 1973....

31. Newspaper-Article | 2012 Sep 26

• The Daily News, Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada (by Sylvie Paillard)

Murder Investigators in City Today - Police Issue Plea in Kamloops - Violent U.S. Convict Named as Suspect in Three Area Slayings: Thirty-nine years after 16-year-old Colleen MacMillen was murdered ... her family has closure. DNA evidence identified Colleen's killer as Bobby Jack Fowler, an American with a long history of violent crimes, officials with E-Pana, the RCMP investigations team that has worked the case for more than six years, said Tuesday. ... Today, E-Pana is in Kamloops to repeat a plea for the public's help alongside family members of another Highway of Tears victim Gale Ann Weys ... Investigators also believe Fowler is linked to the death of Kamloop's Pamela Darlington, 19, who was killed in 1973. ... Fowler died in prison of lung cancer in 2006 while serving 16 years for kidnapping, assault and attempted rape in Newport, Oregon in 1995. ...

32. Newspaper-Article | 2012 Sep 26

• The Gazette, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (by Douglas Quan)

Dead Con Linked to 1974 Murder - Highway of Tears Breakthrough: Described by

authorities as "extremely violent" and "nasty," Bobby Jack Fowler was convicted in Oregon in the 1990s of the kidnap, assault and attempted rape of a woman who hurled her naked body out of a second-storey motel window because she thought he was going to kill her. Now, the transient construction worker, who died in prison in 2006, has been linked by DNA to the 1974 murder ... of 16-year-old Colleen MacMillen ... Authorities in Oregon have also pegged Fowler as a suspect in the 1995 homicide of two 16-year-old girls in that state. "He had a propensity to pick up female hitchhikers. He was extremely violent. He was also very charming and disarming sometimes. People tell us his personality could change on a moment's notice," RCMP Insp. Gary Shinkaruk told a news conference on Tuesday. ... RCMP officials said they got their break when they submitted evidence from MacMillen's case for DNA analysis. At first they got no matches, but when they re-submitted samples earlier this year to Interpol ... they got word that there had been a match in Oregon. ... While Fowler has been cleared as a suspect in eight of the Highway of Tears cases, he is considered a "person of interest" in the remaining nine, particularly in the cases of 19-year-old Gale Weys ... and 19year-old Pamela Darlington, whose body was found in Pioneer Park in November in 1973. ...

33. Newspaper-Article | 2012 Sep 27

• Kamloops This Week, Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada (by Tim Petruk)

Did This Man Kill Again and Again in Kamloops? : Family members of a Kamloops woman ... have made an emotional plea for information about a dead American convict police believe might have been responsible for her murder. Bobby Jack Fowler died in 2006 in an American prison. The Oregon man, 66, at the time of his death, was earlier this year linked by DNA to the murder of Colleen MacMillen near 100 Mile House in 1974. This week, Mounties announced Fowler is also a "strong suspect" in a pair of 1973 murders involving Kamloops women Gale Weys and Pamela Darlington, both 19. ... RCMP Insp. Gary Shinkaruk, who heads up the Mounties' major crimes special projects in B.C., said investigators feel strongly Fowler was involved in the Weys and Darlington murders. "There's a lot of factors that make us believe that there's a strong likelihood of that link," he said, not ruling out the potential of future DNA evidence providing concrete proof. "At this point in time, Sept. 26, 2012, we do not possess DNA evidence linking these [Weys and Darlington] to Fowler". ...

34. Newspaper-Article | 2012 Dec 7

• The Daily News, Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada (by Mike Youds)

Victims Outnumber Memorial Shoes: More than 500 B.C. women and children were represented at a downtown memorial on Thursday ... The fifth annual Shoe Memorial ... grew again this year with 530 pairs of shoes donated. ... Coun. Tina Lange attended high school with Pam Darlington, whose 1973 murder was one of two local slayings linked earlier this year to a suspect as a result of a cold-case investigation. Lange recalled the grisly details of Darlington's killing and the aftermath - sadness, terror and lingering questions such as, "Why was she hitchhiking? "As if it was Pam's fault," Lange said. "Those same questions are still asked of victims. It's been 40 years since I graduated from high school, and I don't see that a whole lot has changed". ...

Father:	Frank Thomas Darlington (1926-2002)
Mother:	Rosella "Rose" Shirley Hilleren (1928-1961)
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Mother:	Arlene Ilvi Moisio (1934-2013)