



## Media Release

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Gregg County Crime Stoppers is seeking information concerning a Homicide Case in 1981. On October 17<sup>th</sup>, 1981, Kilgore Fire Department was dispatched to a house fire at the Clarence Hudgins res.; which was located off Hwy 135, north of the Kilgore City Limits in Gregg County. Upon arrival, fire fighters found the body of Clarence Hudgins lying outside the residence. Clarence Hudgins had died from gunshot wounds to the upper body. Suspects had apparently started a fire outside the residence and when Clarence Hudgins exited the house, he was mortally wounded by unknown gunman.

Sheriff's Investigators, Kilgore Police Detectives and the Texas Ranger initiated an investigation into the murder of Clarence Hudgins, following several investigative leads; however the case was not solved and remains unsolved to date. Clarence Hudgins at the time of his death was a Kilgore Businessman and owner of Kilgore Sandblasting and Painting Company.

Gregg County Crime Stoppers is seeking any information on this case that could lead to the solving of this murder according to Lt. William Drennan, Crime Stoppers coordinator. If you have any information on this case or any case in Gregg County, call Gregg County Crime Stoppers at 903-236-STOP or you may call the Gregg County Sheriff's Office Investigation Division at 903-236-8408.