In August of 1997, someone tied up, beat, and strangled an elderly widow inside her mobile home on Pineview Boulevard. The Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office and the family of 73-year hospital volunteer Pluma Bell Sanford are still looking for the person responsible and asking for anyone with information to please contact the OCSO or Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers.

Pluma Bell Sanford was last seen on August 12, 1997. A welfare check was done August 15th after she failed to show up for her volunteer shift at Fort Walton Beach Medical Center. Twelve hours after her body was discovered inside her home, investigators found her gold Dodge parked at the Wright Shopping Center at the corner of Beal and Racetrack Road.

Investigators recovered DNA evidence from the mobile home, but no match has been found.

If you have information that you believe can help investigators solve this case, please call the Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office at 859-651-7400 or Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers at 850-863-TIPS.

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