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## BREAK NEEDED IN EFFORTS TO GET JUSTICE FOR SHELLY MEADORS



For eleven straight years, there have been news releases and news stories about a deadly hit and run in Destin that took the life of a 15-year old girl standing with friends on a sidewalk along Highway 98 back on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

Investigators with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office and Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers continue to profile the tragic case involving Shelly Meadors as they seek any leads as to who is responsible for this accident, and whether or not someone out there has the vital information they need.

Shelly was waiting with two friends to cross Highway 98 near Big Kahuna's when she and another girl were struck by a vehicle around 8 p.m. that evening. A driver came off the roadway onto the sidewalk, hit Shelly and a friend, then kept heading eastbound. The friend survived. Shelly did not. In the past, the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office has received conflicting reports of the type of vehicle involved in the accident.

We are hoping someone with information will come forward by calling the OCSO at 850-651-7400 or Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers at 863-TIPS.

Last year, the agency produced a Cold Case Chronicle video for its YouTube page to try to keep the case in the public eye:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kGt72IhuiY0&feature=plcp





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