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## **COLD CASE MURDER OF BERT GROSS** **OCSO COLD CASE CHRONICLES**



The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office is putting the February 22, 1981 murder of Bert Eldon Gross back in the spotlight in the latest installment of Cold Case Chronicles. The 42-year old Gross had left his home in Fort Myers and was heading to Phoenix Arizona.

However his body was found near picnic tables at the Interstate Ten eastbound rest stop near Crestview. He'd been beaten and shot. His 1969 Ford Ranger pickup with a MAC bulldog and white spoke rims was found March 8<sup>th</sup> at a vacant home in Mexico Beach in Bay County.

OCSO Investigator Randall Joiner says it is unclear if Gross was murdered in Okaloosa County, or somewhere to the east. He is submitting additional items of evidence to the FDLE Crime Lab in hopes of new leads, but is also asking anyone with information on the 1981 murder of Bert Gross to contact the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office at 850-651-7400 or Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers at 850-863-TIPS.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dUDOmBAUkFY&feature=c4-overview&list=UUv9VTWnJpY90g9JhyNkkkuQ>



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