



News Conference for the Unsolved Murder of Nikki Alexandra Benedict

\$1,000 REWARD

May 1, 2018

San Diego County Crime Stoppers, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department's Homicide Unit and members of Nikki Benedict's family will hold a news conference **today** to bring attention to this 51-year-old unsolved homicide.

During the early evening hours of May 1, 1967, 14-year-old Nikki Alexandra Benedict was walking home from a friend's house when she was critically stabbed and left to die in a field across from 12784 Poway Road, Poway. At about 6:30 p.m., an 11-year-old boy discovered Nikki lying in the field. The boy immediately reported what he discovered to his father who owned a market nearby. Deputies from the Poway Sheriff's Station, the Poway Valley Fire Department and ambulance personnel responded to the scene. They rendered first aid and transported Nikki to Palomar Hospital in Escondido where she was pronounced deceased upon arrival.

The on-scene investigation showed evidence of a struggle a short distance from the location of where Nikki Benedict was found.

NEWS CONFERENCE: The goal of this news conference is to shed light on the unsolved homicide of Nikki Benedict.

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Sheriff's Headquarters – 9621 Ridgeway Court, San Diego

Anyone with information on the identity and or location of the person/persons responsible for this crime is asked to call Sheriff's Homicide Unit at (858) 974-2321 or the **Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477**. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to an arrest in this case. Information on how to send anonymous emails and mobile app tips can be found on our website www.sdcrimestoppers.org.

Media inquiries should be directed to:

- Questions regarding the investigation should be directed to Homicide Sgt. Todd Norton at (858) 974-2431 or Todd.Norton@sdsheriff.org
- Questions regarding Crime Stoppers should be directed to Deputy Adriana Uribe at (619) 531-1547 or Adriana.Uribe@sdsheriff.org or Officer Mark Herring at 619-531-1500 or msherring@pd.sandiego.gov.

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