

A Current Listing of Cleveland / Bradley County Missing Persons Cases

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On June 10, 1991, Jaycee Dugard, age 11, was abducted from the street in front of her house as she walked to her bus stop in South Lake Tahoe, California. The blonde, blue-eyed girl who was wearing a pink windbreaker and pink stretch pants had been kidnapped by convicted sex offender, Phillip Garrido. It wasn't until 18 years later, Jaycee, now age 29, was found living in backyard sheds behind Garrido's house in Antioch, California with her two girls, age 11 and 15, who she had with the man accused of taking her. Jaycee was one of those children that had been missing for so long no one expected her to ever be found alive. The president of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Ernie Allen said the reappearance of Jaycee Dugard is "absolutely huge. One of the things that we preach to searching families all the time is that even in these long-term cases, there's hope." he said. "Even in these long term cases, it's important that we not let the world forget."

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children web site, www.missingkids.com, in the U.S., approximately 800,000 children are reported missing each year. The largest number of whom are runaways. About 200,000 children are the victims of family abduction, about 58,000 children are the victims of non-family abduction and about 115 children are taken by strangers and either murdered, ransomed or taken with the intent to keep. If as many as 800,000 children are reported missing each year, that means 2,000 children are reported missing every day. There are numerous reports of missing adults as well. With each missing person, there is a family who is desperately searching for answers to the whereabouts of their loved ones.

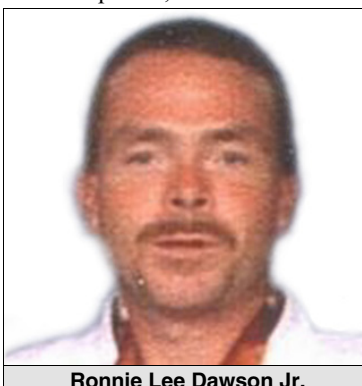
It is through the cooperation of law enforcement, non-governmental agencies, media and the public that many of these cases are resolved. One very important key to solving a missing persons case is to keep their informa-

tion out to the public in order to help gain leads that are crucial for law enforcement to solve a case.

The Jaycee Dugard case has sparked the interest of many all across the nation to look deeper into missing persons cases. It even inspired this reporter to research missing cases in the Cleveland, TN area and to shed light on those who are gone for now, but not forgotten.

With the cooperation of the Bradley County Sheriff's Department and the Cleveland City Police Department, the following is the current list along with brief descriptions of those who are reported missing in the Bradley County / Cleveland area.

Ronnie Lee Dawson Jr., 33 a white male has been missing since July 25, 2008. Dawson was last seen leaving his home on Lebanon Drive in Cleveland, TN driving a black 1997 Chevrolet Lumina van with the driver's side front hubcap missing. Foul play is not suspected, however Daw-



Ronnie Lee Dawson Jr.

son's family members are concerned about his medical well being. He is 5 foot 8 inches tall and weighs around 185 pounds. He has red hair and blue eyes and when last seen was growing out his beard.

Richard "Glen" Jones, 56 a white male has been missing since April 15, 2009. His wife reported Jones had been having problems with prescription pills. She came home and noticed Jones had left on their 2008 Harley Davidson Roadking. He had gathered some clothes and cleaned out the saddlebag of the motorcycle and grabbed his pills. Jones' wife had phone contact with her husband but he would only mention that he was six states away. He said he was almost to his destination and that he was

sorry for all the problems he had caused for everyone. He told his wife he was going to make it to where his brother could receive his liver because his brother has liver cancer. He also sent out good-bye letters. Jones could be in his hometown of Temple, Texas or in Seattle, Washington, where his mother lives.

Sandra Hale, a.k.a. Sandra Plumley, 40 a white female was last seen on May



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18, 2005 when she told her boyfriend she was going to Chattanooga. She is from Perry, Georgia but has relatives in Cleveland, TN. Hale is 5 foot 3 inches tall and weighs approximately 103 pounds and has a tattoo of a rose with a snake through it on her left shoulder.

Lee Anthony Mikel, 31 a white male has been missing since August of 2007. His mother reported to police that her son suffered from bi-polar disorder, borderline personality disorder and severe depression and that he had texted her other son and stated that he was in California and was trying to get to Oregon. His mother stated that Mikel was distraught and sounded like he was very depressed. Mikel



Lee Anthony Mikel

told his mother that he would call back in about two weeks to let them know how he was doing, but he never called back. Due to Mikel's medical conditions and being very de-

pressed, Mikel's mother believes he has possibly hurt or killed himself.

Allie or Ali Greene, 16 a white female has been missing since August 24, 2009. Her mother reported to police that Greene is in the custody of Eckard Community Alternative in Pinellas County, Florida. Greene's mother

awoke to find a note written by her daughter saying that she loves her but had to run away because she didn't want to go back to Florida. She didn't say where she was going but did say that she would be safe. Greene's mother stated that her daughter was upset because she had to go back to Florida. Greene left between 12AM and 5AM the morning of her disappearance. Her mother said she didn't know what her daughter was wearing or where she might go.

Desirae Scott, 16 a black female has been missing since March 27, 2008. Scott's foster mother reported to police that Scott ran away from home and that she had contact with her by voice mail but Scott refused to come home. Scott may have gone to Alabama with a friend.

Doyle Jimmy Morgan Sr., 57 a white male has been missing since February of 2005. His daughter reported that when her father's apartment burned the day before his disappearance, he was seen after the fire, but hasn't been seen or heard from since. He is on medication.

Donnie Lee Payne, 73 a white male has been missing since September 14, 2008. Payne's disappearance made national headline's by being reported on America's Most Wanted (AMW). According to AMW's website, Payne lived with his wife of just nine months, Hazel and his beloved dog, a Jack Russell terrier. Payne loved the outdoors and enjoyed fishing and camping. Price's Creek on the Hiwassee River was one of his favorite places. Wherever he went, he always wore a plaid shirt, dark pants and sported some kind of hat and he always had his beloved dog by his side. The last anyone saw

or heard from him, he was headed out to look for aluminum cans. Sadly one month after he went missing, his wife Hazel passed away. Several years before Payne's disappearance, there was an arson on his property in which a dear friend of his died. Police have since ruled



Donnie Lee Payne with his Jack Russell

out any connection between his disappearance and the persons responsible for the fire. According to Payne's family members, there have been many rumors about foul play. One rumor is that he was killed for a mere \$200 and thrown into a dumpster. Payne has brown hair and brown eyes, is 5 foot 10 inches tall and weighs approximately 125 pounds.

The Bradley County Sheriff's Department reopened the cold case of **Patricia Louise Kelley**. She went missing 22 years ago. Kelley was 25 years old when she



Patricia Louise Kelley

was last seen on Wildwood Avenue in Cleveland. When she disappeared, she was 5 foot 6 inches tall and weighted approximately 135 pounds.

All persons reported missing are entered into the National Crime Information

Center (NCIC) database. Anyone who knows the whereabouts or any information on the missing persons mentioned above is urged to contact the Bradley County Sheriff's Department at 423-728-7300 or the Cleveland City Police Department at 423-476-1125.

On October 16, 2009 a ceremony was held near the site where the remains of the nation's oldest cold case of a missing person was solved. Representative Eric Watson and Tennessee's Speaker of the House Kent Williams presented awards for service to all of the individuals and agencies involved in finding the remains of Kathleen Anita

Wrinkle.

Wrinkle apparently drove off the roadway into the frigid waters of Parksville Lake on February 22, 1956 while reportedly on a job hunt. It is thought that she traveled to Chattanooga that morning and had driven toward Copperhill. After her cold case was reopened, the remains of Wrinkle and her 1952 Chevrolet Bel-Air were located in May 2008.

Through forensic testing and physical evidence found inside the car, authorities were able to prove the remains were those of Wrinkle. After many years wondering what had happened to their loved one, Kathleen Wrinkle's family was finally able to get the closure they had longed for. Wrinkle was laid to rest at Hopewell Cemetery in Cleveland 53 years this year from the date of her disappearance. Evelyn Wrinkle Caylor Cross, the niece of Kathleen Wrinkle was one of many present at the ceremony. In an exclusive interview with Cross, this reporter asked what advice she could offer to those still searching for their missing loved ones and waiting for answers, Cross stated, "The case of my aunt, Kathleen Wrinkle, was the nation's oldest cold case of a missing person ever to be solved. If it can be solved, then anything is possible."