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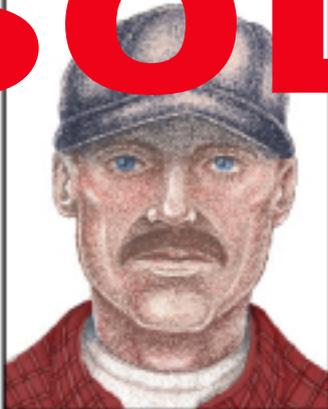


May 2003

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**  
**KIDNAP/MURDER**

**SUSPECT**

**SEX:** Male  
**RACE:** White  
**AGE:** Late 20s to 40 years of age  
**HEIGHT:** 5'8"  
**WEIGHT:** Slim build  
**HAIR:** Unknown  
**EYE:** Blue



**CLOTHING:** Dark blue baseball style cap, red and black plaid shirt, light blue jeans

**ADDITIONAL:** Mustache, very blue eyes, quiet "boyish" voice. Slightly sunken face.

**WEAPON:** Black handled hunting style knife with folding chrome blade

**VEHICLE:** Four-door passenger automobile, resembling a Dodge Aries, Chevrolet Celebrity, or Hyundai Excel; 1980's to early 1990's; white; rear bumper same color as vehicle; two red pin stripes and scratches along side.

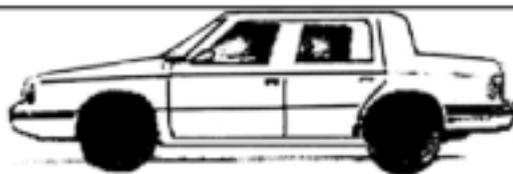
**VICTIM: Anthony Michael Martinez**

**SEX:** Male  
**RACE:** Hispanic



**AGE:** 10  
**HEIGHT:** 4'10"  
**WEIGHT:** 70 lbs.  
**HAIR:** Black  
**EYE:** Brown

**CLOTHING:** Blue baseball style cap, blue and white t-shirt, light blue jeans and black Nike tennis shoes



Composite of vehicle used

**INFORMATION:** The Riverside County Sheriff's Department is requesting assistance in identifying a suspect in the kidnap and murder of ten year old Anthony Michael Martinez.

**MODUS OPERANDI SUMMARY:** On the afternoon of Friday, April 4, 1997, the victim was kidnaped from Beaumont, California and subsequently murdered. The victim was playing with several of his friends outside of an apartment building when the suspect approached the group and offered each of the children money to assist him in locating his lost cat. The suspect showed a Polaroid photo of a white long hair cat with two or three black spots. It was an indoor picture with the cat on a wooden chair which was on a tan carpet. The suspect unsuccessfully attempted to grab one of the children by enticing him with a dollar. All of the children fled the area, except the victim, who was grabbed by the suspect. The suspect placed a knife to the victim's throat and forcibly placed him in the rear seat of his vehicle. On April 19, 1997, the victim's decomposing body was discovered on Berdoo Canyon Road, a remote area north of Indio, California. The road leads to Joshua Tree National Monument. The body was nude and partially covered by rocks. The victim's wrists were bound with duct tape. The remoteness of the body discovery site indicates that the suspect may be familiar with the geography of this particular area of Riverside County. Prior to the abduction, the suspect was seen in the Beaumont area with a German Shepard type puppy. The puppy was about six months old and had a silver collar. The suspect called the puppy "Buster".

For more information on this case, click on the link below:

<http://www.co.riverside.ca.us/sheriff/crime/cases/martinez.htm>

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