

## **“IF ONLY THESE BOOTS COULD TALK”**



These boots along with other pieces of evidence lay packaged in evidence bags in the New London Police Department’s evidence room. They are a constant reminder of an unsolved homicide case from 1985.

On July 18, 1985 Frank Latza’s life came to an abrupt end on Waupaca Street in New London at 9:35 p.m. Frank Latza was struck by a vehicle on Waupaca Street. When officers responded to the scene they found Frank laying in the roadway, alive and in pain but not for long. Frank died at the New London Community Hospital that very evening due to injuries he sustained. The vehicle that struck Frank Latza never stopped to render aid to helpless Frank Latza. Instead the driver continued on his/her way east bound on Waupaca Street.

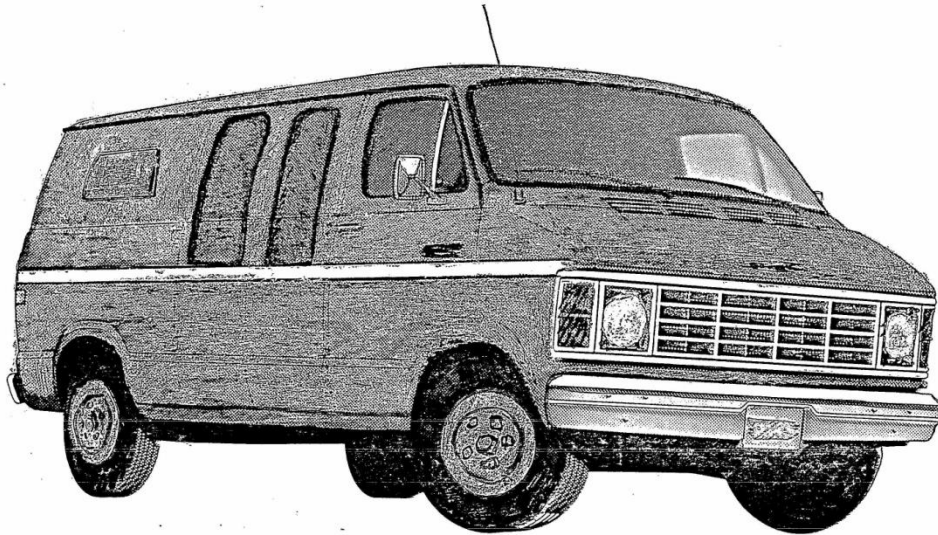
The New London Police Department began the investigation that very night. They followed up on leads of vehicles matching the description given by witnesses. As time went on more citizens called providing possible leads, possible matching descriptions as well as providing the department with overheard conversations. No call, lead, conversation went unchecked.

To this very day this case remains unsolved but not forgotten.

With witness descriptions and Wisconsin Crime Laboratory examinations it is known that the vehicle is:

- A van
- It is believed to have round head lights
- Dark in color such as blue, black, red or gray
- The vehicle may have been painted a few times prior to July 18, 1985
- It is possible that the vertical windows may have been custom made
- The stripe on the side is reported to be white

- There were reports that the van may have had two stripes on the side
- The side window towards the very back varies from witness as to if it existed



**The New London Police Department is asking for your help in solving this case. If you or anyone you know has information on this case please contact the New London Police Department at 920 982-8505.**