

Woody Overton's podcast about unsolved Louisiana murders captivates audiences and provides closure to victims' families

A former criminal investigator in Louisiana is using his podcast platform to dive into a cold case that has stumped law enforcement for almost two decades.

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- Almost two decades ago, beloved mother and sister Barbara Blount went missing from her home in Holden. Her family still doesn't know what happened to her.

"They're hurting and it's just bizarre," said Overton. "Imagine if it was your mother?"

Overton's award-winning podcast is called "[Real Life Real Crime](#)." He started talking about Barbara a year ago, but the pandemic halted his efforts. Now he's launching a new podcast with executive producer Toby Tomplay called "Don't Call it a Cold Case" where he'll focus on the mysterious case.



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"I'm going hardcore on Mrs. Barbara, and I'm going to work it until I solve it, or until I die," said Overton. "Everybody loved her, she was a mother, a church-going lady, a widower, a great person and she vanished. That just doesn't happen. Somebody killed her, they abducted and killed her."

For the past two years, Woody Overton has been

podcasting about the stories of his time in law enforcement and using his platform to give exposure to unsolved crimes as well. Recently, his work helped lead to the arrest of Anthony Burns for the murder of Courtney Coco in 2004. Now, he wants to find out what happened to Barbara Blount.

Sheriff Jason Ard of Livingston Parish reached out to Woody Overton after being contacted by residents of Livingston, upon Overton's recommendation.

Overton would tell his listeners that contacted him about Barbara Blount to contact their sheriff and they did.

Overton's listeners ask him daily to work numerous local, national, and international cold cases [through his social media](#). Barbara Blount's disappearance was a cold case very close to home for Overton.



Award-winning Podcaster Woody Overton's new podcast, "Don't Call It a Cold Case," will be launching soon.



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Just a few months after he transitioned from Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office as a polygraphist and major crime detective to Louisiana State Police as a polygraphist and Criminal Investigator, Mrs. Blount disappeared. Overton remembers hearing about the case and thinking it would be almost unsolvable due to the lack of evidence.

Sheriff Ard saw the success of Overton's crowdsourcing technique used by his listeners and fans, which he affectionately refers to as "lifers".

"Lifers solved [Courtney Coco's murder](#) simply because people are more comfortable speaking to me rather than the police," said Overton.

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The original investigators in Blount's investigation had a perfect storm of events that inhibited them from solving the crime. That being said, they have a file that is full of information and leads that Overton will use to solve this almost two-decade-old mystery.

According to detectives on May 2, 2008, there were no signs of a robbery at Blount's house, because detectives did not find forced entry and her back door was wide open.

Blount's car was later discovered less than a mile from her home in a wooded area.

The FBI, the sheriff's office, and volunteers spent days looking for any trace of Blount.

"There's nothing, nothing. No evidence. One of the most bizarre cases I've ever seen," says Woody Overton.

Overton is hoping the conversation will bring in new leads. He's already received anonymous tips.

"I can tell you that everyone is a suspect except for me. Everybody is fair game, but I can't give away anything," said Overton.

Overton's tip line is 225-395-1302.

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Barbara Blount has been missing since around mid-day on Friday, May 2, 2008, from her home at 35580 Hwy 1036, in Holden, LA.



If anyone knows anything about Barbara Blount's disappearance, they are asked to call their local authorities, or Overton's tip line at 225-395-1302

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