

Wilberding, Ben



Missing Since: May 24, 1996
Location Last Seen: Tomahawk, Lincoln County
Age: 21 years old
Date of Birth: January 24, 1975
Sex: Male
Race: White
Height and Weight: 5'10, 170 pounds
Clothing: A t-shirt and blue jeans.
Hair: brown
Eyes: brown
Exclusions: 8

Details of Disappearance

Official statement: On May 24, 1996 Ben Wilberding disappeared from his parents' home on County Road CC in rural Tomahawk. He spoke to his sister from his home that morning, and that was the last she or anyone else heard from him. When Ben was last seen he was in a maroon vehicle with two other occupants.

Weeks later police found his driver's license and social security card, on a different person. Police investigated that person, but found no evidence linking him to a crime. Ben's last paycheck remained at Hurd Millwork where he was employed as summer help, and his vehicle was parked where it was when he went missing. His Social Security card hasn't been used and his driver's license has not been renewed. There doesn't seem to be any reasons why Wilberding disappeared, no clues as to where he might be and no ideas if he just fled the country, or if foul play was involved.

The article at right alleges that Arthur, Ben's brother, killed him and buried him under the RV/mobile home. It was searched and nothing was found. Unfortunately, Arthur has since died. Arthur was paroled 18 days before Ben disappeared. A family member claimed "Yeah that is what we think as well (re: Arthur murdering Ben) his other brother Jason used to be my stepdad, so I'm somewhat familiar with the details. We feel like Lincoln county bungled it from the jump." The location where Ben was staying was here: W7894 Hwy CC & W7564 Hwy CC.

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