

Jennifer Bastian Timeline

Monday, August 4th, 1986 (Summer Break)

Point Defiance Park, 5400 N. Pearl



- 1430 HRS- 13-year-old Jennifer Bastian left her home at 2100 N. Winnifred and rode her 18-speed Schwinn bicycle to Point Defiance Park to train for an upcoming bike tour in the San Juan Islands. She left a note saying she would be home by 6:30PM.
- 1400-1430 HRS- A witness reported he was walking with his daughter on 5 Mile Drive and witnessed a young girl matching Jennifer's description, riding a bike, being forced into a black van. The van was later ruled out as being related based on numerous credible sightings of Jennifer in the park after this allegedly occurred.



1610 HRS – 3 boys who went to school with Jennifer reported they passed her going the opposite direction on 5 mile drive. They said she was sweaty and there was a W/M adult riding near her, possibly “drafting off of her”. They said Jennifer did not seem to be concerned and it appears that she was fine. A sketch of this subject was developed as a possible suspect. He was never identified; however there were numerous credible sightings of Jennifer in the park after this.

- 1500-1700 HRS- Two witnesses reported they were at the second viewpoint (this would be the Dalco Passage Viewpoint) when a girl matching Jennifer's description rode up and had a conversation with them. They said she took her helmet off and it fell on the ground. She drank from a water bottle and told them she was training for an upcoming bike ride.
- 1830 HRS- Jennifer was due to be home.
- 2030 HRS – Jennifer's mother called police to report Jennifer missing.
- 0530 HRS – Bloodhounds completed track through 5 Mile Drive, victim not located.
- 8/5/86-8/7/86- Point Defiance Park closed, massive search conducted in the park.
- 8/26/86 @ 2000 HRS- A witness contacted Park Police and reported he was jogging with YMCA running club and they noticed an odor on a jogging trail off 5 Mile Drive.
- 8/26/86 @ 2100 HRS - Park Police, TPD officers and Police K9 attempted to locate the source of the odor with negative results.

- 8/28/86 @ 1400 HRS- German Shepherd Search Dogs (GSSD) conduct a search of the area where the odor was reported off 5 Mile Drive. The body of Jennifer Bastian was located in a wooded area off 5 Mile Drive between the road and the cliffs. Her bike was located near her body.



- 8/29/86- Crime scene processed by TPD & Green River Task Force.

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