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Mother Speaks About Sons 1991 Death

On **August 23, 1991**, at approximately 4:00 p.m. the Henrico Fire Division responded to the I-64 west off-ramp onto Mechanicsville Turnpike in Henrico County, for a vehicle on fire. The Fire Division arrived on the scene and observed a white, 1979 Ford pick-up truck, where the hood was up, and the engine compartment was smoldering.

The Fire Division extinguished the fire and subsequently located a male, later identified as **16-year-old Marshall Ray Butler**, in the passenger floorboard of the truck, slumped over the seat, deceased. It was then determined that Butler had been severely beaten and stabbed multiple times. At the time, witnesses described a male subject running across the interstate from the burning truck. Evidence from the vehicle was collected and included several sets of latent fingerprints, which have been identified to two person(s) of interest in the case.

Marshall was last seen with another male seated in the passenger seat of the pickup truck earlier that same afternoon. During this investigation, the Police Division interviewed over 100 witnesses and other people, who provided insight into Marshall's murder. Witness statements, as well as evidence collected at the scene, has indicated Marshall was assaulted by more than one individual, and possibly by someone that was known to him. Witnesses have suggested that the suspects may have been picked up in a vehicle by a third person after the murder occurred.

The detectives and Marshall's family members ask anyone with additional information, to contact **Detective Schihl at 804-501-5000 or Crime Stoppers 780-1000.**

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