

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

EARLY YEARS

1970-1990

- **9 September 1970** - Melissa’s DOB is incorrectly recorded in dental records. [Mary Hauptie]
- **9 September 1977** - Melissa was born to parents Norma & Carl Patton. [Norma Patton]
- **Ages 8-12** - Norma (mother) locked Melissa in a room daily from ages 7–12[Norma Patton]

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TEENAGE YEARS

1990-1995

- **1990s** - Melissa was molested by Eric Martin Jackson. [Norma Patton]
- **15 August 1995** - Christina was born [Norma Patton]
- **16 July 1996** - Joey was born [Norma Patton]
- **1995** - Chris and Melissa were married. [Norma Patton]

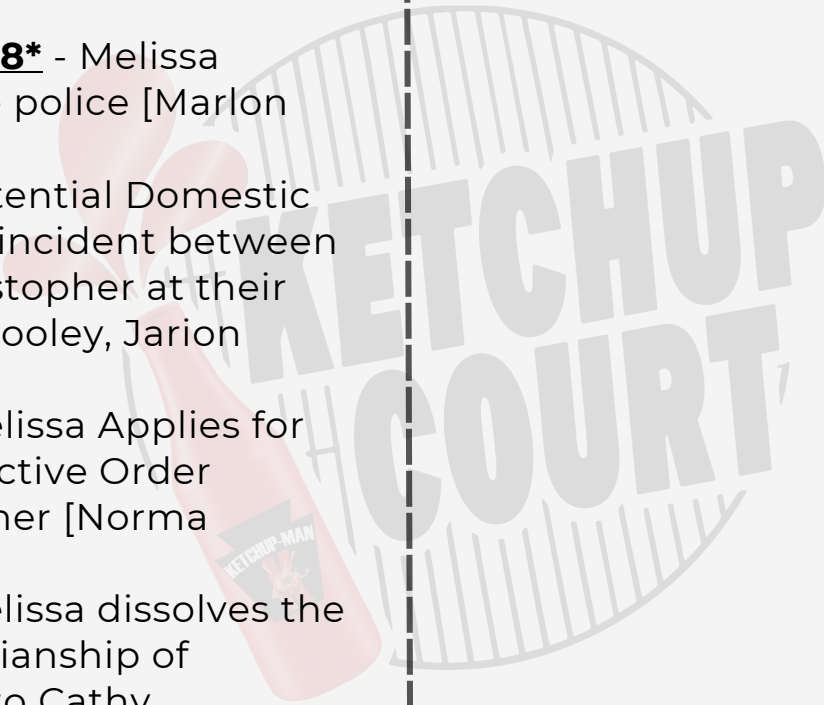
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BEFORE THE DEATH

1996-1998

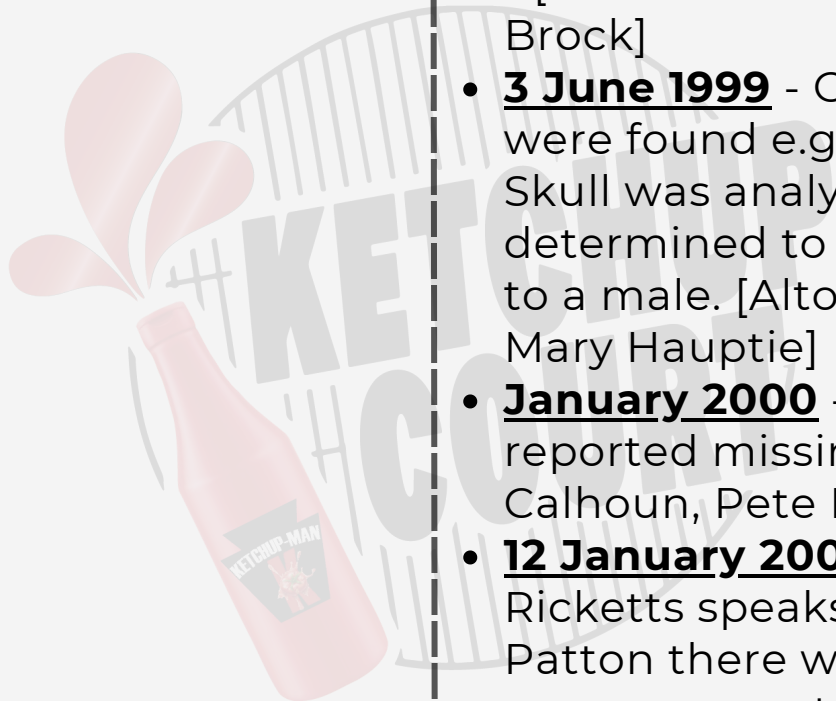
- **1996** - Melissa gives temporary guardianship to Cathy Wolfenbarger from the Pattons [Norma Patton]
- **Sometime in 1998*** - Melissa reports DV to the police [Marlon Sutton]
- **21 July 1998** - Potential Domestic Violence battery incident between Melissa and Christopher at their home [Dorothy Cooley, Jarion Shephard]
- **22 July 1998** - Melissa Applies for Temporary Protective Order against Christopher [Norma Patton]
- **23 July 1998** - Melissa dissolves the temporary guardianship of Christina & Joey to Cathy Wolfenbarger [Kimberly Cambryn]
- **29 July 1998** - Temporary Protective Order was dismissed. Melissa gives custody of Christina & Joey to Cathy Wolfenbarger. [Norma Patton]
- **August 1998** - Melissa leaves Christopher [Norma Patton]
- **9 September 1998** - Melissa was locked up in California County Jail. [Norma Patton]
- September 1998 - Melissa restarts relationship with Chris. [Norma Patton]
- **October 1998** - Christopher Wolfenbarger begins employment at Action Glass [Ronald Brock]
- **October 1998** - Melissa was rearrested due to violating her probation. [Norma Patton]
- **9 November 1998** - Melissa was released from Dicab County Jail. Melissa tells judge she was pregnant. Norma Patton sees Melissa for the last time [Norma Patton]
- **24 November 1998** - Norma speaks with Melissa [Alton Calhoun]
- **10 December 1998** - No contact with Melissa's probation officer by Melissa. [Norma Patton]
- **December 1998** - Thomas Dickson aka Mike sees Melissa [Thomas Dickson]

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1999-2001

- **February 1999** - Carl Patton goes to Wafflehouse to enquire of Melissa's whereabouts - [Tina Patton].
- **15 March 1999** - Melissa did not report to the court hearing on this day for a battery hearing against Christopher. [Jarion Shephard]
- **February/March 1999*** - Christopher says he last saw Melissa looking rough, he took her to Taco bell and was boarding the train Martyr Station. [Alton Calhoun]
- **29 April 1999** - Head was found at Avon Avenue - [George McEachern, Tina Millar]
- **February 1999** - Christopher Wolfenbarger was fired from Action Glass for vandalism on one of their vehicles, he never returned the saw he borrowed - [Ronald Brock, Cynthia Brock]
- **3 June 1999** - Other remains were found e.g the leg and Skull was analysed and determined to be belonging to a male. [Alton Calhoun, Mary Hauptie]
- **January 2000** - Melissa is reported missing [Alton Calhoun, Pete Ricketts]
- **12 January 2000** - Pete Ricketts speaks with Norma Patton there was no missing persons report at this time. [Pete Ricketts]
- **22 February 2001** - Pete speaks with Norma and Carl Patton to inform them that they have generated leads to find Melissa. [Pete Ricketts]
- **26 February 2001** - Pete speaks with Richard and Virginia Altree (Christopher's grandparents) in person regarding Melissa. [Pete Ricketts]
- **12 September 2001** - Pete Ricketts interviews Christopher in connection with Melissa's disappearance [Pete Ricketts]
- **30 December 2001** - Melissa's dental records were inputted into the system to aide in locating Melissa.

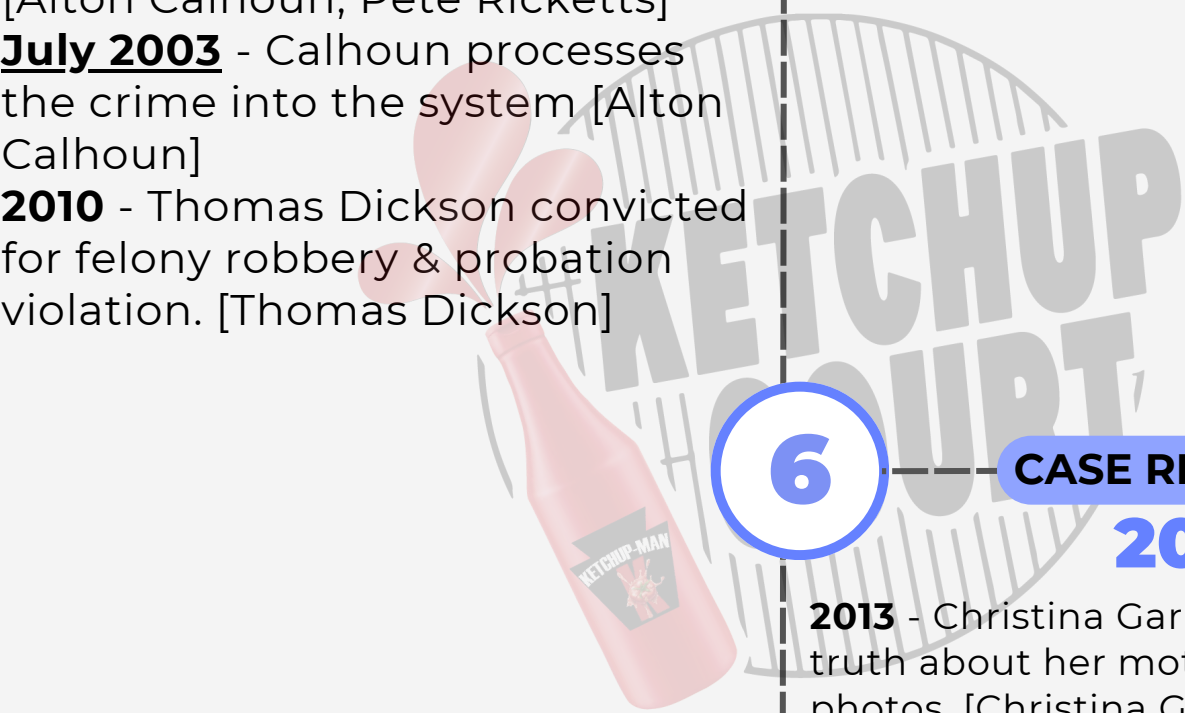


CASE BECOMING COLD

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2002-2010

2002/2003 - Melissa’s funeral
13 March 2003 - Melissa was identified based on the dental records [Pete Ricketts]
14 March 2003 - Melissa's skull was properly identified. [Dr. Mary Hauptie]
14 March 2003 - Detective Calhoun canvasses the neighbourhood campus. [Alton Calhoun]
18 March 2003 - Christopher is interviewed the second time by Pete. [Pete Ricketts]
18 March 2003 - Norma Patton was swabbed by medical examiner. [Carol Terry]
15 April 2003 - Detective Calhoun interviews Mike Dixon in connection with the investigation, Thomas Dickson informs law enforcement of what Melissa had told him about her tumultuous relationship with Chris and the marks he observed. [Alton Calhoun, Pete Ricketts]
July 2003 - Calhoun processes the crime into the system [Alton Calhoun]
2010 - Thomas Dickson convicted for felony robbery & probation violation. [Thomas Dickson]



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CASE REINVESTIGATED

2010-2024

2013 - Christina Garrett uncovers truth about her mother via family photos. [Christina Garrett]
2014 - Christina contacts Norma on Facebook. [Christina Garrett]
January 2015 - Norma & Tina Patton reach out to Leanne Lacoss. [Leanne Lacoss]
2021 Norma Patton and Tina Mae conducts podcast interviews in the bid to have the case looked at by the DA
5 May 2021 Christopher was interviewed by investigators Leighton and Jarion. [Jarion Shephard]
12 May 2021 - Christopher is interviewed again by investigators Leighton & Jarion. [Jarion Shephard]
2022 - Items from scene sent for investigation, 5 contributors were found with 2 DNA male profiles, Chris was excluded.
February 2023 - Christopher was interviewed a third time by investigators. [Jarion Shephard]
2023 - DNA, Paint and fibre testing was concluded. Results all negative for Chris.
18 March 2023 - Christopher was interviewed a fourth time by investigators. [Jarion Shephard]
6 August 2024 - Christopher was arrested. He was found hiding in a dryer. [Steven O’Hare]