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May 9, 1974

Location: Columbus, OH

Victim(s): Jeanette A Nichols 45

Attacker(s): John W. Harris, Jerome Royster, Clarence E. Smith, Eric Maurice

Description: The group kidnapped Jeanette, a married mother of two, as she arrived for work at St. Anthony's Hospital in Columbus, OH. They drove her to Harris' house, where she was bound and gagged. Harris then raped her, before throwing her out of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor window when there was a knock on the door. He then went outside and took Jeanette to the garage, where she was raped and tortured by all four men for the next 45 minutes, her teeth impressions later being found in the garment bag that was used to cover her head. They then drove her to a field, where she was made to lie down. Harris then put a shotgun to the back of her head and fired two shots, before putting an old couch over her body.

Archive.is Link(s):

<https://archive.is/24ZC0> Writeup of the crime. Harris and Royster were sentenced to death, but that was changed to life with parole in 1978. Maurice was paroled in 1984 after serving just 10 years. He was shot to death a year later. Smith was paroled 5-19-04.

<https://archive.is/mVkjh> Jeanette's find a grave memorial.

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<https://archive.is/POJXz> Nichols surname info Ancestry.com.

<https://archive.is/ul3AZ> Nichols surname wikipedia entry.

<https://archive.is/TZn01> Nichols surname info house of names.

<https://archive.is/lZQLn> Nichols surname info surname database.