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MEDIA RELEASE / COMMUNITY ALERT

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Cold case detectives are asking for your help to identify a man with a missing girl.

San Mateo Police cold case detectives are asking for the community's help in solving a missing person case from June 8, 1976. New information has been brought to the attention of investigators and we need your help identifying a person of interest who is seen standing next to Sherry Roach in the attached photograph. Sherry had ties to Santa Rosa and San Mateo, so we need the help of North and South Bay communities to share this information far and wide.

Sherry Roach was 17 years old when she went missing in San Mateo. Sherry was a white female, had some American Indian background, 5'-5", 115 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, and wore glasses. Her teeth were crooked, and she may have changed hair color to blonde.

Please see the attached images and contact police with any information:

- Age progressed image of Sherry Roach
- Picture of Sherry Roach next to an unidentified person of interest

We wish closure for Sherry's family. Please share this information and help in our efforts to bring attention to this investigation. Someone may have a critical piece of information investigators need.

Do you have information that could help investigators? Cold cases include missing persons, accidents or crimes that have yet to be solved and have no active leads. New information could come from new witness testimony, new or retained physical evidence, activities of a suspect, or other sources.

Contact Cold Case Investigators

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DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN?
Cold case detectives need your help identifying
a man standing with a missing girl from 1976
CALL (650) 522-7662



MISSING ALERT

Missing
SHERRY ROACH
Missing: 6/8/1976 Age Now: 57
Missing From:
SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA
Sherry's photo is shown age-progressed to 55 years.
She was last seen on June 8, 1976. Sherry may wear
glasses.

ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION SHOULD CONTACT:
San Mateo Police Department (California)
1-650-522-7700 or the National Center For Missing AND
Exploited Children at 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678)



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