

TEXAS RANGERS COLD CASE

UNIDENTIFIED HUMAN REMAINS SAMUEL LITTLE CASE PROFILES





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The Texas Rangers, the Federal Bureau of Investigation ViCAP, and the United States Department of Justice have been conducting an extensive investigation into murders committed by Samuel Little, AKA Samuel McDowell, B/M, DOB: 06-07-1940. Little was interviewed extensively from June 2018 to shortly before his death in December of 2020. During the course of said interviews. Little confessed to committing 93 murders between 1970 and 2005. More than 60 of Little's confessions have been definitively matched to victims through DNA evidence and/or extensively corroborated confessions. Information contained in the below narratives are a culmination of hundreds of hours of interviews that occurred over more than two years. Little had a photographic memory and was able to describe where he met the victims, where he killed the victims, where he left the victim's body, and what the victims looked like. Little lacked the ability to accurately judge timeframes and distance. At times Little was proven to be off by more than ten years and 40 miles. Therefore, years and distances provided in the below narratives should not be considered definitive. Little stated he manually strangled all of his victims (with the exception of two that were drowned) and was adamant he never shot or stabbed a victim. The manner in which Little killed his victims was more reminiscent to suffocation then strangulation, in that several of his victims did not have broken or fractured hyoid bones. Multiple victims' deaths were mis-classified in autopsy and listed as drug overdoses or natural deaths. If you have information regarding homicides or questionable deaths that coincide with the below narratives, please contact the FBI or the Texas Rangers.

Significant periods of incarceration (6 months or more):

- 05/28/1971 03/14/1972
- 11/25/1982 01/18/1984
- 10/25/1984 02/01/1987
- 06/05/1988 04/11/1989
- 06/20/1990 12/09/1990
- 01/15/1998 04/26/2002
- *All un-matched murders occurred between 1970 and 1997

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1) Los Angeles, California, Black Female: Between January 31st and February 1st, of 1987, shortly after getting out of prison (and while on parole), Little met a black female wearing shorts near Central Avenue in Los Angeles, California. Little went to a drug dealer's house and the drug dealer (pimp) told the female to leave with Little. Little walked down Figueroa Avenue with the woman and then turned left onto Florence Avenue. Little bought some "dope" with the female and then walked back down Figueroa Avenue to a vacant house located next to Florence Avenue. There was a gas station on the corner of Florence Avenue and Figueroa Avenue near the vacant house. There was a garage right in front of the vacant house with only a hook on the door. There was a fence around the house. The house faced Figueroa Avenue, the garage had a wooden door on rollers, and the house had a driveway. There was a brick residence next door to the garage. Little entered the garage with the female. The garage contained sawhorses, wood planks, and paint. There was a wide ledge or shelf around the interior of the garage. The ledge/shelf was approximately five feet off the ground, and made of solid 2 x 4's. Little described the black female as having a "big" butt and being approximately 23 to 24 years old. The woman was "dark skinned," stood approximately 5' 0" tall, and weighed approximately 140 pounds. Little got onto the shelf/ledge with the woman. The woman began playing with her necklace, and Little then strangled her. The woman fought and they both fell off the shelf onto a wide platform. Little then strangled the woman to death while sitting on the woman's back. The black female was left fully clothed lying on a board/ elevated platform, laying on her stomach. Approximately two weeks later Little walked past the garage and the garage had yellow police tape on it. Little killed this woman a couple weeks after he got out of prison. Little believed he killed the woman in the middle of February. When Little walked by the garage several months later it had been torn down. TRANSCRIPT INFO: Little walked with the black female down Figueroa from Florence Avenue. Little bought "dope" and then went into a vacant garage that was located on Figueroa. There were a lot of houses around the garage and Little thought it was located on 71st or 72nd and Figueroa. The garage was in front of a house. The black female crawled onto a ledge and then "took off her pants." Little grabbed the woman around her neck, and the woman fell onto the floor and landed face down on a table. Little "choked her" and then left. Little described the black female as standing approximately 5' 5" tall with "brown skin," and weighing approximately 150 pounds. Little thought the woman was around 25 years old. The black female was wearing shorts. Little left the woman face down and choked her "down on that tabletop." Little thought he killed the woman in either 1987, 1993, or 1995. Little did not have a car when he killed the woman.

Follow-up interviews:

Date: 1989-1991

Victim: FB/24-25, wearing short pants and a white blouse.

- > Heavyset
- > Round face
- ➤ Dark skin
- Big afro
- ➤ Big butt
- Short & wide build

2) Los Angeles, California, Black Female: In approximately February, March, or April of 1987, while driving his black Thunderbird, Little met a slender 5' 7" to 5' 10" tall, 120 pound, "pretty yellow skinned" black female that was a "crackhead," at Tams Hamburger stand located at 51st Street and Central Avenue in Los Angeles, California. The woman lived in the motel next to the hamburger stand. The black female was wearing a mini skirt style sun dress. The woman got into Little's vehicle and they drove to a laundry matt on Central Avenue, closer to downtown (possibly at the intersection of Martin Luther King). Little parked near vegetation in the parking lot of the laundromat. Little and the black female both climbed onto the back seat and he strangled the woman until she passed out. After the woman came to, Little strangled her again. Little drove "all the way-out Central Avenue past Imperial Avenue" until he got to a Seven Eleven type convenient store (possibly he took a right off Central Avenue). Little pulled the black female into the vacant lot next to the convenient store and dragged the woman to a rail. The woman became "hung up on the rail," and Little left her on the iron pipe rail next to the convenient store. Little left the woman clothed in a dress and shoes. Facing the convenient store, Little left the woman on the right side of the store, approximately 20 feet away from the store. There were trees and vegetation in the vacant lot next to a big field. Little thought he was in the county.

TRANSCRIPT INFO: Little killed a black female in Los Angeles and left her body on a rail next to a convenient store. Little met the woman at 51st and Central in a motel next store to Tam's Hamburgers. The woman walked from the motel to the Tam's parking lot. Little described the woman as being approximately 5' 5" to 5' 6" tall with light "honey colored" skin. The woman weighed approximately 120 to 125 pounds and was approximately 23 years old. After Little met the woman at Tam's, he rode around with her for a while "way down Central Avenue off of Martin Luther King, I think it was, that's where I killed her at right there." Little drove the woman's body "straight out Central Avenue somewhere or another, I got off Central Avenue, I guess, cause I didn't see it no more...one of those 7-11's with a rail on there in front of ...it was late at night...I laid her right there on the rail, I thought she was gonna fall over, a little car rail, but she didn't, she fell half way, that's the way they found, half standing up on that rail." Little stated he drove down Central Avenue way past Imperial, and it "was a mystery how I got off Central." Little mentioned he could have been in "Long Beach." Little left the woman's body on the rail at 2:00 or 3:00 AM, and he thought he killed this woman in 1987.

3) Los Angeles/ Compton, California, Black Female: In approximately March or April of 1987, Little met a 5′ 5″ to 5′ 6″ tall, 120 pound, approximately 19 year old young "honey colored" black female "crack head...gang banger" in Compton, California. The woman was a "blood," had a red bandana on, and had tattoos on her body. Little took the woman to a parking lot in Compton. Little strangled the black female, who fought him "vigorously," to death. Little drove the black female to the "Hills" out toward Hollywood. Little drove on a winding road around the hills with a fence around it. Little ended up near "Hollywood Hills." Little pulled to the side of the road near a fence with heavy vegetation on the other side of the fence. There was a hill or drop off on the other side of the fence. Little picked up the black female and attempted to throw the woman over the fence. The black female got caught on the fence, and Little eventually pushed the woman all the way over the fence. Little stated he could hear the woman roll at least halfway down the hill. The black female was fully dressed. The fence was chain link and approximately five feet tall. Little believed he drove west out of Compton toward Hollywood.

4) Los Angeles, California, Black Female: In approximately 1996, while driving his blue Cadillac, Little met a 5′ 6″ tall, 120 pound, 23 to 25 year old "golden colored" black female at Tam's Hamburger stand on Figueroa Avenue and Imperial Avenue in Los Angeles, California. The woman was with a masculine looking lesbian black female. Little gave both women a ride and made a date with the black female the following day at 4:00 PM. Little met the woman at the same hamburger stand the following day. Little drove the woman to Vermont Avenue and 81st Street near where he was living. Little then drove to Vermont Avenue and Florence Avenue. Little strangled the woman to death in his vehicle. Little put the woman in the trunk of his vehicle and then drove the woman to a large field. Little dragged the woman out of the trunk of his vehicle and put the woman down in the weeds, possibly on her back. Little left the woman clothed in a black dress.

TRANSCRIPT INFO: Little met a 5' 6" tall, 120 pound, 25 year old, "golden brown skinned" black female at Tam's Hamburgers on Figueroa. Little stated the woman had a "girlfriend." Little gave the woman and her "lesbian girlfriend" a ride. Little made a date with the black female for the following day at four o'clock behind Tams. Little stated the woman was wearing a black dress and was a "blood." Little was driving a blue Cadillac and the year was 1996. Little "choked" the woman out and "put her in the trunk." Little "took her out" to a convenient store with a field right next to it. Little left the woman in the field, "laid her down in that field, and it was off from a convenient store too." Little backed up into a field, "opened the trunk, drug her...up into that grass, that's where I left her." Little stated he drove all the way down Vermont Avenue somewhere. Little left the woman in the field. Little stated he passed "way past 103 at Avenue and Rosecrans." The field was right next door to a convenient store. Little left the woman "concealed by the weeds." Little stated "I know they found her the next day...they had to there wasn't nothing to conceal, right next door to a busy 7-11." Little backed his vehicle off the "asphalt" and into the grass field. The woman had "medium short" pretty hair. Little stated "she was a pretty girl." Little stated he passed a "horse ranch" when he discarded the woman's body. Little did not think he went all the way out to "Hawthorne," but he may have. Little stated it would have been near "Hawthorne," where "Vermont started thinning out," and that the victim was possibly named "Shela" or "Sheila."



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5) Los Angeles, California, Black Female: In approximately September or October of 1992, while driving his "raggedy Cadillac," Little met a 5' 7" tall, 200 pound "light skinned" black female at the Tam's Hamburger stand on Figueroa Avenue and Imperial Avenue in Los Angeles, California. The woman lived off Figueroa Avenue in an apartment close to Interstate Ten going toward San Pedro. Little drove with the woman to his residence. Little then drove down Central Avenue to Compton in the rain. Little parked behind a store in Compton while some type of rioting was going on. Little strangled the woman to death. While strangling the woman, she honked his car horn and got the attention of a Hispanic male. The woman fought for her life before she died. The woman was wearing some type of religious turban on her head. Little propped the black female up in the front seat of his vehicle, like the woman was asleep and then drove to a closed down loan company or bank branch deeper in Compton. Little pulled the woman out of his car and dragged her to a manicured lawn behind the building. Little left the woman lying face down on the manicured lawn behind the building. Little left the woman lying face down with her dress all pulled up in the rain.

6) Los Angeles, California, Black Female: In approximately 1996, Little met a 5′ 5″ tall, 200 pound, heavy set, 23 to 24 year old "chocolate brown" black female prostitute named "T-Money," on San Pedro and Manchester Streets in Los Angeles, California. The black female was very popular and all the children in the area knew her name. The woman saw Little driving a car one day and agreed to go on a date with him. Little eventually took the woman to a hamburger stand that was located on Slauson Avenue across from a medical clinic. Little thought the hamburger stand was located at Slauson Avenue and San Pedro Avenue. Little strangled the woman to death in the parking lot of the hamburger stand and then dragged the woman's body into an alley behind the hamburger stand. The alley was completely full of garbage, and barely passable. Little placed the woman in a pile of garbage and placed a decaying mattress on top of her body. Little thought the woman was clothed in a black dress.

Follow-up interviews:

<u>Address</u>: The City of Los Angeles (Possibly in the area of Slauson Avenue and San Pedro Street)

Date: 1996

<u>Victim</u>: FB/24-25, possibly named "T-Money," who was wearing a black dress with a "slit" down the side, no panties, and who had makeup in her purse that she had earlier purchased in the city of Downey, according to Little.

7) Los Angeles, California, White Female: In approximately 1996, Little met a 5' 0" tall, 110 pound, 23 to 25 year old white female with blonde hair and blue eyes in Los Angeles, California. Little met the woman at a homeless camp off Central Avenue and Hooper Street by some railroad tracks. Little met the woman the same day he received his "SSI" check. The woman had a boyfriend. Little rode a bus with the woman to Western Avenue and digitally penetrated the female on the second floor of a motel. Little walked toward the K-Mart store on Vermont Avenue with the woman and then walked down Slauson Avenue and bought some crack cocaine. While at the "crack house" the white female left for about fifteen minutes with two "black guys" that were associated with the woman that was selling crack cocaine. The white female came back crying and told Little that the two black "gang bangers" had both had sex with her. The white female led Little to a vacant house with a fence that was off a side street of Slauson Avenue. The house was vacant, but in good shape, and there was an apartment type house next door to it. The white female led Little to the side of the house where there was a five-foot chain-link fence. The white female climbed the fence, and Little immediately followed her over the fence. They entered the house which had wooden floors in the front room. The white female walked back and forth on the dusty wooden floors and left footprints. Little strangled the woman to death in a bathroom inside the residence and then removed her blue jeans and tennis shoes in an attempt to have postmortem anal sex. Little stated he could not have sex with the white female. Little placed the female sitting up in a bathtub with her top on. Little stated the woman looked like she was sixteen and still alive sitting up in the bathtub. Little left the white female's tennis shoes and blue jeans in the bathroom and then carefully wiped down his fingerprints. Little stated he was careful not to leave footsteps in the dust when he left.

Follow-up interviews:

Address: Slauson Avenue, between Budlong Avenue and Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles

Date: 1996

<u>Victim</u>: FW/20-21, wearing a white blouse, blue jean pants, and white athletic shoes

- Homeless
- > 5' 6" to 5' 7"
- ➤ 120-130 pounds
- > Sandy blonde, shoulder-length, hair
- ➤ Blue eyes
- > Heroin user with needle marks on arms and stomach





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8) Los Angeles, California, Black Female: On January 31st, February 1st or February 2nd of approximately 1987, immediately after getting out of prison, Little killed two women in Los Angeles, California on the same day. Little met the first woman, a dark skinned, "slightly chubby," grey haired (grey and black) approximately fifty-year-old black female named "Granny" in Los Angeles, California. The woman was clothed in a dress, and Little thought he had sex with the woman. Little took the woman to a framed house with a concrete floor and no roof. Little stated it appeared construction had been stopped on the residence after the 2 by 4 framing had been completed. The structure could have been located in Inglewood, but Little was not sure. The structure was near where Little lived with his girlfriend "Jean" on Vermont Street and 81st Avenue. Little strangled the black female to death and left her in the structure. Little stated the structure may have been located behind San Pedro.

9) Los Angeles, California, Black Female: On January 31st, February 1st or February 2nd of approximately 1987, immediately after getting out of prison, Little killed two women in Los Angeles, California on the same day. Little met the second woman, a young 22 to 23-year-old "skinny black girl," in an alley behind what he thought was her residence. Little described the woman as small, thin, and "dark skinned." Little was driving his blue Buick station wagon with brown wood trim down the side, when he met the woman. Little did not think the woman was a full-time prostitute, and thought she was trying to hide making extra money from her family. The black female was dressed in pants and looked like the "gang banger type." The black female was dressed like a "gang banger," and wore a hat. Little strangled the woman to death in his vehicle on the side of a very clean alley that was next to the black female's suspected residence. Little left the woman's body behind her suspected house near the side of the alley.

10) Los Angeles, California, Black Female: In approximately 1992 or 1993, while driving his Cadillac, Little met a 5′ 5″ to 5′ 6″ tall, 160 to 180 pound, "dark skinned…big butted" black female in Los Angeles, California. Little met the woman at a liquor store on 49th Street and Central Avenue. The woman had a "big butt" and wore pants. Little drove "way out" out into the county, possibly down Central Avenue, and took the black female to a side road with "elephant grass" behind some trees. Little took off the woman's pants and strangled her to death in his vehicle. Little dragged the woman's body out of his vehicle into some "real tall" elephant grass. Little left the woman face down with her "big ol' thighs" showing in the grass. The woman was naked except for having her shirt on. When Little dragged the woman, her shirt became pulled up over her head. Little dragged the black female by her shirt and left her in the county. Little stated he later found out that a helicopter flying over the body discovered the woman.



11) Los Angeles, California, Hispanic Female: In approximately 1992 or 1993, while with his girlfriend "Blind Barbara" and driving his "same old raggedy...Cadillac," Little met a 5' 9" tall, 120 to 130 pound, slim, 24 to 25 year old Hispanic female in Los Angeles, California. Little believed the Hispanic female who had long hair, and was wearing a dress, was from Phoenix, Arizona. Little met the woman at a liquor store on Central Avenue and 22nd Street. Little drove around with the woman and then bought crack cocaine at some apartments off Figueroa Avenue. Little took the woman to an alley behind a business near Vermont Avenue until the business owner told them to leave. Little then drove around with the woman and drank Vodka. Little drove the woman west toward Hollywood. The Hispanic female stripped naked in his back seat [tripping]. Little drove to near where a Coast Guard telescope or observatory was located. Little described the building as having a round dome and being military in appearance. On or just off the same driveway as the observatory, there was a road that went downhill through some woods. Little drove down the road/hill with woods on both sides of it and stopped approximately 100 yards from a gas station/business park at the bottom of the hill. Little strangled the woman to death and pulled the woman down the sloped hill that had bushes and trees down it. Little dragged the woman approximately 30 yards down the embankment from the road into the woods. Little stated after he discarded the woman's body, he filled up with gas at the nearby gas station.

12) Los Angeles, California, Black Female: In approximately 1991 or 1992, while driving his Ford F-250 van, Little met a 5' 4" to 5' 5" tall, 120 pound, 20 to 22 year old dark skinned "little" black female near Frontier Hotel and 3rd Street (the original Skid Row) in Los Angeles, California. Little stated the woman was a "crack head" from San Francisco. Little went several places with the woman including: 71st and Broadway, Griffith Park, Vermont Street, 74th and Broadway and Popeye's Chicken. Little eventually drove down Florence Avenue to Central Avenue, and then drove "way out into the county (Central Avenue)." Little drove to a "bald head hill" that had a couple trees on it and was close to a couple houses. Little drove on a dirt road behind the houses and then drove up a hill on the dirt road. Little strangled the woman to death and left her naked body on its side or back next to some trees.



13) Los Angeles, California, Black Female: In approximately 1996, while driving his Cadillac, Little met a 5' 7" to 5' 8" tall, 130 pound, approximately 25 year old "chocolate" black female in Los Angeles, California. Little originally met the woman near where she was living at a halfway house located off Florence Avenue and a dead-end street that buts up to Interstate Ten. Little described the woman as having a "big" butt, and "dark skin." Little "messed around" with the black female across the street from the half-way house in a garage behind a vacant house, until she rebuked his advances. Little later saw the woman on 81st and Figueroa Streets wearing a long flower dress. Little took the woman to nearby automotive supply building. There was a driveway between the building and another building that led to the back of the building. There was an empty trailer (residential) and an empty/ dilapidated pickup truck behind the building. The "off-brand establishment" auto supply store was on Florence Avenue between Vermont and Figueroa Streets. The driveway to the back of the store was paved. Little got into the dilapidated truck with the black female and began strangling her. While strangling the woman, both of them fell out of the truck onto the ground. Little strangled the woman to death and then dragged the black female's body to a nearby trash/rubbish pile (possibly with beer cans). There were two garbage piles in the back area of the business, and one of the piles belonged to the adjacent neighbors. Little dragged the woman by her arms, while on her back, to the neighbor's garbage pile. Little left the woman clothed in a dress.

Follow-up interviews:

Address: Possibly 329 or 529 – 531 Manchester Avenue, Los Angeles

Year: 1996

Victim: FB/23, possibly named "Helen," who was wearing a dress and long fur coat

> 5' 8" tall

Dark skin

➤ Slightly overweight

> Short straight shoulder-length hair

14) Los Angeles, California, Black Female: In approximately 1987, Little met a 5′ 7″ tall, 140-pound light/ "yellow skinned" 26 to 27-year-old black female on Florence and Broadway Streets in Los Angeles, California. The woman advised Little she had just gotten out of the county jail. Little drove the woman to the Griffith Park area, and his car, a black Thunderbird, would not start after they parked. Little left his vehicle in the park, possibly behind closed gates. Little walked to a bus stop with the black female and had intercourse with the woman at the bus stop. Little then took a bus with the woman to his residence located at 81st Street and Vermont. Little gave the woman five dollars to eat food at a chicken establishment around the corner while he went inside to speak to his girlfriend "Jean." A short time later the black female knocked at his door. Little stated he secured the keys to his green Mercury and then drove with the woman past Highway Five to the backside of Griffith Park. Little drove down a dirt road on the back side of the park that was next to or near a "superhighway." The dirt road traveled through woods. Little strangled the black female to death and then laid the woman's body by a tree. The woman was clothed in a dress. Little stated the woman had a "big" butt, and red panties.



15) Los Angeles, California, Black Female: In approximately 1984, Little met a "honey-colored," short, thick, black female that stood 5' 5" tall, weighed between 120 and 130 pounds, and was wearing shorts, near the intersection of Florence and I-10. Little drove with the black female up a grassy hill/slope leading to I-10, then stopped halfway up the hill, and dumped the black female's body along a service road. TRANSCRIPT INFO: Little killed a black female in Los Angeles in 1984, "off of Florence and IH-10." Little dumped the woman on the "slope from IH-10." Little dumped the woman between the "road (IH-10) and the side road." Little described the woman as being "short, pretty, honey colored skin...stout, stacked, big pretty legs..." Prior to meeting the black female, she "got outa some guys car and he drove off." Little stated after "I offed her, I took her to this slope that lays up to this IH-10, I pulled her halfway up the hill and left her there." Little left the woman in "grass and weeds and stuff." At the bottom of the slope was a service road that ran along Interstate Ten (10). Little stated he had sex with "her right there off the highway, then I drug her body up the hill to IH-10." Little thought he later read the black female was found, and "they" thought she was "thrown off the highway...and rolled down there." Little stated that was the first woman he killed in Los Angeles in 1984.

Follow-up interview: Little stated immediately before his San Diego arrest [on 10/25/1984] he "killed a girl in LA."

16) Los Angeles, California, Black Female: In approximately 1991 or 1992, while driving his F250 van, Little met a short, dark-skinned, 23-year-old, 5′ 0″ tall, 120 pound prostitute named "Linda" and her friend "Christina" on Figueroa Street. Little and "Linda" went to the alley behind Figueroa and Hoover where he strangled her and threw her over a possibly spiked wooden fence. The body landed in a backyard near a garage/sidewalk. The front of the house was at 71st and Hoover. The homeowners' kid found the body. "Linda" was wearing "work clothes" – possibly a dress. After Little killed "Linda" he went to a liquor store on Hoover and saw "Christina." LAPD was called and Little lodged a complaint against "Christina" for selling him wax instead of crack cocaine. LAPD arrested Christina on an outstanding warrant and let Little go.

TRANSCRIPT INFO: Little killed a woman named "Linda" and left her "behind a Mexican's yard by an alley...right off of Figueroa." Little stated "she's off Figueroa and Florence...you go down Florence until you get to Hoover, it's only two (2) blocks, then there is an alley that goes down there." Little stated he had a recreation vehicle in 1991 or 1992, "I'll show you the fence I threw her body over, into this guy's yard, and his little kid...found her body...I heard it from the talk around the neighborhood."

TRANSCRIPT INFO: Little killed "Linda" in an alley between Figueroa and Hoover. Little threw the woman over a wooden fence into "a guy's backyard." There was a garage in the backyard that had a sidewalk leading to a house. The front of the house was located on 71st Street and Hoover Avenue. Little killed the woman near a police station on 77th Street. Little left the woman dressed in "working clothes," and thought the woman was wearing a dress, but he wasn't sure.

Follow-up interviews:

<u>Address</u>: 900 block Florence Avenue, Los Angeles (East/West alleyway behind the market on Vermont/Florence)

Date: 1991-1992

<u>Victim</u>: FB/22, possibly named "Linda," who was wearing pants and blouse (unknown color)

- > 5' 5" to 5' 6" tall
- Dark skin
- > Thin or slender build
- > Straight hair
- Manicured fingernails