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## Glendale Police Seek Help Solving 27 year old Cold Case Homicide

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – Twenty-seven years ago on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 1987, the body of 54 year old Glendale resident Orison “Jim” Chafin was found in the early morning hours in the Resthaven Park Cemetery at 6290 W. Northern Avenue. Orison “Jim” Chafin had been brutally murdered.

Chafin, a disabled veteran, lived alone in a Glendale trailer park. He served in the Navy and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He last was seen about midnight leaving a bar near 59th and Glendale avenues the evening he was murdered.

The motive of the murder was unknown, but investigators have received new information in this case. Investigators believe there was a group of individuals present who witnessed the murder of Chafin that night in the cemetery. Investigators believe some of those witnesses may still be alive and reside in the area.

Orison “Jim” Chafin no longer has any living family members and has no one to speak on his behalf. The Glendale Police Department is speaking on his behalf asking for the public’s assistance. Investigators believe this murder that happened twenty-seven years ago can be solved with help of the public.

Glendale Police Investigators are seeking the community’s help finding the person responsible for the murder of Orison “Jim” Chafin. The Glendale Police Department encourages anyone that has information

on this cold case homicide to call Glendale Police Detectives at (623) 930-3173 or Silent Witness at 480-WITNESS. See attached photo of Orison “Jim” Chafin.

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