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PRESS RELEASE

Cold Case

The North Kingstown Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in a cold case. Law enforcement experience has shown that social media networks are a valuable tool to help resolve unanswered questions.

On October 27, 1986 19 year old John Phillips was at a house party in North Kingstown, watching the seventh game of the World Series between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Mets. In the early morning hours of October 28, 1986 John's body was found in the parking lot of Golf World located at 22 Austin Road North Kingstown, Rhode Island. This is currently Swenson Granite. John's body was found surrounded by numerous guns, knives, and ammunition. Police also observed fresh, vehicle tire tracks leading away from John's body. It was later learned that the weapons had been stolen from the same house where the party that John had attended was held. The cause of death was determined to be a single gunshot to the head. This tragedy still remains unsolved. John's memory is still very much alive with his family.

Captain Patrick Flanagan and Sergeant John MacCoy have created a Facebook page for Mr. Phillips which describes who he was as a person and the senseless crime that took his life. The department is seeking any information, regardless of how trivial it may seem, regarding the days leading up to Mr. Phillips' murder and his personal life. Sometimes the information that a person may think is not important is very helpful to a police investigation.

The department is asking all Facebook users to 'share' this profile, <http://www.facebook.com/JohnPhillips>, with as many friends as possible.

Captain Flanagan or Sergeant MacCoy can be contacted via email at johnphillipsnk@gmail.com or by phone at 401-294-3316 ext. 8201. The identity of anyone who is able to provide information about Mr. Phillips will remain anonymous.

Captain Patrick Flanagan
Administrative Captain