

# OK man arrested for Caddo cold case

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An Oklahoma man who once called Shreveport home was arrested Friday for the 2004 murder of Bruce Cotton, said Caddo Sheriff Steve Prator.

Jake Robinson, 60, was arrested in Claremore, OK, where he worked at a public school. He was arrested on a secret indictment bench warrant issued in Caddo Parish on Thursday.

On February 29, 2004, two boys were fishing when they found Cotton's Olds 98 pulled to the shoulder of White Springs Road in south Caddo Parish. Inside was Cotton's body. It had been three days since the 51-year-old carpenter was last seen by his family who filed a missing persons report on February 27.

Caddo Sheriff's Detective Terry Richardson has followed leads in the case for the past 10 years. In 2013, publicity on the 9-year anniversary of the homicide generated new witnesses and provided enough evidence to take the case before a Caddo Parish Grand Jury this past week.

"Detective Richardson has been dedicated to this case for the past 10 years," Prator said. "Whether he was serving search warrants, interviewing witnesses, or reviewing old reports, a month hasn't gone by that Terry hasn't addressed this case in one way or another while still managing a full case load."

Caddo District Attorney Charles Scott also expressed his appreciation for Richardson's work. "The District Attorney's Office is grateful for the years of hard work and dedication by Detective Richardson in bringing this case to the next stage," he said.

Robinson was arrested by the U.S. Marshal's Task Force. He is currently in the custody of the Rogers County Sheriff's Office awaiting extradition on the Caddo Parish charge.

Anyone with additional information about the Cotton case is asked to contact Richardson at 681-0700.

\* Photo of Bruce Cotton and Cotton's car attached

# Attachments

