



Wild Horses and Friends *Magazine*



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By amplifying the voices of advocates, ranchers, researchers, conservationists, and enthusiasts, the magazine builds an informed and compassionate community united by a shared respect for these majestic animals and a commitment to protecting their freedom, habitats, and future.

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PAULA ANN (PILE) POPE MISSING SINCE 1972 AFTER LABOR DAY WEEKEND CAMPING TRIP IN EL DORADO COUNTY, CA.

More than five decades after 19-year-old Paula Ann Pope vanished from Northern California, her disappearance remains an open missing-person case.

Pope, also known by the alias Judith Paula Ann Pile, was last seen on September 3, 1972, near Fresh Pond, California, in El Dorado County, according to the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System, or NamUs. Her case is listed as NamUs #MP21696. At the time she disappeared, Pope was 19 years old; NamUs lists her current age as 71.



(Photo of Paula Ann (Pile) Pope, age 19 years old.)

About Paula

Paula Pope is loved and missed by those who know her. Her family and friends are deeply concerned for her safety and are asking anyone with information, no matter how small it may seem, to come forward.

Even a brief sighting, a conversation, a social media message, or information about where she may have been traveling could be important.

A Labor Day Weekend Trip

According to the NamUs case summary, Pope had been camping over Labor Day weekend in 1972 with her husband and friends near Fresh Pond. The group was reportedly staying at either Cripple Creek Campground or Ice House Reservoir Campground in El Dorado County.

During the trip, Pope argued with her husband, identified in the case narrative as Steve. She reportedly wanted to attend a rock concert in Carson City, Nevada, but Steve could not go because he was on parole and was not allowed to leave California. After the argument, Pope left the camper.

A friend named April followed her, but returned briefly to get a coat because it was raining. When April went back outside, she could no longer find Paula.

Reported Trip to Carson City

NamUs states that Pope did make it to the concert. Afterward, a couple reportedly gave her a ride from the concert to an exit off Highway 50 near the campground. She has not been seen since.

The case file also notes that Pope may possibly have been seen with “biker type people” after she was dropped off near the Highway 50 exit.

Physical Description

Paula Ann Pope is described as a White/Caucasian female with brown hair and brown eyes. At the time of her disappearance, she was approximately 4 feet 10 inches tall and weighed about 85 pounds. Her hair was described as straight and long, and she wore hard contact lenses.

NamUs lists several distinguishing features, including numerous moles, particularly on her arms, chest, and stomach; a dimple approximately four inches below her left breast; a small mole on her chest under the breast on the ribs; and one piercing in each ear. She was also reported to have been wearing a wedding ring and earrings.

Official Missing Person Information

Name: Paula Ann (Pile) Pope
Age: Missing age, 19 years old
Age: Current age, 71 years
Date Last Seen: September 3, 1972
Last Known Location: Fresh Pond, California
Height: 4'-10" - (58 - inches)
Weight: 85 - lbs
Hair Color: Brown long, straight
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Clothing Last Seen Wearing: Jewelry, wedding ring, and earrings
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(Age rendering photo of Paula Ann (Pile) Pope at 71 years old.)

Investigation

Pope's NamUs case was created on September 4, 2013. The investigating agency is the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office, located at 300 Fair Lane, Placerville, California 95667. The agency case number is EG72-7494.

Anyone with information about Paula Ann Pope's disappearance is urged to contact the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office at (530) 621-5655.

For Pope's family and investigators, the central questions remain unanswered: what happened after she was dropped off near Highway 50, whether she ever made it back toward the campground, and who may have seen her in the hours after the Carson City concert. More than 50 years later, even a small detail from that Labor Day weekend could help bring long-awaited answers.

Social Media Post Copy

Please share: Paula Pope is missing, and her loved ones are asking for the public's help. If you have seen Paula, spoken with her, or have any information about where she may be, please contact El Dorado's County Sheriff's Office at (530) 621-5655. If this is an emergency or you see her now, call 911. Any information could help bring Paula home safely. Hashtags associated with Paula Pope: #MissingPerson, #FindPaulaPope, and #HelpFindPaula

For more information regarding Paula's case, please visit: <https://Namus.nij.ojp.gov/case/MP21696>.

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**MissingOutdoors
Persons.com**

List. Update. Search. Share.
Bring Them Home.

MISSING PERSON: PAULA ANN (PILE) POPE

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