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1. Introduction

Hello, and thanks for tuning into the first episode of vanished, here we’ll be sharing true crime stories about missing and murdered indigenous woman. Today we’ll be talking about what happened to Angel Carlick. We are your hosts, Rachel, and Branden.

1. Musical jingle/sound effects (segue)

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1. Topic 1 – Background Info

To start us off, this is a true crime story of Angel Carlick, a member of Kaska Deno First Nation. Born on June 11, 1988 in Dease Lake, British Columbia. Angel was born into a loving family that consisted of her solo mother, Wendy, and her brother, Alex. Wendy managed to keep a roof over their heads by juggling around 3 jobs at the time. Although Wendy was hesitant to do so, In March 2004, the family packed up and moved to Whitehorse, Yukon. They had trouble finding a stable home and after the family had been evicted from the Whitehorse housing, reasoning was, the kids constantly threw parties while the mother was away, the family had separated ways after. Angel eventually began living on the streets, because of that she dropped out of school at 16 and unfortunately develop an alcohol addiction. Luckily, she picked herself back up a year later to seek help and began to work for the Youth of Today Society at their Blue Feather Youth Centre, where she ran the dinner program and helped paint murals. She had also enrolled herself back into school and was on a road of sobriety and was definitely going places. Angel was a positive influence on everyone around her, she was outgoing and was willing to help anyone in need and a stellar employee as well.

1. Segue

Now onto the case…

1. Topic 2 – missing and murdered

May 27, 2007 was the day of her second graduation ceremony but, after informing her friend of her expected appearance at their place later that night, and not showing up, her friends got a bit worried. Their fear increased when Angel did not show up at work to collect her paycheck, usually she would call beforehand if she were to be absent, she had also left her ID and clothing at the center. The centre’s executive phoned the RCMP because this behaviour struck her as odd and she had become worried, but the officers did not share the same concern after taking a look at the case. Her family and her friends spent the next 5 months searching for Angel to no avail. A few months later her body was discovered by a hiker, she was found dead in a shallow grave in a wooden area in pilot Mountain.

It is speculated that her murder may be related to the fact that she was an eyewitness to an assault of a homeless man who later died, but it all remains a mystery.

Topic 3 – RCMP ignored report of missing person

What’s unbelievable is that after 13years, the case is remains unsolved, and her brother says that this is how the RCMP handles the cases when the missing person is indigenous. When the center’s executive director contacted the Whitehorse detachment of the RCMP to file a missing person’s report because of her odd behavior, they merely brushed the case off saying, that she must’ve just ran away because of her background and age. Although her loved ones knew better then to believe what they said, they couldn’t do anything about it but to look for her themselves.

The Yukon community was small, news spread of how the RCMP handled the situation and were heavily criticized, only then, was Angel’s case added to the missing persons database and had been given priority attention. Searches were conducted across many places as well as interviews to try to pinpoint the location of where Angel might be. Of course, no result came out of their help, and her body was later discovered by a passing by hiker.

1. Segue

That’s it, that was her story, Angel was regular person just like you and me, she had so much unlocked potential in her future, but her time got cut short.

1. Outro

Even after all these years, the case has been left as unsolved, and it is unknown of what means she died of, there’s only ever speculations but no clear answer… Angel had a lasting effect on people around her and many paid tribute towards her, Numerous memorial services were held throughout Whitehorse in celebration of Angel’s life. After Angel’s death, Wendy became an outspoken advocate for Canada’s missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. She repeatedly shared her frustrations regarding the investigation into her daughter’s murder and shared that she hoped the country’s national inquiry would help bring more attention to cases like hers, and cases like hers still very much exist, being ignored. Unfortunately, in 2017 Wendy, along with her friend, Sarah MacIntosh, were murdered. It was speculated that the two must’ve been connected in a way, but the RCMP quickly dismissed the rumours and now both cases have been classified as a homicide. Although the RCMP receive funding that goes towards investigating unsolved cases, the justice rate isn’t high and many cases like this has been labeled as a homicide.

1. Call to action

It’s upsetting to see how many cases like this get no answers, and how families are left with no closure because the justice department and the government may not have tried their hardest to solve their cases.

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we call upon federal government, in consultation with aboriginal organizations, to appoint a public inquiry into the causes of, and remedies for, the disproportionate victimization of aboriginal women and girls. the inquiry's mandate would include: investigation into missing and murdered aboriginal women and girls.

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we call upon the government of Canada, as an obligation of its fiduciary responsibility, to develop a policy of transparency by publishing legal opinions it develops and upon which it acts or intends to act, in regard to the scope and extent of Aboriginal and Treaty rights.

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we call upon the federal government to provide more supports for aboriginal programming in halfway houses and parole service

Although halfway houses are meant for reformed convicts, it’s a statistical fact that indigenous people have a higher chance of getting an addiction and going behind bars because of the lack of support from the community, and if Angel didn’t have the self awareness she had, although she might not have met the same fate, I argue the life she would’ve had if she hadn’t picked herself back up, would be worse.

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