

30 year anniversary of missing Gallup girl

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GALLUP – There are few things in this world that are more disturbing, and more catastrophic than having a loved one go missing. For family and friends, there's the inescapable worrying and hope that their loved one will return home someday. Also, the nagging, torturous thoughts about what befell their loved one.

In Gallup, the disappearance of Anthonette Cayedito, who was 9-years-old at the time of her disappearance, continues to haunt, intrigue and baffle locals. She reportedly went missing from her bed on April 6, 1986 – 30 years ago *today*.

Her mother Penny told police that she last saw her daughter fast asleep at 3 am, but a parent's worst nightmare came true some hours later when Penny went to check on Cayedito in her bedroom and discovered she had vanished.

Sure, there were a few leads along the way.

First, a phone call to the Gallup Police Department from a frantic young girl claiming to be Cayedito; next, followed by a girl matching her description who reportedly left a "please help me" note on a napkin at a Carson City diner. To add to the mystery, some years later, the missing girl's sister, Wendy, came forward, claiming some men knocked at the door and swept her sister away into the night.

Gallup Police Department Lt. Rosanne Morrisette said it's still considered an open case, but there have been no solid leads to date.

