

“Satanic Panic” spurs anti-ritual legislation in Texas

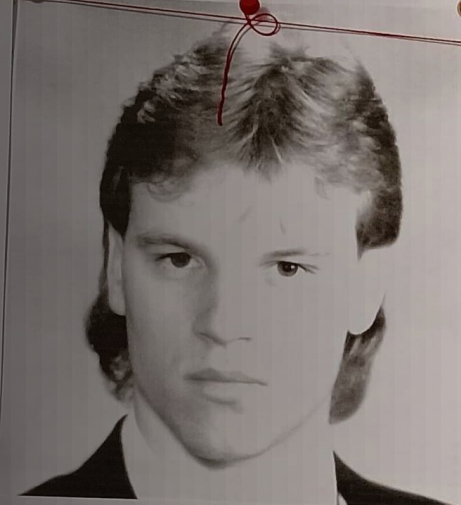
Sierra Kondos, OUR recipient
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Kidnap, murder

Student's death in Matamoros leads to 1989 Texas legislation

...the death of a young woman in Matamoros, Mexico, in 1988, led to the passage of legislation in Texas in 1989. The legislation was aimed at preventing ritualistic kidnappings and murders. The young woman, Sierra Kondos, was a student at the University of Texas at Austin. She was kidnapped in Matamoros, Mexico, and later found dead in a ditch. The case shocked the nation and led to widespread media coverage. In response, the Texas Legislature passed a law that made it a crime to kidnap or murder a person for religious or ritualistic purposes. The law also required that any person who is convicted of such a crime must be sentenced to life in prison. The legislation was a landmark moment in the history of anti-ritual legislation in Texas.



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Lawmaker proposes study of cult activity

...a bill that would require the state to conduct a study of cult activity. The bill was introduced by Representative Robert L. Marsh. The study would focus on the activities of cults in Texas and the impact they have on society. The bill also proposed that the study should include an investigation into the recruitment and activities of cults. The bill was passed by the Texas Legislature in 1993. The study was completed in 1995 and its findings were published in a report. The report found that cults are a significant problem in Texas and that they have a negative impact on society. The report also recommended that the state should take steps to prevent and reduce the harm caused by cults.

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Senate panel ritualized child

...the Senate panel on ritualized child abuse. The panel was held in 1989 and was chaired by Senator Robert L. Marsh. The panel heard testimony from several witnesses, including Sierra Kondos. The panel found that there is a significant problem with ritualized child abuse in Texas and that it is a serious threat to the safety of children. The panel also recommended that the state should take steps to prevent and reduce the harm caused by ritualized child abuse. The panel's findings were published in a report. The report found that ritualized child abuse is a serious problem in Texas and that it is a significant threat to the safety of children. The report also recommended that the state should take steps to prevent and reduce the harm caused by ritualized child abuse.

Children 'bred' for sacrifices, senators hear

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Senator Zaffirini

- Presents S.B. 30 in response to “growing problem in Texas with ritual abuse and murder.” It became effective September 1989 allowing law enforcement to determine the scope of the “Satanic Panic” The Satanic ritual murder of Mark Kilroy, a Texas student, spurred lawmakers to create a bill in response to the mass panic.



Senator Whitmire creates bill 1076 striking S.B. 30 from penal code four years later.

- The new bill reconfigures the severity of offenses based on factors of intent of the person, the interests of the state, and whether a crime involves a victim.
- Capital murder would be the only offense within it's category.

