

6/22/2010

**Corrected Press Release  
For Immediate Release**

Jeffrey L. Skemp

Father of Missing Child Rachel Marie Mellon Skemp

[www.rachelfind.com](http://www.rachelfind.com)

rachelfind@comcast.net

## **Missing Child Rachel Mellon's Image Age Progressed to Age 27**

Please publicize the attached age progressions of missing Rachel Marie Mellon Skemp that age progress Rachel to approximately 27 years of age along with the picture of Rachel at 13 years of age, and the phone tip numbers. Note: Rachel has a small mole on the left side of her face above her lip.

The last time Rachel's image was previously age progressed was to age 19 by the National Center for Missing Exploited Children.

### **Why release more age progressions at this time?**

Eight years have passed since the last age progression. If Rachel **is** still alive, her appearance will have changed. If Rachel **isn't** alive, publicizing how she appeared in 1996 alongside the new age progressions may prompt someone who knows something that can solve this case to finally come forward with the needed information. Two children that were missing for 20 years were recently located because of response to news coverage.

### **Important Tip Numbers**

If anyone has any information about Rachel Mellon's disappearance, please contact the Bolingbrook Police Department at 630-226-8620 or the tip line (630) 37 TIPS 2 [That number is 630-378-4772].

If you have information, but are afraid to contact the police, please call Rachel's Private Detective Cindy Georgantas at 630-243-6100.

### **IMPORTANT CHANGE: Reward Countdown for Rachel Mellon!**

JUNE 22, 2010 -- According to ISA Director James Miller, the \$30,000 Reward Investigative Services Agencies, Inc. has been offering since August of 2006 for information about Rachel Mellon's disappearance is being reduced immediately to \$20,000 since no tip has come in that has led directly to the location and recovery of Rachel Mellon or led directly to the conviction of the person responsible for her disappearance.

In addition, in an effort to motivate anyone who knows something that will directly solve this case to come forward as soon as possible, ISA's \$20,000.00 reward will expire in approximately 20 days. More information will be coming out in the next few days in a press release from ISA. For more information about the reward countdown,

Contact Investigative Services Agency at (312)755-9700.

**What is the difference between the two age progressions?** First of all, the technique used to create them is different. One is a portrait created with pastels. The other is a computer photo manipulation image created by an artist at the National Center for Exploited Children with specialized software. One progression shows how Rachel might look with long hair and the other shows how Rachel might look with long hair.

**Who created the portrait age progression?**

Forensic Artist Lois Gibson donated her time and talents to complete the age progression while she was in the area teaching composite drawing at the Northwestern Center for Public Safety in Evanston last week. More information about the artist is available at her web site: [www.loisgibson.com](http://www.loisgibson.com).

**How can I contact the artist of the National Center for Missing Exploited Children photo manipulation age progression?** Please visit the National Center's web site, [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com) for contact information.

**More Information About Rachel**

For more information about missing child Rachel Mellon, please visit her web site: [www.rachelfind.com](http://www.rachelfind.com).

**Basic Information About Rachel's Disappearance:**

Rachel Marie Mellon (Skemp) Disappeared on January 31, 1996 . Rachel's purse, coat and winter clothes were still at her home.

Clothing: Yellow sweatpants, pink top, red house-slippers and wrapped in a blue blanket

Appearance in 1996: Black Hair, Hazel Eyes, Height: 5'0", Weight: 65 lbs, Race: Asian  
Birth Date: October 13, 1982

Circumstances: Rachel was home ill on 1-31-96 with her stepfather. Her stepfather walked the family dog while Rachel went to her bedroom. Upon her stepfather's return, he did not check on Rachel. Rachel's disappearance was discovered by her family at approximately 5:00 p.m.

**More about the continuing efforts to find out what happened to Rachel**

At the ten year anniversary service of his daughter's disappearance, Jeff Skemp was finally ready to say goodbye to his missing daughter Rachel Marie Mellon, who disappeared without a trace from her home in Bolingbrook on January 31, 1996 in 20 degree below zero weather without her coat, shoes or purse.

There would be no more vigils, no more ceremonies.

In 2008, when the Cue Center "On the Road for the Missing" Tour came to Bolingbrook and made "Stops" for both Rachel Mellon and Stacy Peterson, Jeff had the chance to visit with Rachel's brother and sister and other family members and share memories of Rachel. This meant so much to Jeff that he changed his mind. Jeff wanted to do more.

Fourteen years later, what more can be done? Jeff started off by inviting friends and relatives to a brief 14 year service at Rachel's Tree this past January and to the Bolingbrook Restaurant where he and Rachel used to enjoy "chicken fingers" before taking her back to her home after their visits.

Afterwards, Jeff went to Village Hall to one more time tape a plea that he hopes will help find out what happened to his daughter Rachel. A BCTV volunteer videotaped both the tree ceremony and Jeff's plea so that Jeff could once again approach America's Most Wanted about getting coverage for Rachel. AMW has received the packet for their "My Story" segment, but it is not yet known if Rachel's case will be among those selected for coverage.