

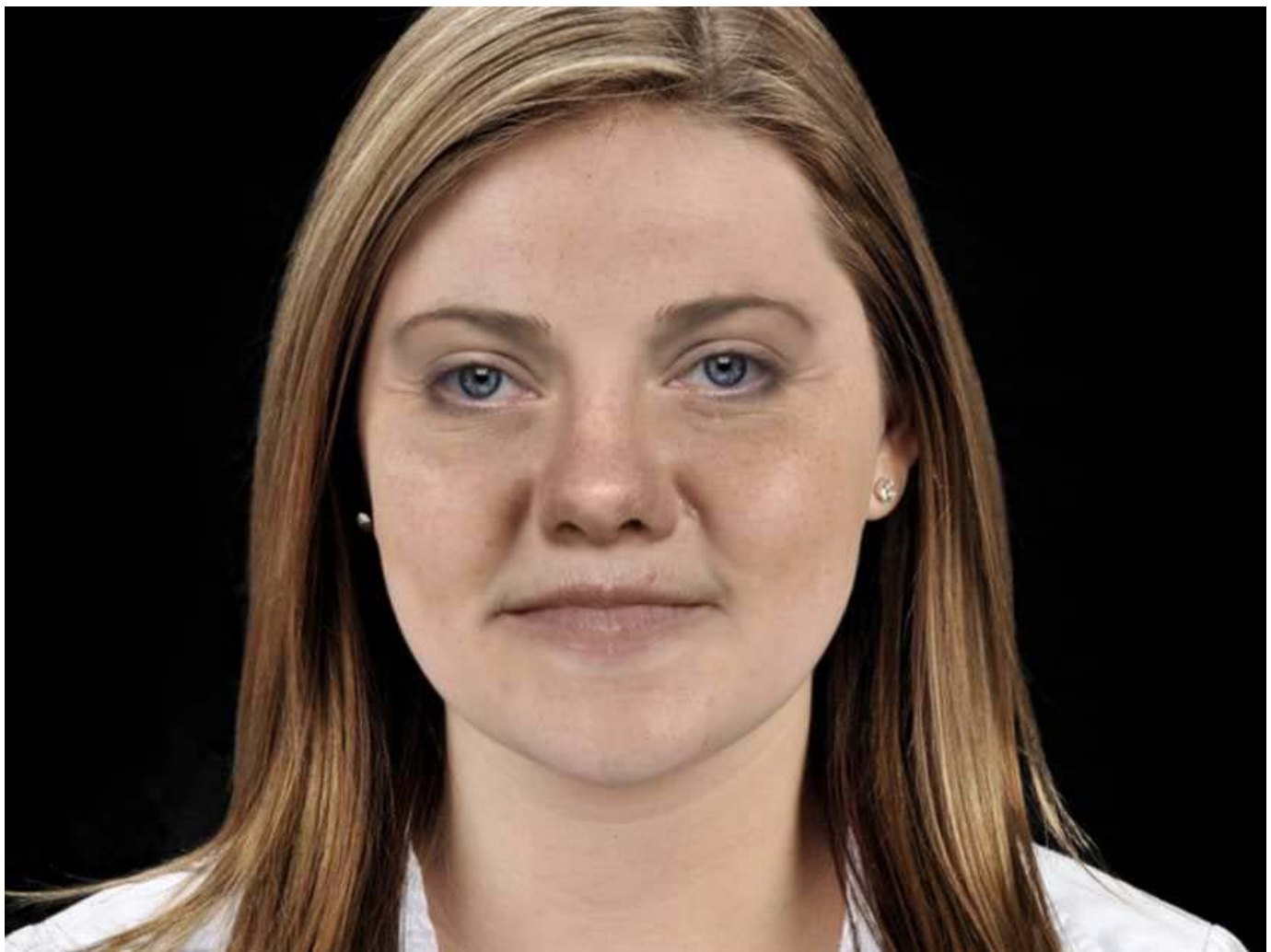
# Montreal police ask for public's help in reviving missing child case from 1979



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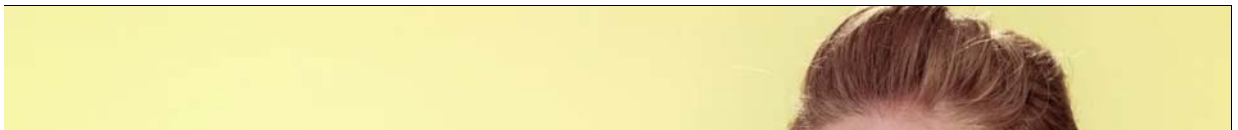
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Lorraine Legault, 3, was taken on June 25, 1979, in front of where she lived on Jeanne-Mance St. This is how she might look today.

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Lorraine Legault was three years old when she disappeared from the front yard of a house on Jeanne-Mance street in Mile-End on June 25, 1979.

The local police force said it was recently contacted by American authorities to examine information in connection to Legault's disappearance. The information did not turn out to be related.



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A portrait of Lorraine Legault a few months before her disappearance in June 1979.

Constable Manuel Couture said an investigator with the Montreal police decided to circulate an old photo of the young girl — with the family's blessings — to keep the investigation rolling. Authorities also published a drawing of what Lorraine Legault could look like today.

Authorities are asking for anyone with potential information to come forward.

Legault's case did not appear in *Enfant-Retour Québec*'s database — an organization that works on cases of missing children. Pina Arcamone, the program's director general, said the organization was founded in 1985 and had not heard of the cold case until police asked for *Enfant-Retour*'s help in distributing posters in December.

*Enfant-Retour* did approach Legault's family but they asked to remain private for the time being, according to Arcamone.

She said it is not rare for missing children to eventually turn up — even after more than thirty years.

"In all cases of missing children, we know that someone somewhere has the answer and has a piece of the puzzle that allows us to close the case," she told *La Presse Canadienne*.

In Ontario, a man who had been missing for more than thirty years was reunited with his family. Edgar Latulip was last seen in 1986 and had suffered head trauma which affected his memory, according to Niagara regional police.

He had continued to live in the region for 30 years but recently started remembering his former identity and sought help.

Little information is known about Lorraine Legault's disappearance. Archived articles from the Montreal Gazette state she disappeared a Monday night while playing in her grand-parents' front yard. She had blue eyes, shaggy blonde hair and was known for her intelligent behaviour.

She lived with her grandparents René and Reine Legault while her parents were sorting out some issues. She disappeared when her grandfather left to make himself a coffee.

Anyone with information is asked to call Info-Crime at 514 393-1133.



Lorraine Legault was three when she went missing from her grandparent's yard in Mile End.

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