

Little Girl Lost

On November 13th of 1985, two-month-old Mallory Elizabeth Sutton disappeared.

In the early afternoon, 20-year-old Jennifer Sutton left Mallory with a new babysitter. The sitter's name was Sue Miller, though she was known to Sutton as Bernice Kelly.

Around 3:30 p.m., Sutton called home. She had only been gone for an hour and a half, but no one answered. Concerned, Sutton contacted her mother and asked her to stop by the house. She then left work and rushed home. The baby and a number of the baby's belongings were missing.

Police attempted to contact the sitter. They called the phone number that she provided to Sutton, only to find that it was the number of a Houston area answering service.

A search was immediately launched. Lt. Jack Foley of the Coppell Police Department headed the investigation, with help from Det. Ted Hayes, and under the direction of Chief of Police Tom Griffin. Nationally, the FBI and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children aided in the hunt. Images of baby Mallory were disseminated across the country, even appearing on an episode of Good Morning America.

The Good Morning America broadcast lead to the break that police needed. A Houston woman called authorities, reporting that her friend had recently returned from a trip to Dallas with a baby resembling Mallory. The friend, Susan Miller, was eventually tracked to Tampa Bay, Florida where she was apprehended with an unharmed baby Mallory.

On Monday, December 16th, Mallory Sutton returned to Coppell with her mother and grandmother. In a town of 15,000, it is hard to imagine that anyone experienced a merrier Christmas than the Suttons.

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