

as a child.  
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# How did Amanda Gore wind up on Garner Road?

*Taxi dropped her off in West Quesnel, but she was later discovered out of town*

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**D**oug Gore sat on a bench and cried Wednesday.

Overlooking the Quesnel River along the River Front Trail behind the city's Public Works yard, Gore had reason for his emotions.

He had just received a plaque for the bench he bought in memory of his daughter Amanda Kimberly Gore.

"Loved and missed by all... gone too soon...hugs from dad," is just part of the inscription.

"We used to walk the river walk and this was the bench we used to sit on," Doug said.

Amanda Gore, 20, was found unconscious just off Garner Road, about 3.5 km from West Fraser Road at 9:45 a.m. March 19, 2005. She was taken to G.R. Baker Memorial Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Now, two and a half years later, police have no suspects and are unsure how she ended up there. Foul play has been ruled out since the cause of death was from exposure. And the file is still open.

"The only question is how she happened to be where she was – and we haven't been able to figure that one out," RCMP Staff/Sgt. Keith Hildebrand told *the Observer* in March on the two-year anniversary of her death.

"We still have it open because we'd like to know how she got there."

Amanda was last seen leaving the Quesnel Hotel in a taxi. Police said she was dropped off at her residence in the 500 block of Doherty Drive (where she lived alone for the last year) at 1:30 a.m. March 19.

She was wearing a fine knit, long-sleeved sweater with horizontal stripes and a greenish-coloured, short-sleeved shirt underneath. She had on blue jeans and hiking shoes. She was 5'2" tall and

weighed 105 lbs. with below-the-shoulder straight brown hair and brown eyes.

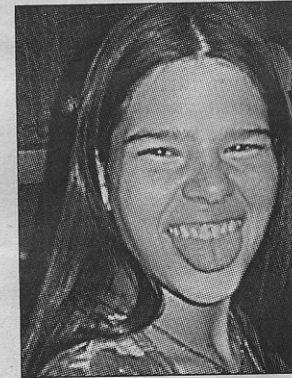
"Somebody had to drive her out there [Garner Road]," Doug said.

"We don't know why. If somebody comes forward, it's better than nothing. This is such a positive and caring community we've always lived in."

Doug said she was a troubled girl in her youth as she had Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and was taunted a lot in school.

But he also said she had come to the conclusion she needed a change and wanted to pursue a career as a lifeguard.

"She was just getting to the point where she was getting over some of her problems."



**Amanda Gore 2005**

Amanda loved horses, especially her horse named Cookie, snowmobiling, music, swimming, diving and wanted to race cars one day.

"She was loved. She had plenty of friends – loved by her family and is missed," Doug said.

When she died, besides her dad, Amanda left behind her mother Betty, a younger sister and younger half-brother.

"I get emotional whenever I talk about her.

It's still tough," Doug said.

"Christmas's are tough and anniversaries are tough."

Anyone who has any info about how Amanda wound up near Garner Road is asked to call Crimestoppers, 992-TIPS (8477) or Quesnel RCMP, 992-9211.