

# What happened to Lisa Young?

Almost one year later, her family is still seeking answers

At 7:00 p.m. on June 29 last year and has not been seen since. Lisa and her wife Joanne called police when on the holiday Monday their daughter had not been heard from. About a week later police said they considered Lisa's disappearance foul play.

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Lisa's father Don Young spoke to the Nanaimo Daily News last week about the family's struggle.

He speaks passionately, though he's gleaned about the disappearance last summer of Lisa, 21, and his growing impatience with the police investigation.

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And that anger is in part at police, and in part at the man who drove the maroon Jaguar Lisa was last seen in. The man was questioned by police, but has not been named as a suspect.

Young's frustration has led him to make his own inquiries in the last 10 months, and he is convinced of certain things which RCMP investigators are not commenting on publicly.

Lisa, he believes, went to a party at a Nanaimo Lakes Road residence after leaving the nightclub. He thinks she was given a date rape drug there and taken elsewhere.

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Young said he's not heard from the police in three months, and that they have no interest in his suggestion of a Crime Stoppers spot.

"How could a Crime Stoppers spot hurt?" he asked.

Const. Jack Eubank, spokesman for the Nanaimo RCMP said police have gone from nearly daily briefings with the Youngs to less frequent contact because there is little new to tell them.

When more information arises which police can share, he said, they will.

"We completely understand the emotions Don and Joanne must be going through," said Eubank, "But there haven't been a lot of developments in the investigation."

Investigators, said Eubank, would prefer that as the one-year marker of Lisa's disappearance approaches they could solve the case. Eubank also said that Crime Stoppers no longer does reenactments of crimes.

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(With files from the Nanaimo Daily News)

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Lisa's father Don Young, spoke to the Nanaimo Daily News last week about the family's struggle.

He speaks passionately, though in a calm voice, about the few facts he's gleaned about the disappearance last summer of Lisa, 21, and his growing impatience with the police investigation.

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