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But Wearne did not choose the club, outfit or even tattoo. Instead, she is emulating Lisa Marie Young, whose unsolved disappearance is one of Nanaimo's most high-profile missing persons cases.

The group is re-enacting Young's last-known movements in the hope that televising the footage will spark tips.

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Nanaimo RCMP hope reviving such unsolved cases can help jog a person's memory and generate fresh leads.

Wearne is one of several actors who volunteered her time late last week to help with the project. She read online websites to help familiarize herself with the case, which turned cold after Young left a nightclub in a red Jaguar with a group of people and attended several house parties.

Young was only 21 when she disappeared on Canada Day weekend in 2002. Police said early on they believed Young may have met with foul play.

Wearne said it is eerie how much she resembles Young but the footage aims to be as realistic as possible by using locations, vehicles and props.

Police hope the exposure will prompt someone to step forward.

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The footage will air later this month on Shaw TV.

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