

Married father of three confesses to killing Colette Aram

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A married father of three has pleaded guilty to the murder of Colette Aram in 1983.

Paul Stewart Hutchinson, 51, from Nottinghamshire, originally denied killing Miss Aram, who was only 16 when she was murdered.

After being abducted, sexually assaulted and strangled, Miss Aram's naked body was left lying in a field.

Speaking for the prosecution, Greg Dickinson, QC, described that attack as "premeditated and sexually motivated".

He said, "Colette was abducted by force and her screams were heard by local residents.

The defendant then strangled Colette with his hands and abandoned her naked body in a field.

"Her body was arranged in a overtly sexual pose and he was later to write a letter to police in which he taunted them that he had never been detected."

Mr Hutchinson was originally to go on trial in the New Year at Nottingham Crown Court, but he changed his plea to guilty.

On the night of the attack Mr Hutchinson hid in a shed and watched girls riding horses at a riding school. He then stole the school principal's car before driving to Keyworth. Armed with a breadknife Mr Hutchinson approached a 17 year old girl and a school girl before taking Colette as she walked to her boyfriend's home.

Following the crime Mr Hutchinson was interviewed by the police but no charges were brought against him. However his connection with the crime came after DNA evidence from the scene was matched with a relative of Mr Hutchinson whose DNA is on the national DNA database.

Mr Justice Sweeney told Mr Hutchinson that he would almost certainly be sentenced to life in prison in the New Year.

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