

**COLD CASE | 1965 MURDER OF ALBERTA JONES**

# Finally, a suspect — but no trial



By Matt Stone, The Courier-Journal  
Flora Shanklin, whose sister was killed in 1965, said she was disappointed about the decision not to indict a suspect. She said, "He's lived free for 45 years and, evidently, he doesn't have much of a conscience."

## Evidence insufficient for conviction, prosecutors say

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For nearly 45 years, Flora Shanklin has wondered who murdered her sister — the first female prosecutor in Jefferson County — and threw her body from the Sherman Minton Bridge.

Last week, a Louisville Metro Police sergeant went to Shanklin's home and told her that police believe they've solved the case and have a suspect — but there will be no trial because there is no longer enough evidence to get a conviction.

In an April 23 letter to police, Commonwealth's Attorney Dave Stengel said he would not seek an indictment in the Aug. 5, 1965, murder of Alberta Jones because, "short of the suspect confessing to the crime, it would not be feasible to prosecute."

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1965 Courier-Journal photo  
Alberta Jones, a prosecutor in domestic relations court, confers with acting Judge Robert Haddad just months before her slaying.

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