

## CHASE MERRITT'S CRIMINAL HISTORY

For the past three decades, Merritt has lived in and around Los Angeles and Victorville.

According to public records, Merritt once lived in Apple Valley, Calif., about 12 miles away from the site where the McStay family was found buried in shallow graves.

Merritt also used a mailing address in Oro Grande, Calif., according to a pair of 2011 traffic citations. The address listed on the traffic tickets is six miles away from the McStay grave sites.

And 35 years ago, Merritt was convicted of burglarizing a house located at 15854 Kewanee in Apple Valley, Calif., just five miles away from the McStay grave sites.

Court records show Merritt is a two-time ex-con with a criminal history that includes burglary, grand theft, petty theft, receiving stolen property, criminal trespass, and several arrest warrants.

The following list of Merritt's criminal cases was contained in a 2001 probation report as well as other court records. The list does not include traffic infractions.

### ADULT HISTORY

<b>DATE</b>	<b>CHARGE</b>	<b>DISPOSITION (MAX SENTENCE)</b>
02-04-77	Burglary	66 days in jail

07-28-77	Petty theft	60 days in jail
10-24-78	Criminal trespass	30 days in jail
11-18-78	Burglary	2 years in prison
04-16-85	Receiving stolen property	365 days in jail
02-04-87	Receiving stolen property	16 months in prison
05-21-88	Receiving stolen property	14 days in jail
06-17-88	Parole violation	
04-02-01	Burglary Grand theft	180 days in jail

Merritt's most recent felony conviction was in 2001, court records showed, when he admitted to stealing \$32,000 worth of welding and drilling equipment from San Gabriel Valley Ornamental Iron Works in Monrovia, Calif. He pleaded guilty to burglary and grand theft charges and was sentenced to 180 days in jail.

Merritt violated probation several times in subsequent years and failed to appear in court on numerous occasions, resulting in his probation period being extended and at least seven warrants being issued for his arrest between 2001 and 2010, the records showed.

His probation from the 2001 felony case ended on Sept. 14, 2010.

Merritt has also received several citations for driving on a suspended license, and appeared in Victorville traffic court as recently as July 2013.

Public records show numerous legal judgments against Merritt, from outstanding tax liens to lawsuits.

His full name is Charles Ray Merritt, although court records show he's used three other last names: Mandel, Morritt and Meredith. None of Merritt's past crimes are violent in nature.