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Wendy Ridgewell

BIRTH 20 Jan 1948
Bethnal Green, London Borough of
Tower Hamlets, Greater London,
England

DEATH 19 Sep 1953 (aged 5)
Bethnal Green, London Borough of
Tower Hamlets, Greater London,
England

BURIAL East London Cemetery and
Crematorium
Newham, London Borough of Newham,
Greater London, England

MEMORIAL ID 193764061

Wendy Ridgewell was a beautiful young girl, blonde, five years old. On September 19, 1953, in Bethnal Green where she was born, she ran to a local shop to buy an iced lolly, clutching two pennies. She never arrived, instead she was lured or dragged into the back of a house by a miserable wretch named Zelig Lenchitsky. Her body was found shortly; she had been stripped naked and stuffed in a box with her hands bound behind her back. The bandage tied round her neck was said by pathologist Donald Teare to be the probable cause of death. The black and white crime scene photos, which can be viewed at Kew, are harrowing.

The feeble-minded Lenchitsky was convicted of her murder and sentenced to death but although his appeal was dismissed the following January, he was reprieved, and died in 1989 aged 77.

Wendy was buried a week after her death. Her funeral attracted little or no publicity.

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