

# CHOWCHILLA KIDNAPPING 1976

Kidnappings around the world

## CHOWCHILLA BUS KIDNAPPING (1976)



The abductors drove the children and the driver for 11 hours

1976  
JULY  
15

26 children and their bus driver were abducted from their school bus

16 hrs

The captives were sealed in a moving van in a below-ground cavern, along with mattresses, some food and water

Escape Plan

They piled the mattresses to stand upon and reach the roof, which they forced open



Bus driver Ed Ray celebrated with a parade for his heroism, and was given an award for outstanding community service

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